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the scandal plagued us dept of commerce noaa division has a proposal to kill whales by makah tribe. it is time for the makah to come out of the stone age.the whales are all vanishing. the makah are americans. no american of any kind should be killing whales in 2008 and beyond. none.
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> DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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> National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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> RIN 0648-XH76
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> Public Meetings on the Makah Tribe's Request To Hunt
> Eastern
> North Pacific Gray Whales
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> AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National
> Oceanic and
> Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
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> ACTION: Notice.
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> SUMMARY: We are issuing this notice to advise the public
> that NMFS has
> prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in
> response to
> the Makah Tribe's request that NMFS waive the take
> moratorium of the
> Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to allow for treaty
> right hunting
> of eastern North Pacific (ENP) gray whales in usual and
> accustomed

> grounds off the coast of Washington State. We are
> requesting written
> comments on the DEIS and announcing the dates and locations
> of three
> public meetings regarding the DEIS.
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> DATES: Three public meetings will be held as follows:
> (1) May 28, 2008, Port Angeles, Washington;
> (2) June 2, 2008, Seattle, Washington; and
> (3) June 5, 2008, Silver Spring, Maryland.
> Specific times and locations for each of these meetings
> is included
> in SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.
> Written or electronic comments on the DEIS from all
> interested
> parties are encouraged and must be received no later than 5
> p.m. PDT on
> July 8, 2008. All comments and material received, including
> names and
> addresses, will become part of the administrative record
> and may be
> released to the public.
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> ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the DEIS should be
> addressed to:
> Steve Stone, NMFS Northwest Region, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd.,
> Suite 1100,
> Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted via fax
> (503) 230-
> 5441, Attn: 2008 Makah DEIS, or by e-mail to
> MakahDEIS.nwr@noaa.gov
> with a subject line containing the document identifier:
> 2008 Makah
> DEIS.
> The DEIS is available in electronic form on the
> Internet at the
> following address:
> http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Marine-Mammals/Whales-
> Dolphins-Porpoise/Gray-Whales/. The DEIS also may be viewed
> at various
> libraries identified at this Internet address or at the
> following NMFS
> offices:
> (1) NMFS Protected Resources Division, 1201 NE Lloyd
> Blvd., Suite
> 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Contact Steve Stone at
> 503-231-2317; and
> (2) NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 7600 Sand Point
> Way, NE,
> Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-6349. Contact Josephine Evans
> at 206-526-
> 6150.
> In addition, copies of the DEIS are available on CD by
> contacting

> Steve Stone (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).
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> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Stone, NMFS
> Northwest Region,
> (503) 231-2317, or Tom Eagle, Office of Protected
> Resources, (301) 713-
> 2322, ext. 105.
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> SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
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> Meeting Information
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> Dates, times, and addresses for the public meetings are
> as follows:
> (1) May 28, 2008, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Vern Burton
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> Community
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> Center, 308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA;
> (2) June 2, 2008, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Lake Union Park
> Armory-Great
> Hall, Seattle, 860 Terry Avenue North, Washington; and
> (3) June 5, 2008, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., NOAA Auditorium, 1301
> East-West
> Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland.
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> Background
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> On May 9, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection
> Agency announced
> the availability of NMFS' DEIS concerning the Makah
> Indian Tribe's
> February 2005 request to resume limited hunting of ENP gray
> whales in
> the coastal portion of the Tribe's usual and accustomed
> fishing
> grounds, off the coast of Washington State, for ceremonial
> and
> subsistence purposes. The Tribe's proposed action stems
> from the 1855
> Treaty of Neah Bay, which expressly secures the Makah
> Tribe's right to
> hunt whales. To exercise that right, the Tribe is seeking
> authorization
> from NMFS under the MMPA and the Whaling Convention Act.
> The release of
> this DEIS is one of several steps NMFS will undertake to
> evaluate the
> Tribe's request.
> The DEIS, prepared pursuant to the National
> Environmental Policy
> Act, considers various alternatives to the Tribe's

> proposed action. To
> develop the full range of action alternatives--five in
> total--we
> considered the principal components associated with a hunt,
> including:
> the time when whale hunting would occur; the area where
> whale hunting
> would occur; the annual and five-year limits on the number
> of whales
> harvested, struck, and struck and lost; cessation of whale
> hunting if a
> predetermined number of identified whales (i.e., included
> in a
> photographic catalog of whales from the Pacific Coast
> Feeding
> Aggregation area) were harvested; and the method of
> hunting. We
> developed these alternatives with input from NMFS staff,
> the applicant,
> the cooperating agency (i.e., Bureau of Indian Affairs),
> and oral and
> written comments from the public. This DEIS addresses a
> number of
> resources identified for review during both internal and
> public
> scoping, including: water quality, marine habitat and
> species, ENP gray
> whales, other wildlife species, economics, environmental
> justice,
> social environment, cultural resources, ceremonial and
> subsistence
> resources, noise, aesthetics, transportation, public
> services, public
> safety, and human health.
> The DEIS provides an important opportunity for the
> public to
> formally comment on the Tribe's proposal and the
> various alternatives.
> These comments, in conjunction with considerations
> described in the
> DEIS, will provide key information to assist NMFS with its
> final
> decision on the Tribe's request.
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> Access to Government Building
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> For access to a Federal government building, the
> Department of
> Commerce Office of Security at NOAA has advised that all
> attendees must
> register for the meeting and must have a valid
> government-issued
> identification (e.g, driver's license or passport) with
> a photograph.

> Therefore, prospective attendees for the public meeting in
> the NOAA
> Auditorium, Silver Spring, MD, should submit their first
> and last names
> and affiliation, if appropriate, by telephone or e-mail to
> Tom Eagle
> (See FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) by 4 p.m. EDT on June
> 2, 2008.
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> Reasonable Accommodation
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> Persons needing reasonable accommodations to attend and
> participate
> in the public meetings should contact Steve Stone (see FOR
> FURTHER
> INFORMATION CONTACT). To allow sufficient time to process
> requests,
> please call at least 5 business days prior to the relevant
> meeting(s).
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> Dated: May 5, 2008.
> Barbara A. Schroeder,
> Acting Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation
> Division,
> National Marine Fisheries Service.
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