



# Quietskies

## Over San Juan County

**Update: December 11, 2016**

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### ON THE ADDITION OF MORE GROWLERS IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Navy Whidbey DRAFT EIS is now available - all 1500 pages. Hard copies are located at the Libraries on Lopez, San Juan and Orcas Islands. To access the Draft EIS online, go to <http://www.whidbeyeis.com/>

For additional background. Go to [www.quietskies.info](http://www.quietskies.info)

1. THANK YOU for showing up so strongly at the Lopez Island Navy meeting! Between 250-300 people attended.
2. If you learned anything at the meeting that would help us all write better comments to the DEIS please send your notes to me. ([seraphim@rockisland.com](mailto:seraphim@rockisland.com))
3. Quiet Skies will be sending out more comprehensive Draft EIS comments that you will be able to cut and paste. Comment period ends January 25, 2017 - so we have time.

**Community Meetings to assist people in completing the comment forms:**

**January 11 (5-7 p.m) and**

**January 22 (3-5 pm) in the Lopez Library Community Room.**

4. The Navy Expansion is definitely becoming regional. Councilman Jamie Stephens will be meeting with Governor Inslee's staff and the leaders from four other Counties this month to discuss the Navy impacts on our Region.
5. Our neighbors on Whidbey Island (Coupeville Community Allies) are especially impacted and have just begun circulating the following petition which is addressed to Governor Inslee and our Federal Congress people: <https://www.change.org/p/jay-inslee-governor-inslee-give-citizens-a-voice-in-military-expansion-in-the-salish-sea>

It asks Governor Inslee to "appoint a multi-stakeholder commission with the power to negotiate, on a level playing field, binding agreements between citizens, tribes, government and the military."

It further states: "The Pacific Northwest has one of the most beautiful and serene landscapes in the United States, yet we are experiencing significant degradation of our resources, lands and waters by government agencies granting the Navy the unlawful right to pollute our waters, harm wildlife and destroy our

environment with excessive noise from Growler jet pilot training."

Please consider signing it and sending it far and wide - to friends, Social Media - everywhere. Anywhere we are able to stop the Navy's expansion helps us all.

**6.** FINALLY, The Coupeville Community is staggering under the news of one of two drinking water wells at the Navy Outlying Field was found contaminated with perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) on October 11, 2016 - 6 times the maximum EPA toxic level for PFAS. Ault Field in Oak Harbor is also affected. Earlier sampling of groundwater at the Navy's Ault Field installation revealed high levels of PFAS and other toxic substances.  
<http://www.islandguardian.com//features/archives/00003220.html>

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