



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: March 24, 2017

Greetings:

1. To date the San Juan County Jet Noise Reporting site has 7,194 Growler noise reports since May 2014. These noise reports are helpful.

For tips on how to submit jet noise reports go to:

<https://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>

2. We know that the Growlers are flying further and further North into San Juan County.

3. They are often sighted flying "gear down" which adds to the noise.

4. The Navy expects a 47 percent increase in noise when (if) they add the additional 36 Growlers they requested in the Environmental Impact Statement.

5. We learned during the Draft EIS process that the Navy is using outdated Noise modeling software which is legally questionable.

6. We have just received a copy of an Environmental Protection Agency letter written to the Navy stating that "the DEIS does not contain sufficient information to fully assess the environmental impacts that should be avoided to fully protect the environment and nearby communities". You can find this letter on our website at

<https://www.quietskies.info/eis-process-2016-17>

7. The Navy expansion is creating a WAR TRAINING ZONE OVER OUR REGION which includes the Pacific Coast beaches and Bird Refuges, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, The Olympic Peninsula, Olympic National Park, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, Puget Sound, The Salish Sea, The San Juan Islands, San Juan Islands National Monument, The Skagit Valley and the North Cascades. They are doing this with the blessing of Representative Larsen and Senators Murray and Cantwell.

8. Operations in the War Training Zone include the Growler Noise we receive in San Juan County, and Growler noise impacts on the Pacific Coast, the Olympic Peninsula, Whidbey Island, the Skagit Valley and the North Cascades.

9. NAVY IMPACTS GO BEYOND NOISE. Other Navy operation in our Region include use of live explosives which the Navy estimates will maim or kill hundreds of thousands of marine mammals.

10. Part of the Navy's job in our region is teaching personnel to destroy targets by explosive or weaponized electronic means. It is estimated that the Navy has left roughly 27 tons of explosives on the sea bottom and over the last 60 years and will add up to 9 tons of dangerous explosive materials in our waters every 20 years. Navy documents show that as much as 34 tons of depleted uranium could be present on the seabed just 12 miles from the outer coast of Washington State. Not so good for our waters which we are trying to clean up!

11. New Navy training areas will include the testing of undersea systems in Puget Sound, testing activities in the Carr Inlet between Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Peninsula, and pier-side sonar maintenance and testing. The US Navy's war gaming will increase in our Pacific Northwest waters, with bullets, bombs, missiles, chaff, flares, drones, sonobuoys and expendable targets, many containing harmful chemicals such as ammonium perchlorate, picric acid,

Representative Rick Larsen will be in Friday Harbor on Sunday, March 26th at the Brickworks, 12:30 - 2pm. He has announced that he wants to talk about Health Care.

A number of folks have indicated an interest in going to the meeting and bringing up Growler issue. This would be great - but please keep in mind that Representative Larsen may not be willing to talk about anything except Health Care. He is not fond of the Growler issue.

Whether you're interested in Climate Change, Air pollution, Water contamination on Whidbey, the health of the Salish Sea, Noise and pollution impacts on wildlife AND PEOPLE, the Navy is involved in all these areas.

nitrobenzene, lithium from sonobuoy batteries, lead, manganese, phosphorus, sulfur, copper, nickel, tungsten, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium, trinitrotoluene (TNT), RDX [Royal Demolition eXplosive] and HMX [High Melting eXplosive], among many others.

PROBABLY MORE THAT YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW!

If you do contact to Representative Larsen and other elected officials, these are a few things to talk about. . . including what they are doing about ANY of them. Click here for contact information:

<https://www.quietskies.info/contacts>

COUNTY WEBSITE NOISE REPORTS: Keep them coming!!! They are sent monthly to legislators and the Navy. This is a significant way to stand up and be heard. For tips on how to do this, go to: <http://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>

The latest data on the Jet Noise reports can be found at <http://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries>

The graphs help us understand what's going on and the comments capture the real story that we are all living through.

DAHR JAMAIL'S LATEST STORY on Navy Noise in our Region.

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/39247-how-much-noise-can-a-person-survive-navy-jets-plague-the-lives-of-washington-residents>

Thanks to each one of you.