



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
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Dear Recipient:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we enclose for your review the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) *Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on the Makah Tribe Request to Hunt Gray Whales*.

The proposed action is to respond to the Makah Tribe's request for a waiver of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to resume treaty-based hunting of eastern North Pacific gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) for ceremonial and subsistence purposes.

The document is accessible electronically through the following website:
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/marine-mammal-protection/makah-tribal-whale-hunt>.
Hard copies or CD copies of the document may be obtained from the comment coordinator, Grace Ferrara, at the contact information provided below.

Comments may be submitted to _____ via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail to the comment coordinator, or by electronic mail at Makah2022SDEIS.wcr@noaa.gov during the public-comment period. Comments must be received by 45 days after the date on which the Environmental Protection Agency published the SDEIS notice of availability in the Federal Register.

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Thank you in advance for your input and assistance in finalizing the Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

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