

Jet Noise Reports, January 2015 – May 2017

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The San Juan County Jet Aircraft Noise Reporting website

<http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/> was developed and approved by the County Council to enable San Juan County residents to have a reliable source for recording and tracking their comments and complaints about jet noise from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

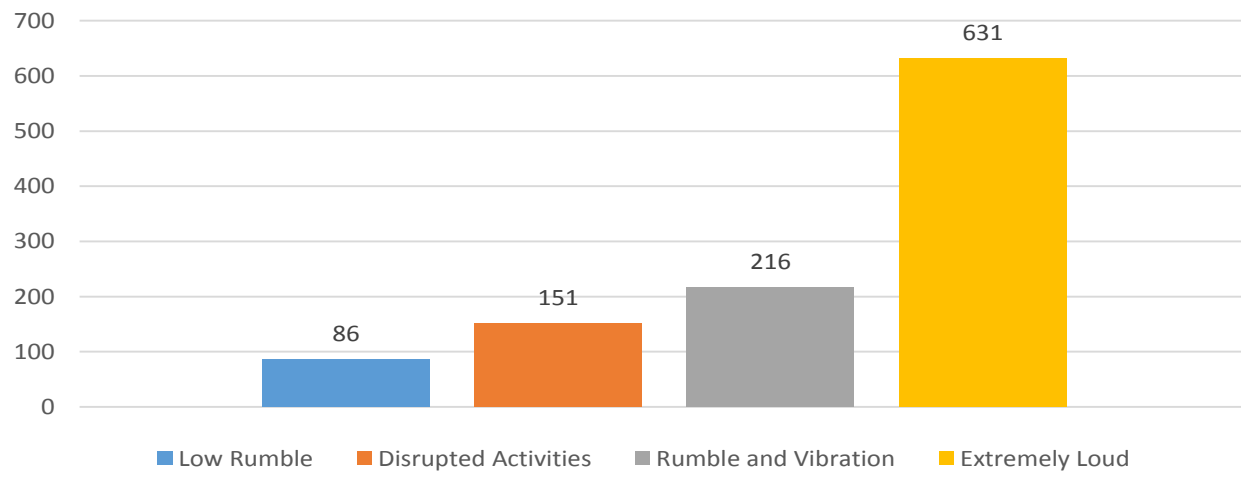
Reporting began on May 15, 2014; data has been analyzed since January 2015. Users of the website enter type of loudness, date, time, comments, aircraft type, etc. Due to the variety of devices used to submit data (e.g. desktop, laptop, I-pad, smartphone), data such as time of day can be recorded differently. Efforts have been made to standardize data; errors in totals are estimated to be less than half a percent.

This report is usually compiled monthly. Some monthly data may change in subsequent months due to late reporting which is not captured until the following month; that is, some residents maintain a daily paper diary which they then input into the web reporting system at a later date. (Special Note: Data for March 2017, reported in previous documents, is updated in this document due to the addition of late reports.)

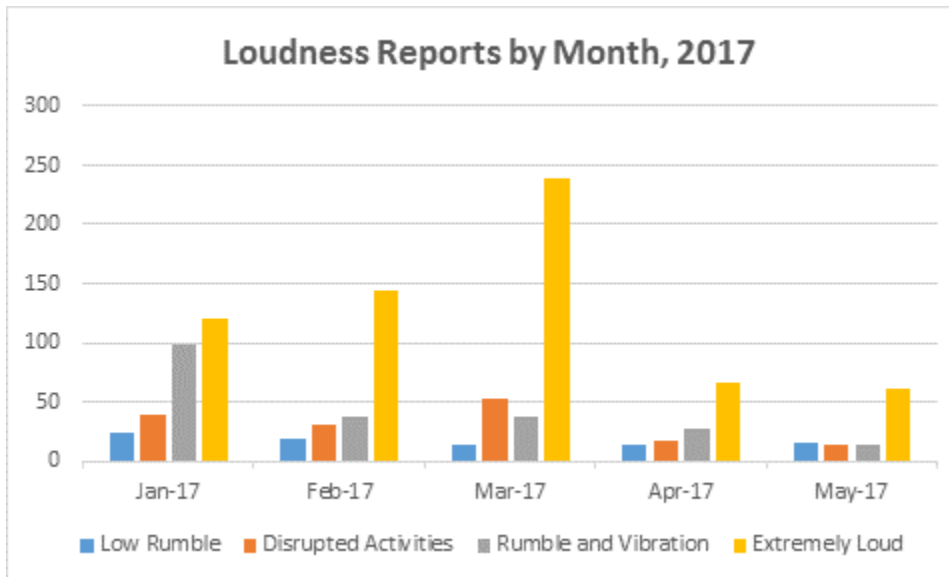
Special Notes: As these reports are compiled it has become increasingly apparent that some residents are reporting multiple noise incidents in their comments and in the section titled “Time”, but they are consolidating these incidents into one single report. A report is only counted once despite the reference to multiple incidents. Thus, the number of noise incidents is actually much larger than the number of reports.

Furthermore, some residents have instruments that measure the decibels inside their home, as seen in many of the comments. Noise level is measured in decibels. For example, lawn mowers produce around 90 dB. Traffic noise averages around 80 dB. **As seen in the comments over the past years, Growler jets are producing anywhere from 65.9 to 118.4 dBA inside homes.**

Total of Loudness Reports January 1 to May 31, 2017

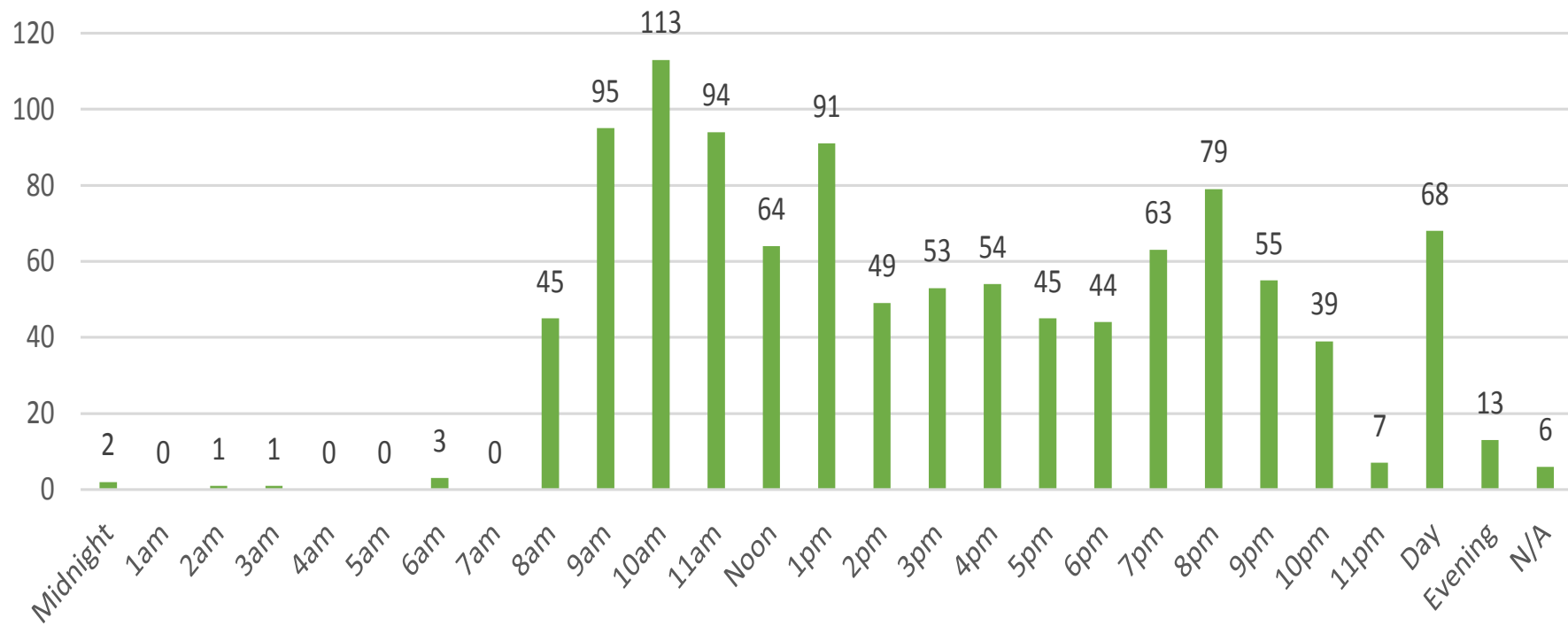


Loudness Reports by Month, 2017



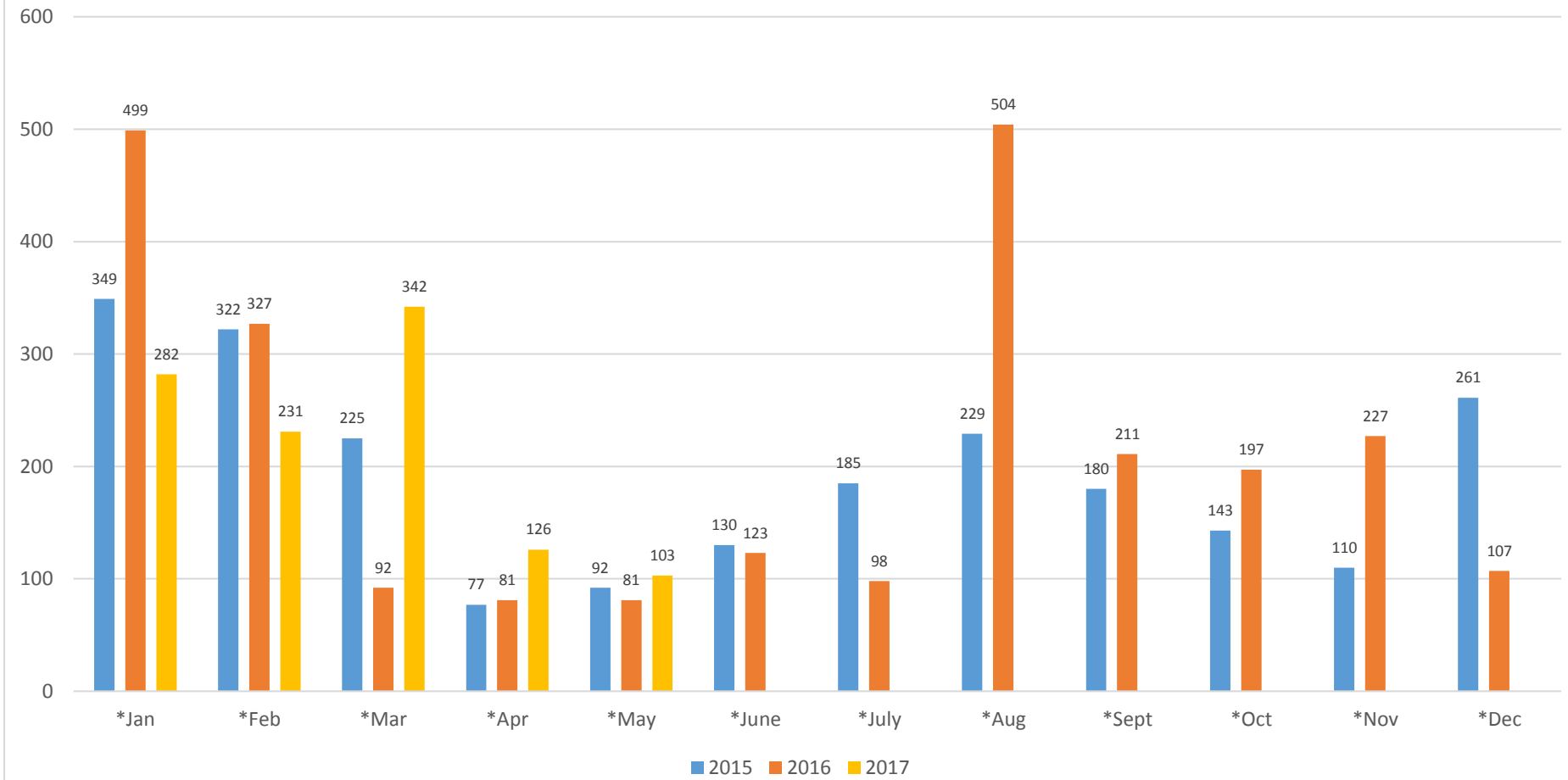
Noise Reports by Hour of the Day, January 1 - May 31, 2017

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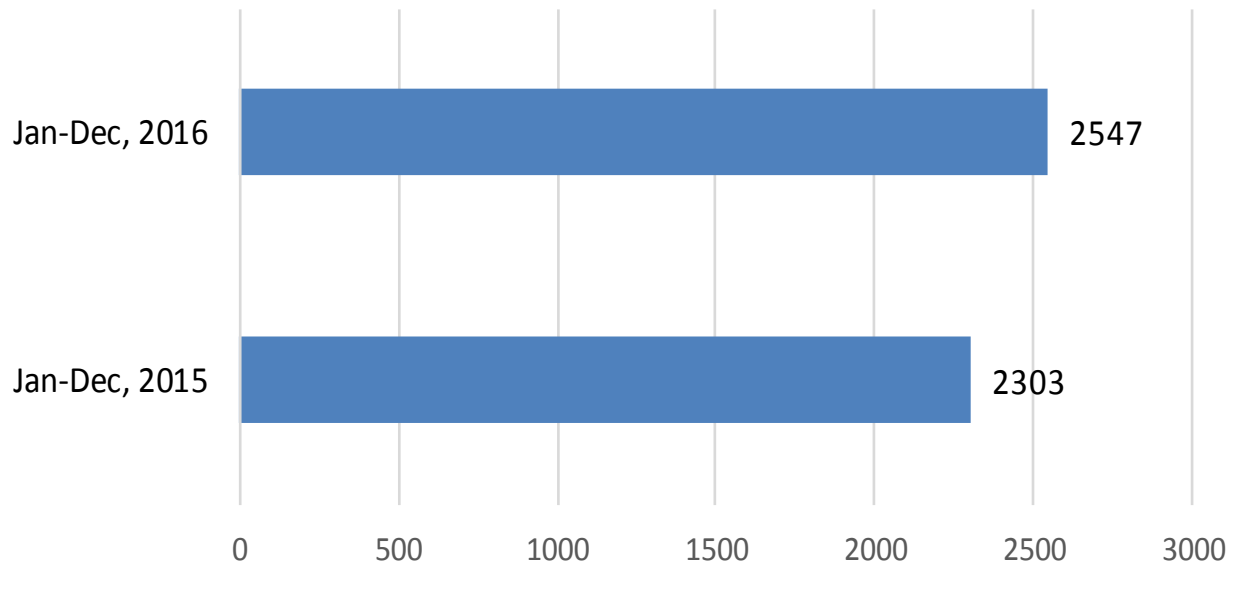


For example, reports submitted from 11:00 am through 11:59am are clustered in the 11 o'clock hour. Some reports do not include a specific time. For those, related data may indicate Day or Evening. In some cases, time of the noise event cannot be discerned from entered data and is recorded as N/A.

Jet Noise Reports by Month

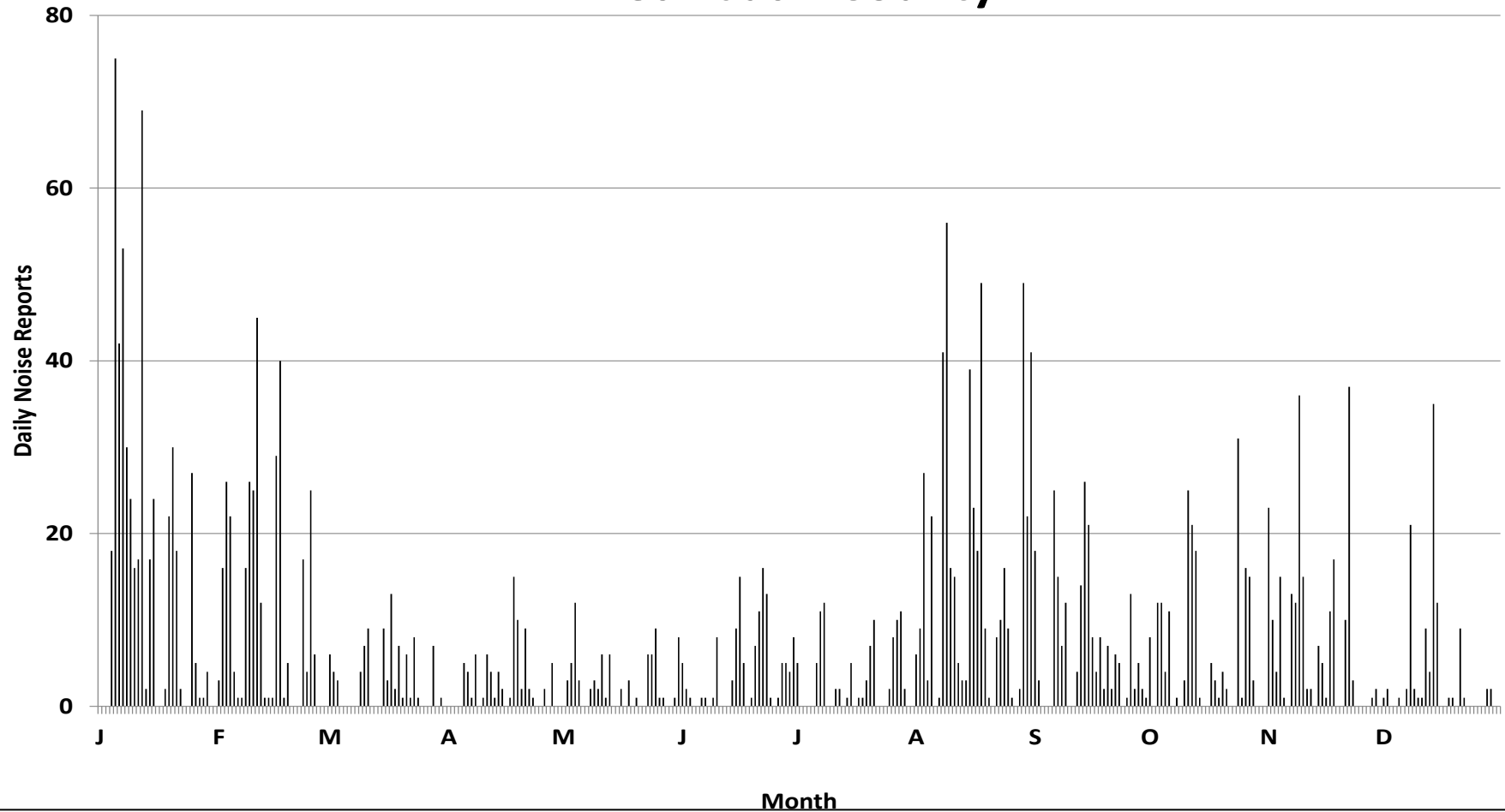


Jet Noise Reports Comparison of 2015 with 2016



**The number of Jet Noise Reports for 2016
is 10.5% higher than 2015.**

2016 Growler Noise Reports San Juan County



This chart demonstrates the number of noise reports by day, from January through December, 2016. The Navy data persists in using “noise averaging”, resulting in a low estimation of the sound/impact of the noise. As seen by this chart, there is no average level of noise. There are many days when the noise is so excessive that reports are quite high. This is also seen in the comments, at the end of this document, when people report “blasts”, “roars”, and high decibel counts. See also the data in this report on the type of noise reported, where “extremely loud” exceeds “low rumble”.

Comments Submitted with April and May 2017 Reports.

NOTE:

Some residents have instruments that measure the decibels inside their home, as seen in many of the comments. Noise level is measured in decibels, with lawn mowers producing around 90 dB. This is louder than traffic noise -- which averages around 80 dB. As seen in reports over the past years, and currently, *Growler jets are producing anywhere from 65.9 to 118.4 dBA inside homes.*

The jet roaring from NASWI is becoming louder and more aggressive. The evening is shattered. It is CONTINUOUS POUNDING. What is going on? Do they have NO SENSE? I am angry and blame elected people for their blind eyes.

Very low flying from Straits to North. Also very loud 8:59 am. Loud 9:05, 10:01, 11:36, 11:41, 12:30, 12:40, 12:48, 5:04, 5:10, 6:39, 6:42, 7, 7:08 and several other times

JET ROARING AT 11:38PM. This is not a commercial aircraft. This is the Navy. The roaring is long and persistent.

Incessant jet roaring tonight. The wall of noise rolls around and around, as if there is a train running and rumbling around and through our home. There is no way to escape this roaring.

The whole house is shaking and vibrating. This is a sturdy house. The roaring feels as if it's directly overhead. It's bedtime, the jets are screaming and

roaring. The noise overwhelms all indoor sounds even though windows are tightly closed.

Pt. Coville on a Wednesday, Apr 5: Overflights and huge blasts from the Growlers. Three tourists from the Seattle area horrified at the noise. Wondering who is responsible. I replied: Larsen, Murray and Cantwell.

The jet noise is roaring right into our home, and it is continuous. This is not only annoying, but disruptive. To hear the TV we have to turn it up louder. To speak with each other we have to speak much louder than usual.

5 May 2017, Friday: 84 dBA inside the house - Growlers screaming overhead!

Had to come inside. Jet roar so loud it stopped conversation and we had to come inside. Long pervasive rumble and roar that vibrated the air. Sounded like a growler circling.

Jet roaring in the skies continues. Will this go on all night? An exhausting day today and I need to sleep! Our environment is ruined by the Navy's arrogance. The roaring is pounding inside our home.

VERY loud jet passing over. I am participating in an online conference and could not hear what the other people were saying. Extremely disruptive

The noise was so loud that it frightened my toddler while we were enjoying peaceful time together on the beach

Jet noise and roars have been continuous over the ferry dock of Lopez, north end. The roars seem to echo off every surface of the rocks, trees, water, cars.

I have to say again that we are enduring blast after blast after blast that vibrates through our home at 8:45 in the evening. This is ABUSE!!!

One jet very low and nearby. Others roaring nearby during many hours. Dreadful noise, shattering.

Takeoffs from Whidbey. Low frequency noise is enough to cause headache

Numerous LOUD LOW GROWLERS today!

Growler under the low clouds headed north over Cape San Juan. These planes sound sort of normal, though loud, until you're behind them, at which point they sound like the crack of a rifle that just keeps going on.

Low flying Growler aircraft

Windows shaking from vibration. Heard at 8:45 this a.m. And at 6:30 p.m.

10 am and the rumble and vibration is working up a low grade headache already - 10 pm the jets are still at it; this is torture!

April 4 Noise scheduled for mid afternoon to late night. The noise has been in steady blocks ranging from 68.5 - 76.5dBA inside the house. So very hard to concentrate or feel comfortable.

Twice interrupted conversation with a patient with newly diagnosed life threatening bladder cancer at Skagit Reg Clinics Inside the office. Had to stop until it passed. Mt Vernon

Very loud non-commercial jet flying overhead. Could not make out the details, but VERY LOUD.

Huge roar and rumble from Whidbey disrupted this evening. Going on right now 7:55pm. Ongoing. Distracted me from what I was doing; I wasn't sure what was happening to make that noise and vibration. Figuring out it is the same old abuse from Whidbey.

Huge roaring coming from Whidbey. Wouldn't be surprised if war has been declared. Thank you, Larsen, Cantwell and Murray for making my home your newest war zone. For ignoring this problem, you do not have my vote.

Big rumbles and vibrations hitting our home this evening. RIGHT NOW. 8:20pm. Navy is conducting its war games, regardless of the people who actually try to live their lives here. Go away, Navy!

We are continually being blasted this late evening with jet engine noise from Whidbey. It is constant, pervasive and disruptive. This is an insult to this region. The growler jets do not belong here.

Don't know what Whidbey is doing but the roaring and bombing noise is killing this evening and our home life. Is this what war at home is? Feels like it is. Probably is war. Military against civilians.

Our home is vibrating from whatever the Navy is doing tonight. Nowhere else to go. Why do we have to suffer in our own homes? The Navy is driving us crazy. Roaring this moment, and continuously. Floor is shaking.

You harm those you purprt to protect.

on this rainy and cloudy day and evening, the low ruble seems further away, but remains very noticeable. ONE DOES NOT GET USED TO THIS KIND OF ABUSE!!!

"Loud rumbling going on and on. It's cold and the windows are closed or it would be impossible to sleep... difficult

Now."

It is after 9pm. I need to get to bed for an early morning of work. But we are still being blasted with jet engine noise tonight. I can't even think of getting some sleep. The house is filled with jet roaring. This is neighborly??? Navy propaganda.

5 April 2017 - FCLPS are scheduled for night and late night so this noise may be just overflights and takeoffs and landings - So jarring on this beautiful morning.

Wed, Apr 5: It's been a long noise day. Started at 8:55am this morning.
Fiinally quiet at 9:15pm

Skies are roaring with jet noise again this morning. There is no peace. No ability to hear the eagle's call. Your head gets filled with thunder. Roar Roar Roar, those are the skies above Lopez.

Horrendously loud noise over the house. Interferes with all activity!

Low flying SCREAMING LOUD Growler over Lopez Village!

Another blast of jet roaring. Penetrates our home.

Suddenly a tremendous rumble and vibration is felt. 9:35pm right now. Really felt and heard it clearly despite dishwasher and TV going at once.

The activity disrupted would be sleep.

Late night jet engine wall of noise is penetrating our home. Shutting down for the night for need to sleep but the noise and pounding is so terrible. How to sleep when the Navy assaults us? 9:45pm

"Low flying Growler over Lopez village.

It caused abrubt disruption of Yoga

class I was attending."

6 April 2017 : Steady roaring 10:15 - 10:27am Trying to work at home the roaring is so diatracting.

6 April 2017 : Still roaring at 9:51pm - trying to sleep - not possible - the vibration is so strong

Early morning Growler roar and vibration slams into our home. Taking off? Why does this noise hit our home. This jet is WRONG for this region. The Navy lies about the impact. Why do we have a military that lies?

ANOTHER roar and vibration slams our home. It is felt in my bones, in my heart. It is penetrating. This is not healthy.

Low rumbling last night and this morning.

I am trying to work and there are continuous BLASTS, rumbling vibrations coming from Whidbey. I am distracted and wondering if I need to leave my home today to avoid this distraction? Is that right? Navy makes my home shake and be unlive-able?

Jets roaring last night, shook the whole house, horrible inner ear sensations. Again this morning. Cannot overstate how horrible this is.

Prolonged roaring is going on. It sounds like bombs are being dropped . What is going on? I know this is from Whidbey. It is their characteristic roaring from jet activity. I blame our elected people for their their support of this degradation.

Growlers are back at ruining our day outside.

Loud overflight, disrupted phone conversation indoors.

constant aircraft noise for the past 45 minutes

Actually time was 06,08,10,12 for the 4 jets in a row

I did not see anything but felt and heard a loud rumbling noise

7 April 2017, Friday : Walking on Chadwick Hill because no FCLP's are scheduled. BUT, this sure sounds like FCLP and this level of giant noise outside is NOT fun!

Loud noise at 8 pm. Navy is a horrible neighbor

Low flying Growler aircraft

10 April 2017, Monday - 78.3 dBA

Big disruptive noise - lots of vibration - low low rumbling

Just what we all need on our first sunny morning in a while....Growlers roaring over our home 😞

Sounds like engine run-up

Rumble.

Disrupted sleep.

Disrupted sleep. Very loud low frequency jet noise

Continuous rumble

HORRIBLE vibrating sensations, as if being shaken but internally. This is hard to describe and is unlike any thing else. Whole body affected by dreadful vibration. Went on for hours.

11 April 2017 , Tuesday: FCLP's scheduled for afternoon. It begins: Steady low roar

FCLP's scheduled for afternoon - didn't happen - instead - without informing us - it sounds like FCLP's are happening NOW.

And many times throughout the day Now 9:10pm and still continuing. Last night also

Loud overflight

heard and saw

"I Hear them, and feel them.

I'm trying to work. Very distracting"

All windows shook, extreme vibration and noise.

12 April 2017 : Constant overflights

12 April 2017 : No FCLP's scheduled for this evening but here it is! Loud, BLAST FURNACE LOUD, big vibrations - no way to get away - head phones are not enough.

I saw it, I heard it, I cursed at it

Sporadic rumbling and a huge screaming overflight. I'm walking in the Chadwick Marsh, SJC Natl. Monument. The ducks lifted off the Marsh as the Growler went over. Why is this happening in a place dedicated to peace and quiet?

Thank you Whidbey it was an amazingly beautiful quiet day. Couldn't figure out why the ewes were so calm today, just laying down and resting throughout the day. I realized we had no Whidbey noise today. What a difference it makes to have peace.

saw aircraft coming from the east and turning south & back west as it neared where I live.

Low flying Growler aircraft, disrupting evening

Rumble with some vibration- to 72 do inside with nearby flying starting as soon as it was dark- western fidalgo island. Impossible to relax or sleep. Forget being rested at work tomorrow as a surgeon.

Loud and disturbing at bedtime

Very loud overflight. Stopped conversation inside home.

Walking. Unable to close out the huge noise.

No FCLP's scheduled BUT sounds exactly like FCLP's. Suspect the Navy AGAIN failed to notify us of the change.

17 April 2017, No FCLP's scheduled for today BUT, just like this morning the Navy appears to have changed the schedule and not notified San Juan County.

18 April 2017, Tuesday: Very loud overflight. FCLP's scheduled but didn't happen. AGAIN, the Navy has failed to inform San Juan County of the change.

Very loud jet, disrupted my work entirely for several minutes.

Low flying Growler aircraft with gear down

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Deafening

I did not see as it is dark, night, sleep time. Heard it. Disturbing. Shut the Fuck up

LOUD jet overhead - very disturbing!

Extremely loud fly over that did not seem to be on the flight schedule posted for tonight

It's hard when it's dark, and late at night. Maybe they should be in bed like us

Should be in bed. Isn't there a respectful quiet period

Paddling on Pass Lake- Fidalgo Island disturbed by mult passes from Growlers singly and in pairs. Low but not as low as they go, loud when flying over and traveling away. Disturbing an otherwise beautiful peaceful evening near Deception Pass

19 April 2017, Wednesday: Very loud Growler rumble at Cross Road, Lopez. This is 20+ miles away from NASWI.

19 April 2017, Wednesday: A ripping, screaming Growler flyover - 5 minute roar following the flyover. What is going on! 20+ miles away from NASWI.

19 April 2017, Wed: A continuing low roar from NASWI. Very disturbing

19 April 2017, Wed: Low roar continues on Cross Road -North Lopez. Is this yet ANOTHER unscheduled FCLP??????

19 April 2017, Wed: AGAIN !!! NO FCLP'S at Ault SCHEDULED. No notification of a change in schedule. So essentially we have no schedule.

19 April 2017, Wed: Continuing - More noise on S.E. Lopez

19 April 2017, Wed: No scheduled FCLP's at Ault field. AND YET, AGAIN - what sounds and feels like FCLP's. Grinding, vibrating roarson S.E Lopez.

19 April 2017, Wed: At 10:10pm Growlers still roaring. WHY? The schedule says no FCLP's should be happening at Ault Field. If our Navy can't figure out a schedule ? ??

20 April 2017, Thursday, S.E. Lopez: A peaceful walk interrupted - again - huge roars.

20 April 2017, Thursday, S.E. Lopez: More Blasts.

21 April 2017, Friday, Iceberg Point, S. Lopez: Very disruptive. Walking on Natl. Monument lands. Hard to even hear the natural sounds.

Loud blasts also at 8:56, several other not so loud, loud again 10:20, 10:56, 13:35 and several other times

22 April 2017, Saturday, Earth Day, S.E. Lopez: Big blasts from NASWI and overflights.

22 April 2017, Saturday, Earth Day, S.E. Lopez: Periodic blasts, roars and overflights.

Anacortes near ferry terminal. Fly by with some rumbling for 20 min after at mid day then loud starting 5:30 pm , sinister rumble/vibration from the South afterwards intermittent for the next 30+ minutes

Also 9:24am

"Hard to say what time this exactly happened because there was a constant rumble/drone that went on during the entire weekend.

Actually made it unpleasant to be outside!!"

Growler flying south from Aleck Bay, turning east towards Whidbey, landing gear down. Also 10;10, 10:47 but not as loud

24 April 2017, Monday, S.E. Lopez: Growlers - Growling

Extremely loud fly by just now. There has been a respite from the noise...not as many and not so loud recently. Today.outrageous!

I'm not sure of the exact time but it was around this time.

Low flying Growler aircraft over my house

S.E. Lopez:

25 April 2017, Tuesday, S.E. Lopez: Really loud, FCLP's not scheduled but does that mean anything?

27 April 2017, Thursday, S.E. Lopez: Overflight. I've heard quiet Growler overflights. So, do they have to scream and roar over homes that are 12 miles away from their landings? Or are these just inexperienced pilots?

Very loud overflight . Had to cover my ears. My eardrums were vibrating even with my ears covered. This is an unacceptable noise level

This loud of a noise so late at night interrupts our baby's sleep. She goes to bed at 8pm.

1 May 2017: Walking - very loud

1 May, 2017: Deep vibrating rumble.

"1 May 2017:

growler overflight!"

Awakened with HUGE Blasting noise of the Growler. And then it stopped. . . but of course we were all awake....

The whole house is shaking. The noise is tremendously loud and invasive. Very disruptive, bone rattling.

Growlers 9:30-10-30 PM disrupted sleep. flew by few times 85db in house, otherwise groaning roar with vibration through walls for an hour. Anacortes near ferry terminal

2 May 2017: IN the garden - too noisy to be outside.

2 May 2017: 64.9 decibels - A inside the house - much louder outside. We are supposedly in a "NO NOISE IMPACT ZONE"

2 May 2017: 76.2dBA inside the house. Headphones on!

2 May 2017: This is a week of "No FCLP's" and yet this sounds like FCLP's!

2 May 2017: Another late noise night in a week where supposedly there is zero FCLP training. If we could only export this noise to the homes of Murray, Cantwell and Larsen.

Rumblings off and on all morning

Lots of noise on and off all week

3 May 2017: Walking the Chadwick Marsh - numerous roars and Blasts - impossible to hear the birds - very uncomfortable to be outside.

Nothing like a perfect spring morning ruined with the sound of Growlers. has been going on for at least 45 minutes

The past two weeks, especially during the rainy days, have been filled with Jet noise - a couple of times my ears hurt afterwards.

4 May 2017, Thursday: 78.5 dBA in the house

4 May 2017, Thursday: 81.2 dBA in the house - So, so loud.

4 May 2017: Friends visiting from Seattle. They have never experienced the Growler noise before. They are horrified that our Navy is allowed to do this in this place. Thank you Murray, Cantwell and Larsen.

Super loud and disturbing

Time to sleep. Wish I could.

Deep, disruptive rumble.

Felt house tremble

Continuous noise for 10 minutes. Are your pilots lost?

Low rumble

Widbey jet practice

Constant roaring waxing and waning coming from the South- NAS Whidbey. Went on for approx 1/2 hour. Anacortes near ferry terminal

Hard to wake up to Growler noise!

11 May 2017, Thursday: 68.6dBA inside house.

11 May 2017: No FCLP scheduled. Sounds like FCLP. Steady big Growler noise.

11 May 2017: 20 + miles from NASWI and the Growler noise from Ault Field on Whidbey is still disruptive. And supposedly San Juan county in a "no noise zone".

11 May 2017: Pretty steady noise for an hour and 45 minutes. For a no FCLP day this sure sounds like it. the Navy doesn't seem to be able to notify us of changes.

Two fighter jets over center of Lopez heading southeast

13 May 2017, Sunday: Walking - did not expect 2 Growlers screaming overhead on a Sunday evening.

13 May 2017, Sunday: Still walking. 2 more Growlers painfully loud overhead. Should have brought my noise canceling head phones. Thanks to Larsen, Murray and Cantwell the San Juans have become a War Training Zone.

13 May 2017, Sunday: Now the Growlers are doing what sounds like testing Roars. . . forget a peaceful walk. At home the noise I experienced on the walk was registering 76.5 inside the house - much louder on the walk!

very loud and disturbing throughout the day

several fly overs that we extremely loud and disrupted conversations inside the house

Frighteningly loud

Today the noise was so loud that we could not talk in the house. My ears were hurting and I felt stressed.

Very loud jet noise throughout the day

All conversation, et.al. had to stop until plane passed.

Sounded like a Growler throttling up (possibly even afterburner--very loud) northeast of this location

15 May 2017, Monday: Sporadic roars all afternoon.

Extreme noise and vibration causing horrible stress reaction, my heart is racing. It is insane to allow this type of noise.

Deep, loud rumbles - very disturbing - windows rattling

3 growlers flying roughly west to east. Too loud to hear conversation, had to cover ears.

Loud jet noise in the skies. Too loud.

Loud jet noise in the sky. Can't see it, but can certainly hear the reverberations.

constant rumble for past 15 minutes

Single fly over headed back towards Anacortes that was very loud

18 May 2017, Thursday: More deep, rattling roars.

steady noise

Sunday evening, 9:02pm, suddenly blasted by a loud jet roar that penetrated our home. Characteristic blast of a Whidbey jet. The prolonged and deep roar.

21 May 2017, SUNDAY: Hideous overflight - so loud, so intrusive.

22 May 2017: Low growling. Sounds like the start of FCLP's

Jet engine rumbling coming from Whidbey. Disturbs this early morning.

Rumble and vibration shaking the building. Possibly wind from backwash from jet engines.

24 May 2017: 2 flyovers - LOUD!

24 May 2017: Another late night of noise.

I was awakened at around 6:25 this morning by a loud jet over our home. Windows and doors closed, the steady roar was long and low. Don't know what it was but it was TOO LOUD with a very long drawn out engine roar. Not a commercial plane.

Outside a little while ago. Jet noise rumbling in the sky. The rumble reverberates all around.

25 May 2017, Thursday: BIG ROARS woke us up. I wonder if they know how to come home quietly?

Low flying Growler made so much noise while passing directly overhead one could not talk. Very fast and Scary.

Heard inside my home

After the blessed quiet of the memorial Day Weekend, the jets are out again, ruining the peace. Jet engine rumbling in the skies. Sounds like a cement mixer grinding away. Disturbing.

Jet rumbling overhead. Overcast, so cannot see it.

The jet roaring this morning is now ramping up in loudness. It is rainy and cool, so doors and windows are closed, yet the roaring comes into the house.

Loud jet overhead. Long, drawn-out roar.

Loud jet noise in the air. The noise rolls around. Disruptive.

Loud jet. Must be directly overhead, but there are clouds so I cannot see it. Has the characteristic Growler roar, loooooong and deeeeeeep.

low rumble for 10 minutes

10:21pm. Jet noise reverberating in the skies. Too loud and too late!

I was trying to sleep.

30 May 2017: Overflight. Huge Ripping Roar!

8:15am. We are already disturbed by jet rumbling in the skies. Persistent roaring.

It is wrong that jet noise from Whidbey is heard roaring inside a house early morning, with closed windows, and above normal conversation, the dishwasher and TV running, etc. The Navy is abusing local residents.

Jet noise is ramping up this morning. Now we are getting not only the roaring but the vibrations of jet engines. Disgusting.

Growler jet clear as day flying low over Lopez ferry Dock. Incessant roar. Cannot escape it.

Jet roaring around in the skies bombards us in our home. Persistent. Continuous. Invasive.

Very loud blasting coming from Whidbey. Roaring and Vibrating at 8:43PM. Time for peace and quiet!!!! It just keeps coming and coming. One blast after another. There is no escape since this is our HOME! navy refuses to mitigate!

Constant roar for the last several hours, now louder and vibrating the house.

Engine run up

Continuous thunder noise. Trying to watch TV.

Loud, long blasts from Whidbey. Continuing. Many loud Growler flyovers today, such a contrast from P3 flyover that you hear but doesn't pound into you with noise.

Jet roaring started early this morning, and continues tonight. I need to go to bed in order to wake up early for work, but cannot do so because of the incessant roar. 9:17pm. Can't relax. How long will this continue?

Blasts of noise and vibration have continues almost an hour, almost non-stop

31 May 2017, Wednesday: Loud! 75, 66 and 78 dBA in the house

31 May 2017, Wednesday: Steady roaring

Blasts in the 63.7 - 75.6 dBA range. Very disturbing.