



Quietskies

Over San Juan County

Update: October 11, 2018

GREETINGS:

OCT 3 PHOTO SHOOT: Over 75 folks raised voices, banners and signs to send a message to legislators and the Navy of "NO! TO 36 MORE GROWLERS" and "YES TO QUIET SKIES and QUIET SEAS!".



BIG THANKS!!! to:

- * Bill Evans for drone coverage (Still shots & video) and Heather Harrison for still shots!
- * Liz Lafferty for her Oct. 3 Poster reminding us of Alice Walker's quote: **"The most common way people give up their power is by believing they don't have any." Alice Walker**

THANKS to everyone who showed up to celebrate the launch of the Sound Defense Alliance (SDA) representing many Pacific Northwest groups who are working hard to preserve our environment, health, and wildlife from the Navy's War Training activities. 5 COUNTIES - 1 VOICE

The FORMATION OF THE SDA means that Quiet Skies is now part of a regional movement (25,000+ folks) to resist Navy expansion from the Pacific Coast to the North Cascades. Check out the SDA website: <https://sounddefensealliance.org/>. Sign up with SDA to receive updates from the Alliance.

WHAT'S NEXT? The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was published on Sept. 28, 2018. Now there is a 30 day window before the Record of Decision (ROD) is published. There is no public comment during this time BUT our legislators can weigh in.

WE HAVE UNTIL OCT. 29TH to CONTACT OUR LEGISLATORS and STRONGLY REQUEST that we need their IMMEDIATE HELP to stop Navy expansion in our region. <https://www.quietskies.info/contact-legislators>

WHAT YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW - THIS WEEK (Oct. 11 - 17):

CALL, EMAIL or WRITE our legislators and tell them:

1. We are NOT WILLING TO BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE for the Growler Mission
2. We do not want San Juan County, or our region, to be a NAVY WAR TRAINING ZONE
3. Siting all the Growlers in the U.S. in one place - Ault Field on Whidbey - is DEGRADING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE and the peace and quiet of our exceptional natural environment.
4. Ask them to SECURE A MEETING with their staff, the SDA and the Secretary of the Navy prior to the Record of Decision (ROD) which may be as soon as Oct. 29.

OUR PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL: Once the ROD is published it's very hard to shift.

Share this information with your friends and neighbors.

Share this on Social Media: www.facebook.com/quietskiesoversanjuancounty/

PLEASE CONTINUE TO ENTER GROWLER NOISE REPORTS on the San Juan County reporting site:
sjc.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/

San Juan County has had less jet noise recently - but we cannot count on this to continue. The Navy predicts a 47 percent increase in noise with the addition of 36 more Growlers. The Navy claims that Jet noise in SJC has no significant impact. Our data shows a different story.

IN THE COMING WEEK LETS USE OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE to let our legislators know it's time for them to step up and help us preserve this wonderful place we call home.

Thanks to each of you for continuing to file jet noise reports !
sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/