



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: September, 2017

Greetings,

We've been receiving lots of questions about the Navy's latest Supplement to the 2015 NWTT EIS/OEIS. Questions like: What is it about? Does it affect us in San Juan County? What should we comment on?

#1. WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Northwest Training and Testing supplement to the 2015 Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement is about Training and Testing in the Pacific Coastal waters, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound and associated airspace - using live explosives, sono buoys, air-to-surface missile exercises, new weapon systems (not disclosed), torpedoes, chaff dropped from aircraft, expendable devices, spent ammunition, and analysis of "TAKES" of marine mammals, possible mitigation and possibly the electromagnetic training over the Olympic Peninsula.

If you're wondering how many Marine mammals will be part of the "TAKE" (harassed, hunted, captured, killed) in our Puget Sound, Hood Canal and the Straits of Juan de Fuca IN THE 5 YEAR PERIOD ending in 2020:

- 343,310 Marine Mammals

The Navy's Incidental Take analysis of Marine Mammals and Endangered Species in Pacific Northwest Waters DOES NOT include: endangered and threatened seabirds, fish, sea turtles or terrestrial species impacted by Navy activities.

For the whole story, check out the "Incidental take of marine mammals" compiled by the West Coast Action Alliance in response to the 2015 NWTT EIS, found at: <https://www.quietskies.info/nw-training-testing-navy-supplement> It's grim.

#2. DOES IT AFFECT US IN SAN JUAN COUNTY?

Most of the actual "activities" and training will not be over the San Juans - BUT - The marine mammals, including whales, sea birds, fish and turtles that move through the Salish Sea and around our islands will definitely be affected.

#3 WHAT SHOULD WE COMMENT ON?

Good question. Read the 16 page NWTT SEIS/OEIS Booklet and Fact Sheet. It is full of generalities. Go to <https://www.quietskies.info/nw-training-testing-navy-supplement>

The Navy invites the public to offer "substantive comments" to help develop the scope of issues to be addressed" etc. With so few details it's challenging to know what to comment on. The current deadline for comments is September 21, 2017.

QUIET SKIES IS RECOMMENDING THAT WE **IMMEDIATELY** CALL OR EMAIL OUR LEGISLATORS and the NAVY - REQUESTING A 60 DAY EXTENSION OF THE COMMENT PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 21, 2017 *** AND *** PUBLIC MEETINGS.

This will allow the regional communities to more fully understand the new proposal.

Quiet Skies has joined with Regional Groups to send a request to Governor Inslee asking for an extension to the comment period. Letter is attached below.

LET'S DO THIS! We are 400+ individuals. We can make a difference!

A 60 day extension, with the addition of public meetings, would give us all time to more fully understand the Navy's new proposal.

P.S. 8,288 Growler jet noise reports to date since May 2014. Keep the Growler jet reports coming!
sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

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