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I wish to express my outrage with the proposed NMFS allowance of Makah whale hunting and harassing. It is as reasonable to me as a statement of how many slaves I might have as my ancestral right. As whales, porpoises, and the great apes are recognized as intelligent, communicating animals, and as our American culture deems killing them as wrong, I think it biased to exempt any group from these recognized norms. We disagree with these actions on the part of Iceland and Japan; why would we be so hypocritical as to grant such a "right" to a group in our own country? And it is certain that those who take part in this "right" with modern weapons and disregard for the safety and laws of others, reap a sad harvest of disdain, dislike, and division.

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