



## Update September 2021

### Report Jet Noise

[gis.sanjuanoco.com/aircraft-noise-reporting](https://gis.sanjuanoco.com/aircraft-noise-reporting)

The Growlers are rumbling on the South end of Lopez as I write this.

When you hear the Growlers it's still important to report jet noise through the San Juan County website. It works inside and outside SJC.

#### Here are some reasons:

- ❖ The reports represent your experience with Growler noise.
- ❖ Data collected is shared with our elected officials every two months.
- ❖ It is used in challenging the Navy Environmental Impact Statement.
- ❖ The Navy's complaint phone line and email offer neither transparent data nor any response. Even worse, the Navy acknowledged that they "lost" several months of reports.
- ❖ It's helpful to include your general location when submitting comments, such as South Lopez, Lopez Village or Eastsound.

The July-August Jet Noise Report is [here](https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries). <https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries>

The first eight months of 2021 have brought the number of total (7,239) noise reports to **97.5%** of the number received for all of 2020, most of them from outside San Juan County, as the Growler jets roam around our region.

### Call to ACTION: Contact Rep. Rick Larsen

From the Sound Defense Alliance (SDA)

1998 – that was the last time the Department of Defense (DOD) did a comprehensive siting study of the EA-18G Growler jets. So much has changed in the past 23 years.

Join us in asking Congressman Rick Larsen to work with SDA and his colleagues in Congress to get this siting study updated by either crafting an amendment to the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) or working through the DOD and SecNav.

We are asking the Navy to undertake a one-year Study of Siting Options for the EA-18G Growler jets to update the 1998 study and to ensure alignment with the Technical Joint Cross Service Group (TJCSG) guidelines.

The TJCSG recommends that the military "maintain competition of ideas by retaining at least two geographically separated sites, each of which would have similar combination of technologies and functions." This will also provide continuity of operations in the event of unexpected disruption.

This study would allow the DOD and the Navy to make informed decisions about the siting of the Growler jets, reconsider the wisdom of single siting this asset, and reconsider the highest and best use of the base on Whidbey.

SDA has a Roadmap to Restore the Balance between military and civilian needs. We need our leaders in Congress to work with us to achieve that goal.

Contact REP. LARSEN and let him know:

- ❖ We are disappointed that he has chosen NOT to advance the SDA's advocate for his constituents and find a solution to the imbalance between the noise of the jets and the health and well-being of people across NW Washington.
- ❖ Our request is simply to add an amendment to the NDAA requiring the Navy to conduct a one-year study of siting options for the Growlers or to advocate for that study with the DOD and SecNav.
- ❖ We will continue to work even harder on other approaches to getting this Navy study completed - and we hope that you, Representative Larsen, will see the wisdom of supporting the study.
- ❖ Representative Larson: Work with us to acknowledge the changes since 1998 and join us in finding solutions to Restoring the Balance between the military and the people and places negatively impacted by harmful military activities. We need you to lead.

**We will not go away - We are in this for the long haul.**

Email: <https://larsen.house.gov/contact/>

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### **Do you need help reporting jet noise?**

If you need help, there are hints at: <https://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>

You can also send an email to ask for help here: <https://www.quietskies.info/contact-form>

Also consider sending comments to the Navy: [comments@navy.mil](mailto:comments@navy.mil)