



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: June 1, 2018

GREETINGS:

ENJOY THE QUIET WHILE IT LASTS.

We have just experienced 4 weeks of "ZERO" GROWLER Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) and very little Growler noise from arrivals and departures at Ault Field on Whidbey Island.

Next week, Monday - Friday, June 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 THE GROWLER NOISE WILL RETURN.

Right now, until Monday, June 4th, SAVOR the SILENCE. This is what we are trying to protect: the natural sounds, wind, water, birds, sounds of trees moving, grass blowing. . . free of the giant Growler Blasts, vibrations and the hours of Roaring.

Whidbey flight activity schedules can be found at: <https://www.quietskies.info/flight-schedule>

ACTION STEPS:

1. REP. RICK LARSEN NEEDS TO HEAR FROM US.

U.S. Representative Rick Larsen has fought hard to retain and expand the Navy Presence on Whidbey Island. Quiet Skies has been trying to work with him to mitigate the Growler noise since 2012. All we have achieved is a schedule that tells us when the Growler noise "may" happen. The Navy rarely updates changes to the schedule.

The Navy plans to add 36 more Growlers when the current Environmental Impact Statement is Final and predicts that this will add 47% more noise and 1000 - 1500 additional personnel and dependents to Whidbey Island and the surrounding communities. We are living in a NAVY WAR TRAINING ZONE that is expanding.

It's time for Rep. Larsen to start representing the people and creatures who are trying to live with the noise - not just the Navy. This is an **election year** for Rep Larsen.

He needs to hear from us - in person at his re-election meetings, emails and phone calls.

Email: rick.larsen@mail.house.gov

DC office at (202) 225-2605

Everett office at (425) 252-3188

2. AS THE NOISE RETURNS - USE THE SAN JUAN COUNTY JET NOISE WEBSITE!

<http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/>

10,134 reports to date. Summary reports of the data from your noise reports can be found at:

<https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries>

3. HELP AT THE QUIET SKIES BOOTH AT THE LOPEZ FARMERS MARKET on Saturdays: 10am - 2 pm.
Last summer we spread the word about what our region can expect if the Growlers continue to expand from 82 to 118.

Contact Cynthia if you would like to help: seraphim@rockisland.com

4. A VIDEO FROM OUR NEIGHBORS ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA: A 7-minute documentary by the National Parks Conservation Association called "Hear Our Olympics"

<https://www.npca.org/advocacy/50-save-the-wild-natural-sounds-of-the-olympic-peninsula>

5. GOOD NEWS: The regional Growler Groups, representing at least 25,000 folks, are forming an Alliance to oppose the expansion of a Navy War Training Zone blanketing the Salish Sea and our homes from the Pacific Coast to the North Cascades.

Stay tuned, keep filing noise reports and speak up to our legislators - often!

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