

SAMPLE EMAIL

for Navy EIS/OEIS Mar 2019 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Northwest Training and Testing

Dear Senator Murray,

I/We have just learned of an EIS put out by the U.S. Navy on March 29, which is very disturbing to **me/us**. The only EIS alternative that is acceptable is the No Action Alternative. The other options given are unacceptable to the environment and life on the Olympic Peninsula. Alternatives 1 and 2 would cause unforgiveable and unnecessary damage to Olympic National Park and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Alternative 2 is the most extreme.

The length of the EIS, the great area it affects, and the many people it affects requires a 90-day comment period. This, so the EIS can be examined properly and thoroughly. Please ask the Navy for another 14-day extension of the comment period.

The noise from multiple jet flights over the western and northern parts of the Peninsula will chase residents and visitors away. This will affect the health and economy of the Peninsula and the state of Washington. The search pattern of jet Growler flights looking for emitters would roar above the ocean beaches; the Washington Islands National Wildlife Refuges; Washington State Department of Natural Resources land; Quinault, Quileute and Hoh Reservations; and thousands of acres of private land, including the towns of Forks and Amanda Park.

The Navy admits to 85–100 decibels of noise per pass. That is enough to cause hearing loss and contribute to other health problems. People in Forks have recorded 94 decibel flights under the current operations. While noise is known to affect people and no studies have been done on the iconic Olympic elk, it is not difficult to reason they would be similarly affected, being mammals of a similar weight.

The military training in the Marine Sanctuary would do damage to the ocean beaches, the marine animals of the coast, the nesting areas of many of Washington's shorebirds, migrating whales, and the birds that use the Pacific Flyway. The Navy has denied flying over Olympic National Park. This is untrue. Not only is this untrue, it is impossible **not** to fly these missions over the Park.

This degradation of the Olympic Peninsula's environment is unacceptable. For 112 years, Congress and presidents have set aside areas of the Peninsula to protect its valuable environment. Irreparable damage would be caused if the activities are done as stated in the Navy EIS/OEIS Mar 2019 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Northwest Training and Testing.

Please stop this plan by the Navy. The training has been done elsewhere. It can be done elsewhere. Wild places are not empty places just waiting for an invasion by the military. Our national security must also include environmental security.

Sincerely,
(your name)