



March 18, 2025

ACTION ALERT: Navy Amends the Growler EIS

This action was required of the Navy due to litigation. (For background, see the end of this post.) As part of the process of review for this draft, the Navy has only scheduled two in-person public meetings in Oak Harbor and Coupeville. They have allotted only 18 days to review the document before the first public meeting (after 3 years to do their update). The meetings are only scheduled for April 1 and 2, in Oak Harbor and Coupeville respectively, with an online version scheduled for April 3. The meetings will only respond to questions submitted in advance: deadline Friday, March 21. The draft document is at: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/Current-Projects/Aircraft-Home-Basing-Ship-Homeporting/Growler-Amended-Analysis/>

This hurry-up process is not acceptable. We need your help: PLEASE MAKE CALLS IMMEDIATELY TO REPRESENTATIVES BELOW.

- Ask for a 1-month extension of the comment period (to May 28)
- Add Navy public meetings in Port Townsend & Lopez Island

WASHINGTON DC. CALL NUMBERS:

BOTH

Sen. Cantwell (202) 224-3441

Sen. Murray (202) 224-2621

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Rep. Larsen (202) 225-2605

Rep. Adam Smith (202) 225-8901

Rep. Emily Randall (202) 225-5916

Rep. Kim Schrier (202) 225-7761

Rep. DelBene (202) 225-6311

Rep. Marilyn Strickland (202) 225-9740

Note these Changes in the Amended EIS:

- Green House Gasses are higher

- Clarifies the analysis of impacts on birds
- Refines impacts on childhood learning
- Admits that some of the Growlers could be moved to another location, but they will not.

Experts from Sound Defense Alliance and COER will prepare talking points for comments to the Navy. We will forward them to you.

MORE BACKGROUND: November 22, 2025 Whidbey News Times: **An article in the [Whidbey News-Times](#): "Navy sets schedule for supplemental Growler study**

[The Navy expects to complete an analysis of an environmental study of Growlers at NASWI by February.](#)" The article continues:

"The litigation over Growler noise began in 2021, when the state Attorney General's Office and COER sued the Navy over perceived deficiencies in the Environmental Impact Statement prepared to consider the impacts of additional Growlers and additional training. Much of the focus has been on the Outlying Field Coupeville, where training operations were set to increase fourfold.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Jones found that the EIS failed to quantify the impact of Growler noise on classroom learning; failed to disclose the basis for greenhouse gas emissions calculations; failed to take a hard look at species-specific impacts on birds; and failed to give detailed consideration of the idea of moving Growlers to El Centro, California."