



Update March 2022

Jet Noise Report

Since 2015 an increasing number of jet noise reports are provided by residents of the Salish Sea region, using the San Juan County Aircraft Noise Reporting Website.

With the addition of 36 more Growlers in 2019, the region has been bombarded. The number of noise reports in 2021 exceeds the number reported in 2020 by **50%**.



For the first two months of this year, Jan/Feb 2022, reports are **44%** higher than those reported in 2021.

Here is how to report excessive jet noise: <https://www.quietskies.info/access-the-county-report-site>

A Few of the Comments

> **FORKS:** What is that sound, my guest yelled as she flung open the door. Sounding like a massive grader coming down my driveway or shredding my metal shed, a Low flying Growler! The sound echoed down the river canyon. Bombs soon?

> **STANWOOD:** Jan 12. Just arrived at Assisted Living Center, getting out of our car and WHAM: Growler ROARING over us. Deafening. Earsplitting. How does the Navy get away with this abuse in a populated area?

> **PORT TOWNSEND:** The night sky and the soundscape is completely devastated by US Navy growlers flying out of Oak Harbor over the Port Townsend Discovery Bay area it is absolutely awful.

> **LOPEZ ISLAND** Post Office, Jan 6, 2022, 3pm: Screaming Growlers overhead. Hearing the Navy War Zone training since 11:36 this morning. Came north to escape the noise – It's even worse on the N. end of Lopez Island. Insanity !!!!

> **COUPEVILLE:** Just when I think the noise can't get any worse, a jet flies low and slow right over my home in town, Coupeville. I literally thought it was going to crash the noise was so severe. Simply abhorrent! Wednesday, Feb. 9, 3:09pm.

You can see how informative it is to see the locations where noise is reported. You can help us improve that information. See the next page.

For the full report with charts click [here](https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries). <https://www.quietskies.info/county-website-data-summaries>

Please Help: We Need the Location

When you report Jet Noise on the website we need to know **where** the noise was heard.

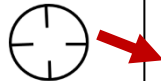
It's used for mapping so we understand which communities are impacted and how it changes over time. Elected officials look at the impacts in their district.

A few percent of the reports have no location or locations that don't make sense. For example, we have lots of reports from one spot on Shaw Island, in fact more than the population of Shaw! Why?

One cause is how the map works. When you go to the website the blue arrow is sitting in the middle of the map (**see below**), and points to Shaw Island. If you don't point to **your location** it will use Shaw as the default report location. We know there aren't many people at that spot on Shaw Island!!

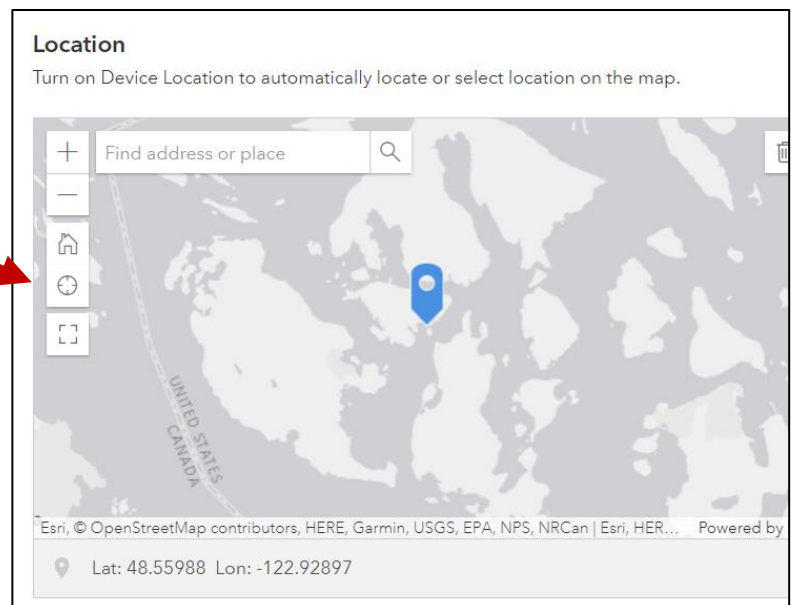


Click in the box "Press to set location." You can type in the address where the noise was heard or allow your computer to provide the location by clicking on the icon on the left that looks like this:



Another way is to use your mouse (or finger) to move the map around and then click on your location.

If this does not seem to work for you, just type in your town or city in the Comments.



HOWEVER, TAKE NOTE: Some people take notes when they hear the Growlers and report on the website some time after, or perhaps once a week. That's OK. If you are submitting your reports on the website while at your grandmother's house in Seattle be sure to enter the location **where** the noise was heard as well as the accurate **date and time** of the noise.

If you need help you can email us [here](#).

Thank You from Quiet Skies Over San Juan County.

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