

SAMPLE TEMPLATE

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

- Properly address your letter (Dear Senator Murray, Dear Congress (man or woman)). Remember it is easy for them to say no to a person they do not like. Give your concerns but not your scorns. Give them a chance to do something about this. The more people are asking, the better chance it will happen. Get your friends and neighbors to do this too.
- Express your concerns: 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 deplorable damage to Olympic National Park and the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Alternative 2 is the most extreme and even more unacceptable.
- Please ask that the comment period be extended to 90 days: This EIS is too important to our state not to give enough time for everyone to comment.
- Give your interest in the issue: I (We) oppose the EIS that will establish an electronic warfare training area on the Olympic Peninsula because ...
 - I (We) want to preserve the birds and wildlife on the Olympic Peninsula, etc.
 - I (WE) want to protect the sea life and mammals in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. This unique area should not be a warfare training ground,
 - I (We) live on the Olympic Peninsula.
 - I (We) live and work on the Olympic Peninsula.
 - I have a business on the Peninsula that would be disrupted by the noise of jet planes flying overhead all day long.
 - I live in _____ and vacation on the Peninsula.
 - I live in the _____ area and have a vacation place on the Peninsula.
 - Etc.
- I go to the Olympic Peninsula:
 - I (We) fish on the West side of the Peninsula.
 - I hunt on the West side of the Peninsula.
 - I enjoy hiking and climbing on the Peninsula.
 - I go to enjoy the ocean, trees, and the peace and quiet of the Peninsula.
 - I like to go to the Twilight areas and see the sights. I don't want hear jets all day long.
 - Etc.

- I am concerned about:
 - I (We) do not want any part of the Olympic Peninsula turned into a warfare training range because this training has been and can be done elsewhere.
 - This is destructive to a national park and a national marine sanctuary. These were created by Congress to protect the wildlife of the Olympic Peninsula.
 - I (We) are concerned about the effects on my enjoyment to _____
 - fish, hunt, gather berries, mushrooms, traditional foods, Christmas trees, and greens.
 - The effects of jet noise and electromagnetic waves on the many birds that live and fly on the West side of the Peninsula.
 - The effects of jet noise on the tourists and our tourist business.
 - The effects of the training operations on the Peninsula's sea life and wildlife;
 - The effects of the jet noise on our community:
 - noise at schools, hospital, in our homes, at our job sites.
 - I would not enjoy hiking and climbing with the frequent noise of jets throughout the day.
 - I work in the timber industry and it must shut down at times in the year to protect threatened and endangered birds. The jets flying over our house cause more noise with no such planned shut downs.

- Finish with an "ask," such as, "Please talk with the Navy about staying where they have done their training for decades;" AND/OR "Please stop this warfare training range on the Olympic Peninsula;" AND/OR "We are depending on you to stop this use of our national parks, national marine sanctuaries, national forests, and private lands;" AND/OR "We don't want to live under training jets all day long. Please stop this plan of the Navy's."

- Sincerely,

- (Your Name)