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Mr. Barry Thom
Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
West Coast Region
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Dear Mr. Thom:

The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) hereby requests to be designated as a "party" to participate in the administrative hearing currently scheduled for August 12, 2019 regarding the proposed waiver and regulations governing the hunting of eastern North Pacific gray whales by the Makah Indian Tribe in northwest Washington. 84 Fed. Reg. 13639.

AWI has a long history of involvement in the Makah Tribe's desire to hunt gray whales. It submitted substantive comments in response to both the 2008 and 2015 Draft Environmental Impact Statements on the proposed Makah whale hunt and it testified at a public hearing on the 2015 DEIS in Port Angeles, Washington. In addition, starting in 1996 and then in 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2018, it advocated against the request submitted by the United States to the International Whaling Commission for catch limits (i.e., a quota) for gray whales to be allocated to the Makah Tribe. Indeed, multiple AWI staff members have been actively involved in this issue for decades.

Thank you in advance for your review of this request and for designating AWI as a party for the upcoming hearing. Should you have any questions about this request, please contact me at cathy@awionline.org.

Sincerely,

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Director of Marine Programs



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