



Update: November 25, 2019

SDA is Active

We are hoping that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will have funding for real-time noise measurements. Despite that we do not yet have a final NDAA, SDA has not been waiting around.

On October 28 there was a major fundraiser for the SDA at the Oystercatcher restaurant in Coupeville. The event was well-attended and the food delicious.



Anacortes Hears the Growlers

On November 12, Mark Lundsten, Maryon Attwood and Rhea Miller presented on the Growlers to the Fidalgo Democrats at the Anacortes Library with 35-40 people attending.

The presentation was often interrupted by Growler overflights. The Growlers had no fans in that audience. A classic comment was made emotionally by a woman in the front row:

“I moved to Anacortes a year ago. Before, I lived under the flight path of O’Hare airport. Those planes are very loud, but I have never experienced the effect of airplanes on the inside of my body like I do with the Growlers. My whole insides feel shattered each time they fly over, like the Growlers are vibrating my body.

I am thinking I will have to move again.”

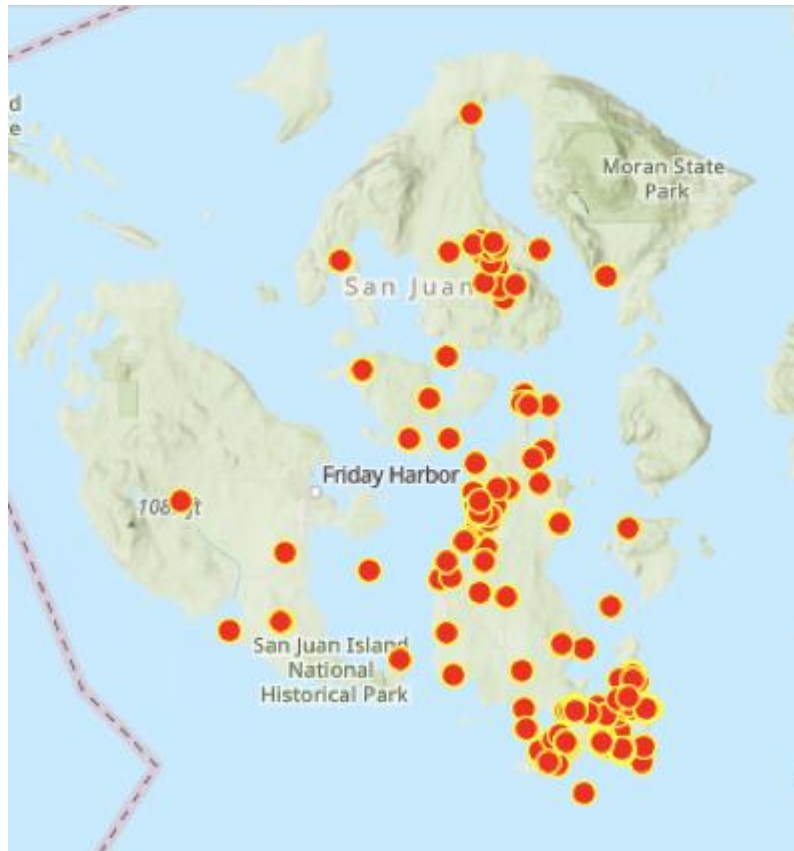


Orcas Hears the Growlers

On November 14th, Rhea Miller and SDA Executive Director Larry Morrell presented a forum on Orcas Island. About 20 people attended and reported noise intrusion at Obstruction Pass, Deer Harbor, and Eastsound. **See the noise report map below.**

People wrote postcards at the end of the presentation, so about 60 postcards went out to elected officials. Several hundred dollars were also donated. Special thanks to

Learner Limbach and Sharon Abreu for organizing. A new Growler song was introduced by Sharon's partner Mike, and all sang along. Here is a [video](#).

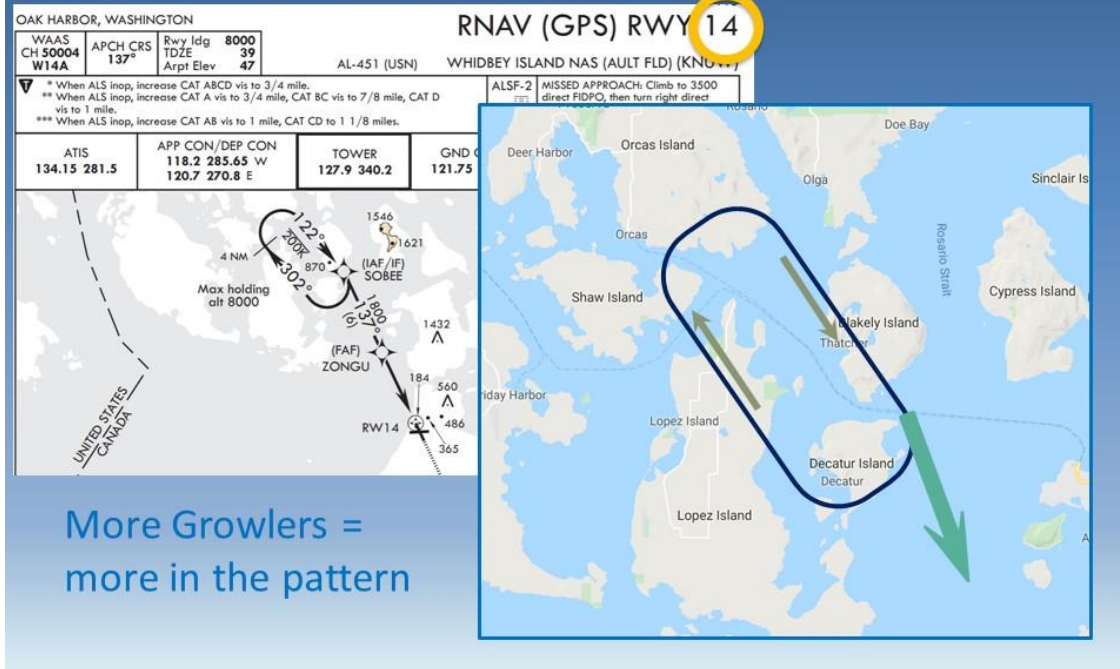


New Flight Pattern

Larry Morrell had disturbing updated information. Due to increasing Growler traffic, **there is a new flight pattern from NASWI** (below).

It involves the returning Growlers to have their engine thrust pointing directly up Eastsound. This will not have a pleasant effect upon that community. It also puts the Growlers directly over the Lopez ferry landing.

San Juan Islands Impact: Holding pattern and flight path



Why so Loud?

Although the sound of the Growlers invokes terror, the “shock and awe” plane designed to promote terror is not the Growler.

The Growler’s noise is due to its excessive weight. The electro-magnetic jamming pods are 980 pounds each. Add that to the weight of the air-to-air and anti-radar missiles (2 at @1000 pounds each), radar sensors (2), and the jet itself, and you have a very heavy airplane.

The F414 engine used currently provides 17,000 pounds of thrust. **Worse news is that they are upgrading the engines to have 26,000 pounds of thrust.** As you can imagine, this does not make the plane quieter.

Grower: over 1700 lb heavier than F-18F
Jamming Pods: 980 lbs each



Report Jet Noise

There are now 160 Growlers, of which 118 are at NASWI. Currently, and through a couple of weeks into December, the Outlying Field at Coupeville (OLF) is closed down for maintenance, which means Ault Field will be even more active, **with increased impact on San Juan County.**

Please **continue reporting Growler overflights** on the County website. Click [here](#).

With the support of San Juan County, collection of jet noise reports has expanded beyond the County. This will provide consistent region-wide information for our elected officials.

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