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RELATIVES UNDERWATER

From time immemorial, Indigenous peoples across the globe have been connected with orcas. Relationships with supernatural orcas are profound and respectful.

Among many of the Indigenous peoples along the northwest coast of North America, orcas are regarded as family members and ancestors.

Some coastal First Nations are the direct descendants of orcas who transformed into the first people. Some remember when pods of killer whales brought their ancestors to underwater villages to give humans the gift of knowledge about the oceans.

These communities consider orcas family and friends.