

## **Appendix K 2014 Scoping Information**

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auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 7, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**  
*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Proposed Additions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add products and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments Must Be Received On Or Before: 11/10/2014.*

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

*For Further Information Or To Submit Comments Contact:* Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 USC 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

**Additions**

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the products and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following products and service are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

**Products**

**Rice, Long Grain, Parboiled**

**NSN:** 8920-01-E62-4281—6/10 lb. Pkgs  
**NSN:** 8920-01-E62-4280—2/10 lb. Pkgs  
**NPA:** Vision Corps, Lancaster, PA

**Contracting Activity:** Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA  
**Coverage:** C-List for 100% of the requirement of the Department of Defense, as aggregated by the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support, Philadelphia, PA.

**Laminating Pouch, Thermal, 3 Mil Thickness, Letter size**

**NSN:** 9330-00-NIB-0003—100/BX  
**NSN:** 9330-00-NIB-0004—25/BX  
**NSN:** 9330-00-NIB-0005—50/BX  
**NSN:** 9330-00-NIB-0007—100/BX  
**NPA:** LC Industries, Inc., Durham, NC  
**Contracting Activity:** General Services Administration, Fort Worth, TX  
**Coverage:** A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration, Fort Worth, TX.

**NSN:** MR 1070—Brush, Power Scrub  
**NSN:** MR 1071—Brush, Kitchen  
**NSN:** MR 1074—Broom, Corn  
**NSN:** MR 1081—Brush, Toilet Bowl  
**NSN:** MR 1082—Broom, Large, Angle  
**NPA:** Alphapointe, Kansas City, MO  
**Contracting Activity:** NEXCOM-Navy Exchange Service Command, Virginia Beach, VA  
**Coverage:** C-List for the requirements of Navy Exchanges as aggregated by the Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM), Virginia Beach, VA.

**NSN:** MR 10669—Kit, Party, New Year's  
**NPA:** Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC  
**Contracting Activity:** Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA  
**Coverage:** C-List for the requirements of military commissaries and exchanges as aggregated by the Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, VA.

**Service**

**Service Type/Location:** Internal Mail and Messenger Service, U.S. Department of State, Harry S. Truman Building, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC  
**NPA:** ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, VA  
**Contracting Activity:** Department of State, Office of Acquisition Mgmt—MA, Arlington, VA

**Barry S. Lineback,**

*Director, Business Operations.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday October 29, 2014, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Decisional Matter: Safety Standard Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles—NPR.

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at [www.cpsc.gov/live](http://www.cpsc.gov/live).

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7923.

Dated: October 7, 2014.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**  
*Secretariat.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday October 22, 2014, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Briefing Matter: Safety Standard Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles—NPR.

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at [www.cpsc.gov/live](http://www.cpsc.gov/live).

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Dated: October 7, 2014.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA and Notice of Request for Public Scoping Comments**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that the Department of the Navy (DoN) is revising the scope for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington. This revised Notice of Intent has been published because since the September 5, 2013 publication of the original Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 54635), the DoN has modified its proposed action to address a potential increase in the number of EA-18G aircraft to be procured and the subsequent changes in the number of aircraft that would be home based at NAS Whidbey Island. The revised scope will evaluate the potential environmental effects of homebased an additional 13 to 36 EA-18G Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island and the effects of this home basing on EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville. Additional information concerning the proposed scope changes is available on the project Web site at [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com).

The DoN invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS from all interested parties. Comments on the scope of the EIS may be provided via the U.S. Postal Service or the EIS Web site at: [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com). In addition, the DoN will conduct open house information sessions to obtain comments on the scope of the EIS and to identify specific environmental concerns or topics for consideration.

**Dates and Addresses:** Three open house information sessions will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on:

1. Tuesday, October 28, 2014, Coupeville High School, 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, Washington 98239.
2. Wednesday, October 29, 2014, Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst Street, Oak Harbor, Washington 98277.
3. Thursday, October 30, 2014, Anacortes High School Cafeteria, 1600 20th Street, Anacortes, Washington 98221.

Each of the three open house information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by DoN representatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NAS Whidbey Island is the center of excellence for electronic combat warfare training (electronic surveillance and

attack) and has supported the Navy's electronic attack (VAQ) community of personnel, aircraft, equipment and mission-related Navy functions since 1971. With the disestablishment of U.S. Marine Corps electronic attack capabilities, the DoD expeditionary electronic attack mission is single-sited at NAS Whidbey Island which maximizes operational capabilities and efficiencies without duplicating facilities and functions at another location.

NAS Whidbey Island provides facilities and support services for nine Carrier Air Wing (CVW) VAQ squadrons, three Expeditionary (EXP) VAQ squadrons, one Reserve Squadron, and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). These squadrons are comprised of EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G Growler aircraft.

In 2005 and 2012, the DoN prepared environmental analyses pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 for the replacement of the EA-6B Prowler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island with the newer EA-18G Growler aircraft. The 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the environmental consequences of transitioning CVW VAQ squadrons (fleet squadrons) and the FRS (training squadron) from the EA-6B to the EA-18G aircraft and disestablishing three EXP VAQ squadrons. A subsequent EA in 2012 evaluated the environmental consequences of retaining and transitioning the three EXP VAQ squadrons, previously proposed for disestablishment, from EA-6B to EA-18G aircraft and the relocation of a reserve expeditionary VAQ squadron from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

On September 5, 2013, the DoN announced the preparation of an EIS for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at NAS Whidbey Island. In this EIS, the DoN proposed to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the introduction of two additional EA-18G Growler expeditionary squadrons acquired under the DoD Appropriations Act of 2014. During the public scoping comment period, public meetings were held December 3-5, 2013 in Coupeville, Oak Harbor, and Anacortes, Washington, and over 1,600 comments from the public were collected.

In Spring 2014, the Chief of Naval Operations submitted an Unfunded Requirements List to Congress that identified a need for 22 additional EA-18G aircraft to be included in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. While it is unclear whether more Growlers will be procured, the DoN has decided to analyze the potential growth

to ensure full transparency with the public and to ensure the local community has adequate opportunity to participate in the NEPA process. Accordingly, the DoN will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed force structure changes to the electronic attack community and home basing of additional EA-18G aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island by re-scoping the EIS effort currently underway.

To meet current and future requirements, the DoN proposes to: (1) Continue and expand the existing electronic attack operations at NAS Whidbey Island complex, which includes Ault Field and OLF Coupeville (including a range of Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations); (2) increase electronic attack capabilities and augment the VAQ FRS (provide for an increase of between 13 and 36 aircraft) to support an expanded DoD mission for identifying, tracking and targeting in a complex electronic warfare environment; (3) construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field to accommodate additional aircraft; and (4) station additional personnel and their family members at NAS Whidbey Island and in the surrounding community.

The revised scope of the EIS will address the No Action Alternative and four action alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, the DoN would not add VAQ squadrons or aircraft to NAS Whidbey Island to improve the Navy's Electronic Attack capability. Legacy EA-6B Prowlers would continue to gradually transition to next generation EA-18G Growler aircraft (82 aircraft) and annual EA-18G Growler airfield operations would be maintained at levels consistent with those identified in the 2005 and 2012 transition EAs. While the No Action Alternative does not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action, it serves as a baseline against which impacts of the proposed action can be evaluated.

The DoN will analyze the potential environmental impacts of airfield operations (including FCLP for CVW and FRS squadrons at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville), facilities and functions associated with four force structure alternatives:

1. Alternative 1: Expand EXP electronic attack capabilities by establishing two new EXP VAQ squadrons and augmenting the FRS by three additional aircraft (a net increase of 13 aircraft);

2. Alternative 2: Expand CVW electronic attack capabilities by adding two additional aircraft to each existing CVW VAQ squadron and augmenting the FRS by six additional aircraft (a net increase of 24 aircraft);

3. Alternative 3: Expand CVW capabilities by adding three additional aircraft to each existing CVW VAQ squadron and augmenting the FRS by eight additional aircraft (a net increase of 35 aircraft); and

4. Alternative 4: Expand EXP and CVW capabilities by establishing two new EXP VAQ squadrons, adding two additional aircraft to each existing CVW VAQ squadron, and augmenting the FRS by eight additional aircraft (a net increase of 36 aircraft).

In developing the proposed range of alternatives, the DoN utilized long-established operational considerations which are more fully described in the 2005 and 2012 EAs for the replacement of the EA-6B Prowler aircraft with the newer EA-18G Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. These considerations include the fact that all of the Navy's electronic attack mission and training facilities are located at NAS Whidbey Island, including the substantial infrastructure and training ranges that have developed in more than 40 years of operation, the location of a suitable airfield that provides for the most realistic training environment, the distance aircraft would have to travel to accomplish training, and the expense of duplicating existing capabilities elsewhere. As a result, the DoN is not considering alternative locations for FCLP training, or squadron relocation. Short-term detachments to meet training requirements would continue, as needed.

The environmental analysis in the EIS will focus on several aspects of the proposed action: aircraft operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; facility construction; and personnel changes. Resource areas to be addressed in the EIS will include, but not be limited to: Air quality, noise, land use, socioeconomics, natural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and safety and environmental hazards.

The analysis will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities near the installation. Relevant and reasonable measures that could avoid or mitigate environmental effects will also be analyzed. Additionally, the DoN will undertake consultations applicable by law and regulation.

As outlined in 36 CFR Part 800, "Protection of Historic Properties," the DoN plans to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), in conjunction with the NEPA process. The Section 106 process will include consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Native American Tribes and Nations, other parties with a

demonstrated interest in cultural resources for the project, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d), the DoN intends to use the public scoping open house meetings to facilitate public involvement pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. The DoN will present information about cultural resources and the Section 106 process for the project at the public scoping open house meetings. Comments on cultural resources or Section 106 issues or concerns that are received from the public during the scoping process will be addressed as part of the Section 106 process.

No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) or designee. The scoping process will be used to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments to the DoN to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. All comments provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings or by mail during the scoping period will receive the same consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked no later than November 17, 2014.

The DoN will not release the names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments during scoping unless required by law. However, the DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments. Each commenter making oral comments at the a public scoping meetings will be asked by the stenographer if he/she otherwise elects to authorize the release of their personally identifiable information prior to providing their comments. Commenters submitting written comments, either using comment forms or via the project Web site, may elect to authorize release of personally identifiable information by checking a "release" box on the comment form.

To be included on the DoN's mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, when released), electronic requests can be made on the project Web site at [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com). Requests via the U.S. Postal Service

should be submitted to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508. The same policy for release of personally identifiable information as identified above for scoping comments will be maintained by DoN for individuals requesting to be included on the EIS mailing list.

Dated: October 6, 2014.

**N.A. Hagerty-Ford,**

*Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for U.S. Navy F-35C West Coast Homebasing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to provide facilities and functions to support homebasing of F-35C aircraft at Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, California, by accomplishing the proposed action as set out in Alternative 2 of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for U.S. Navy F-35C West Coast Homebasing. Under Alternative 2, a total of 100 F-35C aircraft in seven Navy Pacific Fleet squadrons (10 aircraft per squadron) and the Fleet Replacement Squadron (30 aircraft) will be homebased at NAS Lemoore beginning in 2016. The proposed action will be completed in the 2028 timeframe. The 100 F-35C aircraft will replace 70 aging FA-18 Hornet aircraft. As a result, aircraft loading at NAS Lemoore will gradually increase by a net of 30 aircraft over the 13-year period. There will be no changes in aircraft loading at Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro, California, under Alternative 2. Homebasing the F-35C at NAS Lemoore will result in an increase of approximately 68,400 operations per year at NAS Lemoore and an increase of approximately 800 operations per year at NAF El Centro.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) is available on the project Web



records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in Defense Finance and Accounting Service Regulation 5400.11-R; 32 CFR part 324; or may be obtained from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Program Manager, Corporate Communications, DFAS-ZCF/IN, 8899 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46249-0150.”

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period and Additional Public Scoping Meetings in Lopez Island and Port Townsend, Washington, for the Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy (DoN) is extending the public scoping period for the Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington and announcing two additional public scoping meetings. The public scoping period will be extended an additional 45-days to January 9, 2015 and two additional public scoping meetings have been scheduled, one in Lopez Island, Washington and the other in Port Townsend, Washington.

*Dates and Addresses:* Two open house information sessions will be held between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on:

1. Wednesday, December 3, 2014, Lopez Island Center for Community and Arts, 204 Village Road, Lopez Island, Washington 98261.

2. Thursday, December 4, 2014, Fort Worden Commons, Building 210, 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, Washington 98368.

Each of the open house information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by DoN representatives.

The DoN invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS from all interested parties, including Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, American Indian Tribes and Nations, and interested persons. Comments on the scope of the EIS may be provided via the U.S. Postal Service

or the EIS Web site at: [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com). All comments provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings, through the project Web site or by mail during the scoping period will receive the same consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked no later than January 9, 2015.

The DoN will not release the names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments during scoping unless required by law. However, the DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments. Each commenter making oral comments at the public scoping meetings will be asked by the stenographer if he/she otherwise elects to authorize the release of their personally identifiable information prior to providing their comments. Commenters submitting written comments, either using comment forms or via the project Web site, may elect to authorize release of personally identifiable information by checking a “release” box on the comment form.

To be included on the DoN’s mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, when released), electronic requests can be made on the project Web site at [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com). Requests via the U.S. Postal Service should be submitted to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508. The same policy for release of personally identifiable information as identified above for scoping comments will be maintained by DoN for individuals requesting to be included on the EIS mailing list.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

Dated: November 7, 2014.

**N. A. Hagerty-Ford,**

*Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Proposed Agency Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 16, 2015. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact Chris O’Gwin, as listed below, as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Chris O’Gwin or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at [chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov](mailto:chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Chris O’Gwin or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at [chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov](mailto:chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5166; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Commercialization Survey; (3) *Type of Request:* New; (4) *Purpose:* The DOE needs this information to satisfy the program requirements of the Small Business Act, including requirements established in the SBIR program reauthorization legislation, Public Law 106-554 and Public Law 107-50. This data will be collected by the DOE and provided to





## Press Releases

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# Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Press Release – 37-14  
October 8, 2014

## **Navy to Host Public Meetings on NAS Whidbey Island EIS**

A Notice of Intent (NOI) will be published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2014, announcing the Navy's intent to revise the scope of the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island and to announce public scoping meetings. The EIS will now address the environmental impacts associated with the potential addition of up to 36 EA-18G Growler aircraft.

Last September, the Navy began an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the addition of two new expeditionary squadrons and additional Growler aircraft to the training squadron. Scoping was conducted between September 2013 and January 2014 on that proposed action, and open house scoping meetings were held in December 2013 to discuss the proposal.

During spring 2014, the Chief of Naval Operations submitted an Unfunded Requirements List as part of the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 that included a request to purchase 22 additional Growler aircraft. While it is unclear whether more Growlers will ultimately be procured, the Navy is electing to analyze the potential for these aircraft in order to be proactive and transparent. Therefore, a new scoping process is needed and has been initiated based on the proposed action.

To meet current and future mission and training requirements, the Navy proposes to: (1) continue and increase the existing VAQ operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; (2) increase VAQ capabilities and augment the training squadron by adding up to 36 aircraft to support an expanded Department of Defense mission for identifying, tracking, and targeting in a complex electronic warfare environment; (3) construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field to accommodate additional aircraft; and (4) station additional personnel and their family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community.

The Navy will host three open-house scoping meetings to provide members of the public with the opportunity to review project-related information, ask questions of Navy representatives, and submit comments on the scope of the analysis and content to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the meetings will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. The meetings will be conducted between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

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## WHIDBEY SCOPING MEETINGS -2-2-2-2

Tuesday, October 28, 2014  
Coupeville, Washington  
Coupeville High School (Commons Area)  
501 South Main Street Coupeville WA 98239

Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
Oak Harbor, Washington  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge  
155 NE Ernst St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Thursday, October 30, 2014  
Anacortes, Washington  
Anacortes High School Cafeteria  
1600 20th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

Additional information about the EIS can be found on the project website at: <http://www.whidbeyeis.com>. The public website includes up-to-date information on the project and schedule, as well as related documents associated with the EIS.

Written comments may be submitted to the EA-18G EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21/SS, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508. Written comments may also be submitted online at the project website (<http://www.whidbeyeis.com>) on the "Comments" page. Additionally, written and oral comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. The names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers and other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments will be kept confidential and will not be released, unless otherwise specifically indicated by the commenter or as required by law. The city, state and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments may be released.

Comments may be submitted anytime during the public comment period which will run through November 24, 2014.

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**NOTICE TO MEDIA: Members of the media are invited to participate in a media availability Monday, October 27, to discuss all aspects of the Environmental Impact Statement with Navy subject matter experts. Broadcast media will be afforded the opportunity to obtain b-roll of Growler operations as well. RSVP to U.S. Fleet Forces Environmental Public Affairs Officer Ted Brown (757-836-4427) or NAS Whidbey Island Public Affairs Officer Mike Welding (360-257-2962).**



# Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Press Release – 47-14  
November 12, 2014

## **Navy to Host Additional Public Meetings on NAS Whidbey Island EIS**

At the request of elected officials, the Navy plans to host two additional open-house scoping meetings for the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. These meetings will provide members of the public with the opportunity to review project-related information, ask questions of Navy representatives, and submit comments on the scope of the analysis and content to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the meetings will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. The meetings will be conducted between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

### Lopez Island Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 3-6 p.m.  
Lopez Island Center for Community and Arts  
204 Village Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261

### Port Townsend Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 3-6 p.m.  
Fort Worden Commons, Building 210  
200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368

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Comments may be submitted at any time during the public comment period, which has now been extended through January 9, 2015 due to these additional scoping meetings.

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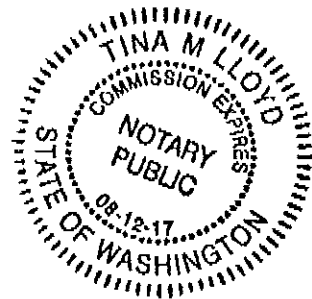
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## Seahawk Roundup

### Girls basketball

The Seahawks snapped a four-game losing streak Friday, beating Bellingham 48-45. Anacortes held off the charging Red Raiders at the end for the Northwest Conference home victory.

Anacortes is 2-3 in conference and 5-8 overall.

Tania Daou scored 11 points, and Monica Downs added 10.

"I think our execution was kind of off from some of our previous games," Seahawks coach Ken Welk said. "Defensively, we had some stretches where we put together some good series and got some good scoring opportunities on the other end."

He said Downs played especially well.

"She was a bright spot for us," he said.

In a 42-29 loss at Lynden Christian on Jan. 14, the Seahawks lost the Northwest Conference game after a turnover-filled first half left them with an uphill battle. Brooke Geffe led Anacortes with eight points, Mackenzie Wight added eight and Daou five.

The Seahawks were down 26-10 at halftime.

"The turnovers resulted in not getting as many shots as we needed," Welk said. "But our girls battled defensively. They played with a lot of heart. To



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Anacortes' Tania Daou led Anacortes with 11 points in a 48-45 win over visiting Bellingham Friday night. Monica Downs added 10 points to help the Seahawks end a four-game losing streak.

hold Lynden Christian to 42 points is a pretty commendable defensive effort."

### Boys basketball

The Seahawks are staying among the Northwest

Conference leaders. They pushed their win streak to four games last week, beating Lynden Christian 65-59 on Monday and Bellingham 74-53 on Friday.

Anacortes is 4-1 in con-

ference, 9-3 overall and a game back of conference-leading Sedro-Woolley.

Against Bellingham, the visiting Seahawks used a high-scoring second quarter to gain a 37-25 halftime lead and cruise to the win.

Andrew Medalia scored a game-high 22 points for Anacortes, followed by Ty Johnson's 16 and Joe D'Amelio's 11.

Medalia also had 10 rebounds. D'Amelio had six rebounds and seven assists.

Against Lynden Christian, Anacortes bounced back from a slow start to win in the Anacortes gym.

"They did a good job responding in the second half," Anacortes coach Brett Senff said. "They pulled it together."

Medalia had a big night for Anacortes. The senior had 21 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and four blocked shots. He has averaged 20.5 points over his past four games.

"He's starting to play close to his potential," Senff said. "He's putting some nice numbers together."

Johnson had 15 points and nine rebounds for Anacortes, while D'Amelio had 10 points. Anacortes is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 2A by The Associated Press.

### Boys swimming

The Seahawks suffered their first dual-meet loss of the season Thursday, falling to Squalicum 94-92. Anacortes, 3-1, had two individual wins apiece from Danny Schleh and Eric Olsen in the North-

west Conference meet.

Schleh won the 200 freestyle (1 minute, 53.05 seconds) and the 500 freestyle (5:10.13) and Olsen took the 50 freestyle (23.36) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.65). Anacortes also had wins from Elliott Hofferth — 100 butterfly in 55.56 — and from its 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams.

The Seahawks beat Bellingham 101-85 on Jan. 14. Schleh was first in the 200 freestyle (1:53.23) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.19), while teammate Hofferth won the 200 individual medley (2:10.47) and the 100 butterfly (56.29), and Olsen the 500 freestyle (23.59) and the 500 freestyle (5:22.13).

### Boys wrestling

Aaron Tisinger won a title Saturday at the Northwest Conference Championships. Tisinger pinned Quinten Roppel of Sedro-Woolley for the title at 182 pounds.

Ross Atterberry, wrestling at 195 pounds, finished second.

In a Northwest Conference dual meet Jan. 15, Anacortes lost at Lynden 45-31. Tisinger (182), Atterberry (195), James Swanson (220) and Kiron Devine (heavyweight) got pins for Anacortes.

— Skagit Publishing staff



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Anacortes Middle School student Calder Wood took first in the Junior Men 13-14 USA Cycling Cyclo-cross National Championships held Jan. 8-12 in Boulder, Colo.

## Wood pedals to win at cyclo-cross championships

Calder Wood, 14, of Anacortes and the Rad Racing NW team won first place with a time of 17 minutes, 19 seconds in the Junior Men 13-14 USA Cycling Cyclo-cross National Championships held Jan. 8-12 in Boulder, Colo.

Calder said the win was a mixture of luck and skill. The second-place rider crashed, so he got a little bit of a time advantage.

Calder attends Anacortes Middle School and is the son of Jeff and Chris Wood.

He trains every day by riding his bike on Anacortes and La Conner streets, and on Forest Land trails.

"It's a great sport," Calder said of cyclo-cross. "It's the party sport of cycling."

Cyclo-cross riders compete on an approximately 1-mile course with lots of

turns and even stairs and wooden barriers participants have to carry their bikes over, Calder said. Usually it's done on dirt, mud or grass.

"The nastiest conditions the better," he said.

Calder is part of the Rad Racing NW Team out of Olympia with fellow Anacortes riders and siblings Ben King, who came in 14th in the Junior Men 13-14 category, Aynslee King, who placed fifth in the Junior Women 11-12 competition, and Parker King who placed sixth in the Junior Men 9-10 race. Their parents are Dale and Ashley King.

Calder also placed 18th in the men's, ages 10 to 29, nonchampionship race with a time of 40:20.

The event was held in Valmont Bike Park, a 42-acre, natural surface cycling facility in Boulder.

### Pee Wee basketball starts Saturday

Two sessions of Pee Wee basketball for kids ages 4 to 6 are 2 to 2:50 p.m. and 3 to 3:50 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 25 through March 1 at the Anacortes Middle School gym. No class on Feb. 15.

Fee is \$25. These classes are designed to introduce children to basketball in a fun, safe and noncompetitive atmosphere.

Register at [www.cityof-anacortes.org/Parks/programs.htm](http://www.cityof-anacortes.org/Parks/programs.htm), at the department's office at City Hall or call 293-1918.

### Join play outside challenge in February

A play outside challenge organized by Anacortes resident Jen Turpin of Rain, Sun, Snow, Gray. Play Outside! starts Feb. 1 and runs through the month.

The purpose of the challenge is to get parents, grandparents and child-care providers outside to play with their kids. As the weather turns and the New Year's resolutions get old, February is a tough month to get out and play with kids.

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email Turpin at [jenturpin@comcast.net](mailto:jenturpin@comcast.net).

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letr\_events/polar\_plunge or contact Mary Do at (206) 362-4949 or [mido@sowa.org](mailto:mido@sowa.org).

### Fitness hike with Friends is Feb. 8

A fitness hike with Friends of the Forest is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

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Today at 8:00AM

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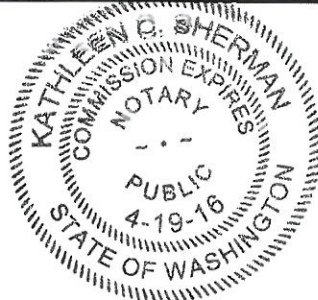
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# Second Street shutdown by 'bomb scare'

This time around it was an abandoned fire extinguisher that prompted the Washington State Patrol to send a bomb squad to San Juan Island.

Local authorities closed off a block of Second Street and re-routed traffic for roughly five hours, beginning at about 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, after an abandoned and somewhat beat-up fire extinguisher was found on the sidewalk across the street from San Juan County Courthouse. Someone apparently placed the extinguisher near the base of a parking sign pole on the southwest side of the roadway.

Undersheriff Bruce Distler said photographs were taken of the fire extinguisher and sent to the state patrol, which then determined it to be "suspicious" in nature. Distler said that the state ferry system rerouted one of its boats, as well, to pick up a state patrol bomb squad and that officers were expected to arrive in Friday Harbor at about 5 p.m. to inspect the extinguisher.

"We defer to the state patrol in these situations," he said.

At about the same time that the bomb squad disembarked the ferry and was en route to the scene, Distler said that the person who discovered the extinguisher in the middle of the road earlier in the day, and then set in on the sidewalk, notified the sheriff's department how it came to be there. The bomb squad then elected not to treat the extinguisher as a potential explosive device and removed it by hand from the sidewalk, he said.

It's the fourth time in the past four months that a so-called "suspicious package" has prompted the state patrol to send a bomb squad to San Juan Island. The previous incidents include; an abandoned typewriter found at the gravel pit in



Journal photos/Scott Rasmussen  
Authorities re-route traffic on Second Street while waiting on a bomb squad to inspect a fire extinguisher found near the courthouse in Friday Harbor.



mid-September, a package outside Friday Harbor Drug Store later that month, a suitcase by the Market Place parking lot in late October and a suspicious package by the US Customs headquarters at the Port of Friday Harbor in late December, which contained electrical equipment and wiring.

Like the fire extinguisher on Tuesday, the previous incidents were all treated as "suspicious," but none were armed with explosives.

— Scott Rasmussen

## Crime briefs

### Orcas man faces three felonies in alleged armed home invasion

An Orcas Island man accused of breaking into a Rosario-area home and demanding money at gunpoint from the couple who live there is slated to stand trial on a trio of felonies in early March.

On Jan. 3, Bradley Kenneth Stoner, 25, plead-

ed not guilty in San Juan County Superior Court to first-degree attempted robbery, first-degree burglary and to second-degree assault. If convicted of the most serious of the three offenses, first-degree attempted robbery, a Class A felony, he would face maximum penalties of life in prison, a \$50,000 fine, or both.

Stoner, who turned himself in at the sheriff's office in Eastsound Dec. 23, the day after the alleged home

invasion occurred, remains in custody in Island County jail pending trial. Bail was set at \$10,000.

According to prosecutors, Stoner wore a black hooded sweatshirt and a red bandana that covered his face, and was armed with rifle, an AK-47, when he broke into the couple's Geiser's Way home at about 10:30 p.m. He allegedly pointed the weapon and demanded money from the man that lives there, who reportedly recognized the would-be robber by his voice.

Moments later, when the bandana fell from his face as he racked the weapon,

authorities claim that Stoner then fled from the home, having been recognized by his voice and by sight by both the man and the woman at the home. The couple has reportedly been acquainted with Stoner since he was five years old, according to court documents.

Authorities recovered an AK-47 ammunition cartridge from the floor of the home.

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Bruce Distler leaves the sheriff's department at a pivotal time. In January, Ron Krebs will replace Rob Nou as the sheriff and will appoint a new undersheriff. Distler's advice to the new team? Find balance in the leadership roles.

### Island Rec to host family centered New Year's Eve celebration

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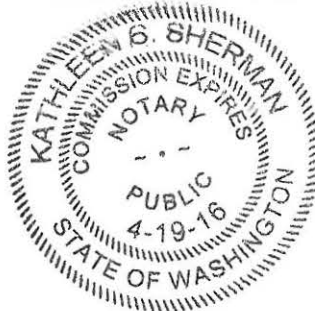
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## Several crashes prompt desire for alterations

By **MATTHEW BROWN**  
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U.S. transportation officials Thursday pressed for companies to come up with safer ways to transport oil on the nation's rail lines following some explosive accidents as crude trains proliferate across North America.

After a closed-door meeting with oil and railroad executives in Washington, D.C., Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said the industry agreed to make voluntary changes aimed at accident prevention within the next 30 days.

Topping the list are plans to analyze the risks of oil trains that in recent years began passing regularly through major metropolitan areas across the U.S., Foxx said.

The results could be used to alter some routes, government officials said.

### Drawing the line on speeds

Railroads also will consider where oil trains could be slowed down, to lessen the potential danger in areas that pose the greatest threat to public safety.

"The industry, if they are motivated, can undertake preventative steps that will enhance the safety of the movement of these materials across the country," Foxx said.

The Obama administration is under increased pressure to take action after fiery accidents over the past seven months in North Dakota, Quebec, Alabama and New Brunswick.

But a safety advocate said the proposed measures fail to address a crucial and longstanding problem: defects in many of the tank cars used to haul crude.

"Just moving the problem around is not solving it," said Karen Darch, president of the village of Barrington, Ill., and co-chair of a coalition of local officials who have pushed for rail safety enhancements.

"If you did that, you are creating too high a risk for the area where [oil trains] might be rerouted."

The accidents to date have revealed significant gaps in federal oversight of the rail industry, and emergency officials in cities and towns across the U.S. have said they would be ill-pre-



**A smoke plume goes up at the site of an oil train derailment in Casselton, N.D., on Dec. 30.**

pared to handle another derailment. Under current rules, shipments of most hazardous liquids including oil do not have to undergo the type of risk studies that were proposed Thursday.

### Certain chemicals studied

Those studies are limited to a handful of radioactive, explosive and highly toxic chemicals.

The rapid expansion of crude-by-rail has been fueled by booming U.S. production of shale oil, particularly in the Bakken oil patch of North Dakota and Montana.

Trains hauling 3 million gallons of crude per shipment to refineries go through hundreds of towns and dozens of cities, from Chicago and Kansas City to Philadelphia and Seattle.

### Crash kills 47

Last year, after a runaway train hauling North Dakota crude derailed and exploded in the town of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, incinerating much of the downtown and killing 47 people, the rail industry adopted voluntary speed restrictions for trains hauling hazardous liquids.

## \$ Briefly ...

### Coho taking annual break for repairs

PORT ANGELES — Black Ball Ferry Line's *MV Coho* will take an annually scheduled maintenance break from Monday through Feb. 5.

The ferry, which runs between Victoria and Port Angeles will be out of service during this time to complete regular refurbishments and maintenance.

The *Coho's* last sailings prior to the break will be Sunday at 8:20 a.m. from Port Angeles and at 10:30 a.m. from Victoria.

Service will resume Feb. 6 when the *Coho* departs Port Angeles at 8:20 a.m.

More schedule information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pdn-coho>.

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### Airfares are rising

NEW YORK — The price to board an airliner in the United States has risen for the fourth straight year, making it increasingly expensive to fly almost anywhere.

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The 2 percent increase outpaced inflation, which stood at 1.5 percent.

Airfares have risen nearly 12 percent since their low in the depths of the Great Recession in 2009, when adjusted for inflation, the analysis showed.

Ticket prices have increased as airlines eliminated unprofitable routes, packed more passengers into planes and merged with one another, providing travelers with fewer options.

Today, 84 percent of seats are filled with paying passengers, up from 82 percent in 2009.

"Anyone traveling today will know that those flights are full," said Chuck Thackston, managing director of data and analytics for the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and more than 9,400 travel agencies, including websites such as Expedia and Orbitz.

### Gold, silver

**Gold futures** for February delivery rose \$1.90, or 0.2 percent, to \$1,240.20 an ounce Wednesday.

**Silver for March** delivery fell 8 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$20.05 an ounce Thursday.

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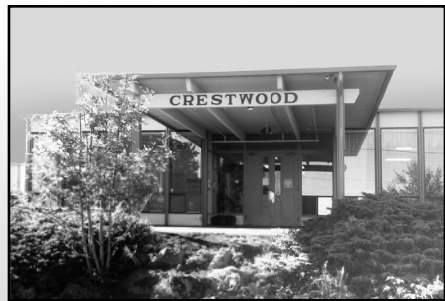
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## Forestry group opposes Wild Olympics legislation introduced by lawmaker

By ROB OLLIKAINEN  
PENINSULA DAILY NEWS

PORT ANGELES — A Portland, Ore.-based resource council that represents Olympic Peninsula foresters blasted new Wild Olympics legislation the same day the bill was introduced in Congress.

The Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2014, introduced in Congress on Friday, would cut the amount of harvestable timberland, said Tom Partin, president of the American Forest Resource Council, in a statement.

He said it "would put an additional 125,000 acres of the Olympic National Forest off-limits to responsible timber management and other activities."

"More importantly, it fails to address the pressing social and economic needs of rural, forested communities on the Peninsula," Partin added.

The American Forest Resource Council includes Green Crow, Green Creek Wood Products and Interfor of Port Angeles as well as forest resource companies in Aberdeen and Elma.

"Over 100,000 acres of the Olympic National Forest is already designated as wilderness and is off-limits to responsible, multiple-use management, as is nearly 1 million acres within the Olympic National Park," Partin said.

### Bill introduced

U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, and U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Bothell, introduced identical versions of the Wild Olympics bill that would ban logging on 126,554 acres of the 633,000-acre Olympic National Forest.

Steve Courtney, regional timber procurement manager for Interfor, which operates a sawmill in west Port Angeles, said: "In general, we oppose anything that's going to reduce the acres available for timber production."

Carol Johnson, executive director of the North Olympic Timber Action Council — an industry group that opposes Wild Olympics — and Green Crow President Randy Johnson said they could not comment until they have studied the 27-page bill.

Kilmer said he is convinced the proposal will not have an impact on the national forest timber harvest.

Kilmer spokesman Stephen Carter said 99 percent of the land that would be set aside "can't be harvested under the Northwest Forest Plan because it's old-growth or protected."

Wild Olympics legislation was originally introduced in 2012 by Murray and former U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, Kilmer's

6th Congressional District predecessor.

The new version has several changes from the original bill.

Kilmer said Thursday that the main differences between the latest Wild Olympics legislation — HR 3922 and SB 1949 — and past versions are that wilderness designations will not result in additional road closures or affect private property rights, that they cannot be expanded administratively by the Forest Service and that the Forest Service's ability to fight forest fires and insect infestations is not diminished.

Kilmer, a Port Angeles native, said the Wild Olympics bill "designates some of the most environmentally sensitive parts of our region so that they will be protected for future generations."

### Increase harvests

He added: "I also understand the views of those concerned that more needs to be done to responsibly increase harvests in our federal forests."

Courtney said he appreciates Kilmer's "efforts and thoughts he has around maintaining a viable timber industry on the Peninsula."

Said Carter: "Increasing the timber harvest is something that Derek has been working on."

"He believes the timber industry is an important part of the economy. That's why he started the Olympic Peninsula Collaborative."

### Peninsula collaborative

The collaborative is a group of 16 forestry and environmental groups whose goal is to increase the timber harvest in Olympic National Forest in an environmentally responsible manner.

Participants include the Wild Olympics Campaign, Simpson Lumber Co., the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society — and the American Forest Resource Council, which opposes Kilmer's and Murray's Wild Olympics legislation.

Wild Olympics Campaign Chairwoman Connie Gallant of Quilcene has said she was "thrilled" about the introduction of the bill, adding that it would benefit all.

Partin said the American Forest Resource Council supports a "balanced approach to meeting the economic, social and conservation needs of the Olympic Peninsula."

"We cannot support piecemeal measures that fail to address the challenges facing our rural, forested communities," he said.

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# Congressman touts economic initiative

## Kilmer introduces package of proposed Peninsula legislation

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PENINSULA DAILY NEWS

PORT ANGELES — Wild Olympics legislation submitted for congressional consideration Friday is part of a broadly based "Olympic Peninsula Economic Development Initiative" that U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer is promoting.

While Kilmer introduced a new version of the Wild Olympics proposal in concert with Sen. Patty Murray, D-Bothell, the rest of the economic development initiative is from Kilmer only.

Kilmer said he is responding to high unemployment on the Peninsula.

He intends to introduce new legislation proposed in the initiative within the next month or so, Kilmer's spokesman, Stephen Carter, said Friday.

"Not all of the bills would necessarily cost money," Carter said in an email in response to a query on the cost of the legislation.

"In fact, most federal programs are first authorized in order to set up a framework for a program, but this does not guarantee local funding."

"Congress still has to pass its annual appropriations bills, which fund the government."

"Those bills break down funding levels for specific programs and activities."

### Jobs hard to determine

It's hard to determine how many jobs would be created by legislation included in the initiative, Carter said.

"Many of these specific programs came from ideas that folks have suggested would help address some of the region's needs," he said.

"It would be difficult at this stage to give you an accurate prediction of how many jobs these bills would create or maintain if they were all passed."

Along with the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2014, the 12-page initiative includes new and expanded legislative efforts by Kilmer, a Gig Harbor Democrat and Port Angeles native whose 6th Congressional District includes Clallam and Jefferson counties.

### Kilmer bills

They are:

■ **The America Recruits Act** is bipartisan legislation that Kilmer has worked on with Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., and Rep. Frank Wolf, a Virginia Republican.

Its goal is to generate jobs in rural regions where jobs have been moved to other countries.

It would create a competitive grant program for states, providing up to \$5,000 in forgivable loans for every new manufacturing job created and maintained for at least five years.

It would include training and education programs, and expedite

federal financing to allow companies to increase export capacity.

Kilmer, Warner and Wolf are still working on the final details of the bill.

The cost of the legislation will be offset by cuts to government printing costs, Carter said.

■ **In the Coastal Resiliency Act of 2014**, Kilmer would have the federal government provide financial and technical assistance to coastal states to protect communities from natural hazards, protect coastal habitats and maintain working waterfronts.

It would put forward policy objectives to help guide federal funding decisions, Carter said.

■ **Congress should do more to promote mobility needs** of disabled and transit-dependent populations in rural communities, according to Kilmer's initiative.

The efforts would be part of the reauthorization of surface transportation legislation known as MAP-21.

■ **Kilmer will introduce the Promoting Rural Broadband Act** to help businesses, improve education and enhance public safety.

The Federal Communications Commission would promote expansion of services such as broadband to populations in unserved and underserved areas.

"If passed into law, this would require the FCC to use its own resources, which it receives from annual funding bills passed by Congress, to boost its outreach," Carter said.

■ **In the Ocean Acidification Innovation Act**, Kilmer is working with 10th District U.S. Rep. Denny Heck, D-Olympia.

It would contain new measures to monitor the environmental health of coastal waters and study the causes and impacts of acidification on fisheries.

Stakeholders would participate in competitions "to stimulate innovation and advance our ability to understand, research and monitor ocean acidification and its impacts," according to the initiative.

Federal agencies would be authorized to use existing resources for prizes.

■ **Kilmer will introduce the Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship Enhancement Act** to ensure that the federal Regional Innovation Program continues to have regional firms and industries address common needs for talent, technology or infrastructure.

The Department of Commerce would boost its focus on bringing programs to rural areas.

"My goal is to encourage local industries out on the Olympic Peninsula to take advantage of this program to help develop new markets, attract new investment or train a highly skilled workforce," according to the initiative.

It also would intend to strengthen the ability of the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship to facilitate federal loan guarantees for technological

## Private meetings planned

PENINSULA DAILY NEWS

PORT ANGELES — U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor is holding a "state of the district" tour through Jan. 27.

Kilmer, whose 6th Congressional District includes Clallam and Jefferson counties, will be meeting mostly with by-invitation-only organizations in the district and is not releasing an itinerary, spokesman Stephen Carter said Friday.

"We prefer not to have those published," he said of the meeting dates.

Organizations will make it known Kilmer will be present to discuss legislative issues "if they want to," Carter said.

"There will be no town hall meetings."

Kilmer, a Port Angeles native, will be the keynote speaker at the Clallam County Economic Development Council's annual dinner Jan. 31 at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles.

It is open to the public (see story, Page A9 today).

advancements in manufacturing.

"This bill authorizes the program but would not directly spend any money," Carter said.

■ **The Skills Investment Act** — HR 1939 — which Kilmer already has introduced, would create "lifelong learning accounts" to help workers stay competitive in the workforce.

Workers and employers would receive tax credits for their contributions to the accounts.

The legislation would provide grants to states to design, establish and implement the accounts, with the federal government covering 80 percent of the cost and states providing the remainder from state, local or private sources.

It would create a tax credit for employers with 250 or fewer employees for 25 percent of their contributions to their employees' accounts.

Employers would receive an additional credit of up to \$500 for as many as three years to cover administrative costs.

Career counseling also would be provided to employees with lifelong learning accounts.

The accounts "would have to be funded through the normal appropriations process," Carter said.

"Rep. Kilmer recognizes that if the legislation moves forward, he would need to work with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to identify an appropriate offset for the bill."

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# House, Senate taking week off to observe King holiday

## Briefly ...

### Constitution coalition will meet Tuesday

AGNEW — The North Olympic Peninsula geographical area of the Washington Coalition to Amend the Constitution is meeting in conjunction with MoveOn Clallam County at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting will be at Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 73 Howe Road, with a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

The all-volunteer coalition intends "to make Washington the 17th state to call for a solution to the big money and corruption affecting our democracy and our lives."

The group will work on a plan to gather signatures to place Initiative 1329 on the ballot this year.

For more information, visit [www.wamend.org](http://www.wamend.org).

For more on the meeting, phone Andrea Radich at 360-457-6884.

### 'Jewels' on screen

PORT TOWNSEND — The Ballet in Cinema series at the Rose Theatre continues with George Balanchine's "Jewels," at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The Bolshoi Ballet performs three dances: "Emeralds" to music by Gabriel Faure; "Rubies" to music by Igor Stravinsky; and "Diamonds" to Tchaikovsky.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$12 for children; for reservations and details, stop by the Rose Theatre at 235 Taylor St., visit [www.RoseTheatre.com](http://www.RoseTheatre.com) or phone 360-385-1089.

### Alley closures

PORT ANGELES — Two alleys will be closed for up to nine hours Tuesday and Wednesday for crews to perform soil infiltration testing.

The two alleys are the Front and Georgiana streets alley between

Eu nice and Albert streets and the Fourth and Fifth street alley between Chambers and Washington streets.

Crews are testing to find suitable locations for permeable pavement in the Peabody and Francis streets basins for the Green Low Impact Development Project.

For more information, contact Jonathan Boehme, project manager at 360-417-4811 or [jboehme@cityofpa.us](mailto:jboehme@cityofpa.us).

### Serenity meeting

PORT ANGELES — The Serenity House of Clallam County board of directors will hold its annual meeting in the Community Room of the Port Angeles Housing Resource Center, 535 E. First St., at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting is open to the public and will include awards to volunteers from the Port Angeles and Sequim thrift stores.

Light refreshments will be offered.

The board also will present its 2014 officers, approve its 2014 budget and deliver the 2013 annual report.

For more information, phone Kathy Wahto at 360-452-7224.

### Annual meeting

SEQUIM — Photographer and bird enthusiast Dow Lambert will speak at the Friends of the Sequim Library annual general meeting Tuesday.

The event will be held in the Pioneer Memorial Park clubhouse, 387 E. Washington St., at 1 p.m.

*Peninsula Daily News*

## Eye on Congress



Murray



Cantwell



Kilmer

Republican leadership quashed their bill.

A yes vote was to block the Democratic bill.

**Kilmer**

**voted no.**

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REPORTS:

Voting 259 for and 154 against, the House on Thursday passed a Republican bill (HR 3362) that would require the administration to publish weekly reports on consumer contracts with the Affordable Care Act website and help center as well as information about the administration's use of insurance agents, brokers and navigators to help consumers obtain ACA coverage.

Backers called the bill an accountability step, while critics saw it as harassment of ACA officials.

On its own, the administration has begun publishing monthly reports showing the number ACA enrollees in federal and state marketplaces and their demographic information.

A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate, where it is expected to die.

**Kilmer voted no.**

### REPORTS ON HEALTH-LAW PLUSES:

The House on Thursday defeated, 186 for and 226 against, a bid by Democrats to broaden HR 3362 (above) so that its required weekly reports on the Affordable Care Act also show the number of Americans receiving tax credits for buying insurance under the law or who no longer face coverage denials based on pre-existing conditions or annual or lifetime limits on claims payments by their carrier.

A yes vote backed the Democratic motion.

**Kilmer voted yes.**

### \$1.1 TRILLION SPENDING BILL:

Voting 72 for and 26 against, the Senate on Thursday sent President Obama a bill (HR 3547, above) that would appropriate \$1.1 trillion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2014.

This represents nearly one-third of total federal outlays for the budget year ending Sept. 30, with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, farm subsidies, debt service and other mandatory-spending programs and obligations accounting for the remainder.

In addition to provisions noted above, the bill cuts \$1 billion from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund; prohibits funding for high-speed rail projects; increases spending for embassy security overseas; bars funding to implement stricter energy-efficiency standards for light bulbs; trims the legislative-branch budget and freezes Vice President

spending this fiscal year, with \$572.6 billion allocated to the Department of Defense and the remainder spent on domestic and foreign-affairs programs.

Backed by 72 percent of Republicans who voted and 99 percent of Democrats casting votes, the bill returns Congress to a stable appropriations process through Sept. 30 following four years of crisis-driven, stopgap budgeting that culminated in a 16-day partial government shutdown last October.

Among non-defense agencies and programs receiving budget increases in the 1,582-page bill are the Army Corps of Engineers, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, customs enforcement, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Head Start, mental health, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Institutes of Health, nuclear-weapons maintenance, transportation infrastructure, renewable energy, veterans' health care and the Women's, Infants, Children, or WIC nutrition program.

Agencies whose budgets are cut or frozen by the bill are the Agency for International Development, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Communications Commission, Fish and Wildlife Service, Internal Revenue Service, Securities and Exchange Commission and Transportation Security Agency.

The bill retains Saturday mail deliveries and prevents closures of rural post offices; funds a 1 percent pay raise for federal workers; prevents most scheduled premium increases for federal flood insurance; exempts disabled veterans and surviving spouses from scheduled curbs in COLA increases for veterans younger than 62; funds a panel to examine the extent to which 9/11 Commission recommendations have been implemented and authorizes an active-duty military force of 1.36 million troops, down slightly from 2013.

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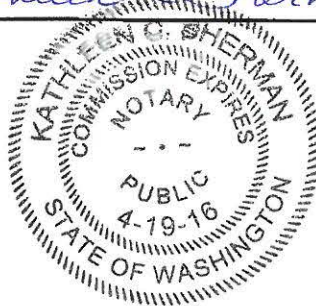
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# observation deck

## News around town: Seahawks tutu

By Patrick J. Sullivan

Cheering for the young person seeking a job to get a break, cheering for the old person who fell on the ski slopes and has a break, cheering for the Seahawks, whose defense did not break and now they're in the Super Bowl, and cheering for another slice of Port Townsend Observation Deck News Around Town:



**T-SHIRT SAYING OF THE WEEK:** "Why don't you stop annoying me?"

**TUTU NEWS:** His wife made a blue-and-green tutu for Seattle Seahawks Blue Friday, to go along with her other Seahawks fanaphernalia. Her husband, although a fan, is not a true believer, and two weeks ago, he said (there are witnesses) that if the Hawks made the Super Bowl, he would wear her tutu while golfing with the guys. Initially, he thought it would embarrass his buddies if he wore it at the course. Sorry, fella, but they cannot wait to trot you out there with them, the sooner, the better. Go, Hawks!

**SCHOOL NEWS:** "The girl who came to the preschool open house saying she didn't want to come to preschool threw a fit at the end of the day because she didn't want to leave," says Quilcene's one and only preschool teacher. "Hmmm."

**ADVICE OF THE WEEK:** This is proof that good advice ages well; I found this in an 1894 Leader newspaper: "When you want a friend, don't choose someone whose children are afraid of them."

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** A blue-and-white Seattle Seahawks fan and self-proclaimed host of awesome football parties has a great friend planning a visit from Colorado, which happens to include Super Bowl Sunday. She warned her pal about showing up attired in Denver Broncos orange. "If you are coming to my house wearing orange, it better be because I just picked you up from jail."

(Leader editor Patrick J. Sullivan heard you yelling for the Hawks, and now he wants to hear your News Around Town. Contributions are welcome at [psullivan@ptleader.com](mailto:psullivan@ptleader.com).)

**FREAKY FRIDAY NEWS:** Friday morning was a strange day in Port Townsend, for some more than others. A husband and wife were involved in a Superior Court sentencing hearing, then could not leave because the court was under lockdown due to the discovery of a white substance in a courthouse restroom. On their way out of town, they were involved in a three-car accident, which led to the need for a rental car, and when they got back home in PT, there was a bomb scare at Blue Heron Middle School, across the street from their house, where they saw the same cops they had seen at the other incidents earlier in the day.

**DISCOVERY OF THE WEEK** Their indoor/outdoor cat comes and goes, but this absence was unexplained. "Our cat has been missing for two and a half days," she said. "Today I opened the guest room door. Guess who came out."

**FAIR PLAY NEWS:** It's not a done deal, but it's close. Port Townsend and Chimacum sport teams are headed to a new Class 1A High school league with Coupeville and Klahowya. It means less travel and less class time missed for student athletes. And as one CHS coach noted: "The kids have heard so much about the fairness thing, it's gotten inside their heads. 'It's not fair to play a big 2A school. It's not fair to play a private school.' It'll be good to get back to being a 1A public school playing another 1A public school, and you win or you lose and that's all there is."



## Port demolishes derelict vessel

Brinnon resident Karen Broome's boat *Treasure Hunter I* (above, pictured Jan. 20) was demolished by the Port of Port Townsend (below) on Jan. 21. Broome was not present for the demolition of the 50-foot wooden vessel, which caught fire in the boatyard on Sept. 27, 2013 due to an apparent electrical problem. The Port relocated the partially burned hulk to the shipyard while negotiating with Broome for its removal. Broome had the boat's burned stern sawed off and removed, and whitewashed the bow and cabin sections, which she had hoped to move offsite. After initial deadlines were not met, the Port on Jan. 17 was awarded ownership in a Jefferson County Superior Court hearing. When the boat was still on Port property Tuesday morning, it was crushed in about 10 minutes and prepared for disposal. Photos by Megan Claffin



Jefferson County Administrator Philip Morley (left) and Bob Hamlin, director of the Department of Emergency Management, discuss the newly adopted Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan with the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 13. Photo by Alana Linderoth

## Emergency management plan gets unanimous vote

By Alana Linderoth Contributor

When it comes to emergency management issues, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and the Port Townsend City Council see eye to eye.

The county board on Jan. 13 adopted a joint city-county emergency management document known as the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The city adopted the plan in November.

A CEMP is a requirement of all local emergency management programs defined by the Revised Code of Washington, said Bob Hamlin, the county's director of the Department of Emergency Management. The new CEMP replaces the 2009 plan and includes new partners like Jefferson

Public Utility District.

"Having a joint city and county emergency action plan is not only about having a plan, but having active relationships," County Administrator Philip Morley said.

Hamlin said the CEMP provides an over-arching framework for emergency management and "the idea is to not be exchanging business cards during an emergency."

Hamlin admits mitigation is the costly side of emergency management, but it is vital for a prepared community. However, the adoption of the updated CEMP has neutral fiscal impact, as it is simply an ongoing requirement of the program, he noted.

City Council member Deborah Stinson sat in on the meeting in support of

the CEMP. Stinson has been an active force for Local 20/20, which has about 125 neighborhoods involved in a neighborhood preparedness partnership.

"I think we've really taken it [disaster preparedness] to a new level this year," Stinson said.

In addition, the joint acceptance of the CEMP demonstrates the collaboration between the elected officials, Morley said. The collaboration is critical in regard to the CEMP because of the community it serves.

The relatively small size of the Jefferson County community is both an advantage and disadvantage, Hamlin said. A small community tends to have stronger communication and cooperation, but also fewer resources; which is why a joint plan is ideal.

## Fuel: Companies filling in

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"We are thinking about it at this time. We're interested in coming up, but we haven't set anything yet," Lee said, adding he, too, had been getting "quite a few calls" from potential Jefferson County customers.

CHS Inc. of Poulsbo no longer delivers fuel oil and AJ Discount Heating, which also as listed as serving Kitsap, did not answer the phone on Tuesday morning.

Pettit Oil had been one of the larger heating oil distributors in Jefferson County and had purchased SC Fuels not long before filing for Chapter 11 and protection from creditors.

A meeting of potential creditors has been set for March 10 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Tacoma.

For customers who are calling Pettit, the company message is short, simple and to the point.

"We regret to inform you that after many years of service, Pettit Oil has closed its doors and is no longer

"We're crossing the [Hood Canal] Bridge every day this week."

Terry Cooper  
Cooper Fuel & Auto Repair  
of Bremerton

in business. We appreciate your many years of loyalty as a customer," the message says. A website for Pettit has been taken down.

Commercial and residential customers who had used Pettit need a new supplier.

For example, Sara Bonneville, manager of fiscal and personnel services at Port Townsend School District 50, said Tuesday she's been working on finding a new fuel provider for the district's fleet of vehicles. While no decision has been made on a permanent supplier, she said options include fueling at Cenex in Chimacum and pos-

sibly using Safeway more because the district already has a corporate account.

### CUSTOMER OPTIONS

Masco Petroleum's number is 1-877-537-9744. Mason said people with questions can email him at [seanm@masonpetroleum.com](mailto:seanm@masonpetroleum.com) and people can find a credit application on the company's website.

Cooper Fuel & Auto Repair's number is 360-377-2894. Cooper noted that her company offers discounts to seniors, military and people who are disabled.

Both Masco and Cooper accept credit cards and cash and both have an automatic-fill option as did Pettit.



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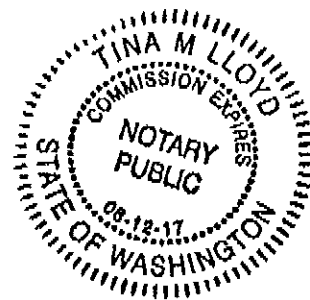
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NATION

GERMANTOWN, Mo.

Police: Md. woman charged in children's death feared devil

A Maryland woman charged with killing two of her children has told investigators that she thought an exorcism was necessary to remove the presence of the devil and evil spirits, a police captain said Sunday.

TRENTON, N.J.

N.J. mayor: Sandy aid ultimatum came from Christie

The Democratic mayor of a town severely flooded by Superstorm Sandy said Sunday that she was told an ultimatum tying recovery funds to her support for a prime real estate project came directly from Republican Gov. Chris Christie, a claim a Christie spokesman called "categorically false."

Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer said she met with federal prosecutors in Newark for several hours Sunday at their request and turned over a journal and other documents. "I will provide any requested information and testify under oath about the facts of what happened when the Lieutenant Gov-

ernor came to Hoboken and told me that Sandy aid would be contingent on moving forward with a private development project," she said in a statement Sunday night.

WORLD

BAGHDAD

Iraq announces offensive against al-Qaida militants

Iraqi government forces and allied tribal militias launched an all-out offensive Sunday to push al-Qaida militants from a provincial capital, an assault that killed or wounded some 20 police officers and government-allied tribesmen, officials said.

ISLAMABAD

Blast near Pakistani army headquarters kills nine

A suicide bomber blew himself up not far from Pakistan's military headquarters Monday, killing nine people a day after a Taliban bombing inside an army compound in the northwest of the country killed at least 20 troops, officials and militants said.

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Today in history: On Jan. 20, 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

extermimating Jews. In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States. In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Today's birthdays: Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 84. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 74. Singer Eric Stewart is 69. Movie director David Lynch is 68. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 62. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 62. Comedian Bill Maher is 58. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 56. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 49. Actor Rainn Wilson is 48. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 35. Rock singer Kevin Parker (Tame Impala) is 28.

LOTTERY

These Washington lotteries were drawn Sunday: Daily Game: 0-8-3. Keno: 01-11-13-15-20-26-31-40-43-45-46-47-48-51-56-60-64-69-74-75. Match 4: 04-08-17-23

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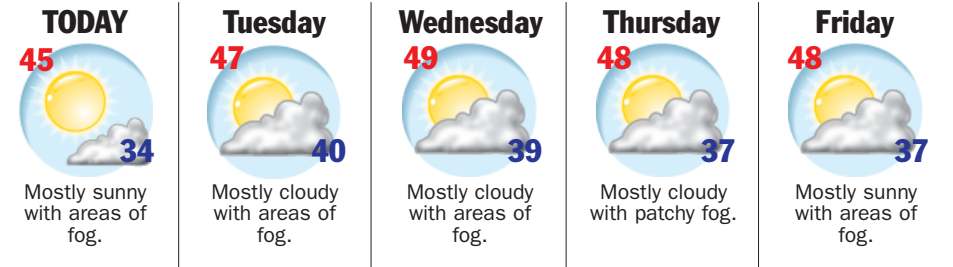
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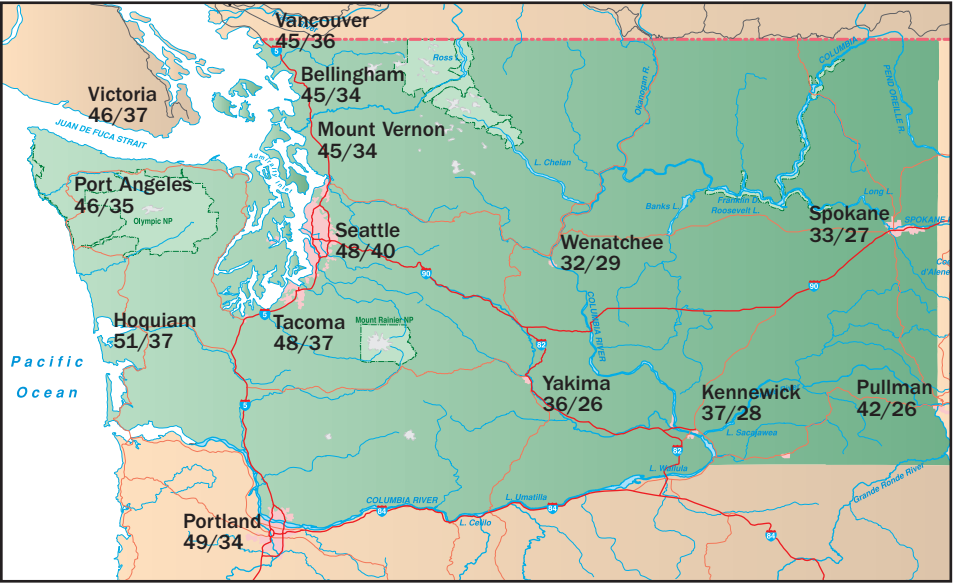
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MOUNT VERNON 5-DAY FORECAST



REGIONAL FORECAST



MARINE REPORT

Strait of Juan de Fuca: Winds Monday will be from the east at 5 to 15 knots, with waves of 2 feet. Admiralty Inlet: Winds Monday will be from the north-west around 10 knots, with waves of 1 foot or less.

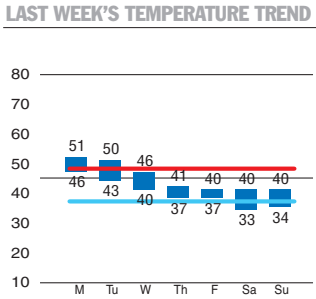
PASS REPORT

Washington mountain pass conditions as reported yesterday by the state Department of Transportation: Mount Baker: Roadway bare with frost in places. Traction Tires Advised, Oversize Vehicles Prohibited.

AGRICULTURE REPORT

Expect mostly sunny skies with areas of fog today. Temperatures will be slightly below average for this time of year. Winds will be calm. A weak storm system will move through the area tomorrow night, bringing a slight chance of showers.

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On this date in 1993, a fast-moving storm produced high winds across the Pacific Northwest. Winds gusted to near 100 mph at the mouth of the Columbia River, and several towns lost power.

SUN AND MOON: Sunrise today 7:52 a.m., Sunset today 4:50 p.m., Sunrise tomorrow 7:51 a.m., Sunset tomorrow 4:51 p.m.

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE: Yesterday's maximum 30.26, Yesterday's minimum 30.20.

PRECIPITATION: Unofficial amounts taken at spots around the county. WSU Mount Vernon 0.0", Lyman 0.0", Anacortes 0.0"

RIVER LEVELS: Readings yes. (in feet) Skagit River, Mount Vernon -0.72, Concrete -0.17, Sauk River, Near Rockport -0.11

IN THE SKY TONIGHT: An hour after sunset, the "Heavenly Waters" occupy the southwestern and southeastern skies, containing the faint constellations Aquarius the Water-Carrier, Pisces the Fishes, Cetus the Sea Monster, and Eridanus the River.

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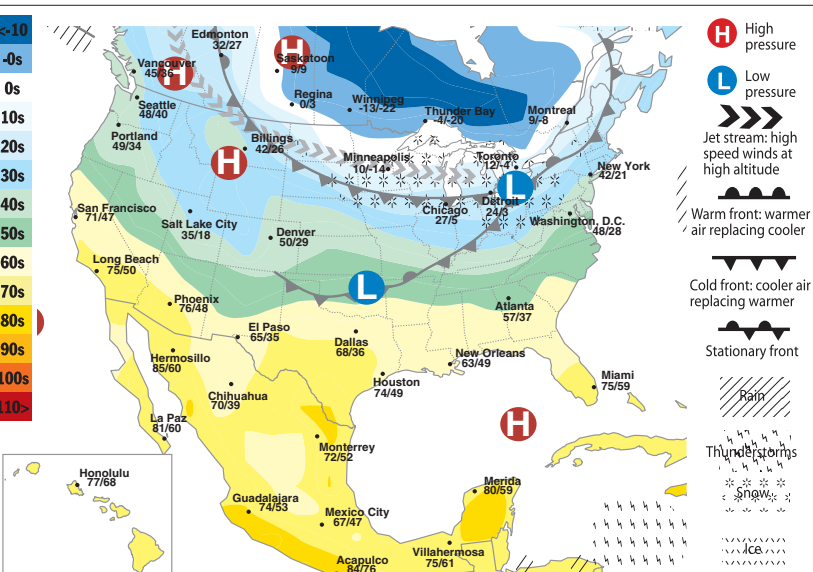
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## Police group recognizes Hayes' work as lawmaker



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The Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs named state Rep. Dave Hayes as its 2013 Legislator of the Year for the House Republican Caucus.

Hayes, R-Camano Island, is in his first term in the Legislature, serving the 10th Legislative

District. He is also an assistant ranking member of the House Public Safety Committee, a sergeant with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and former president and executive board member of the council.

"As a law enforcement officer and former president of the Washington Council of Police

and Sheriffs, Rep. Hayes understands the interests of our members and is a great advocate of our issues in the Legislature," Council President Craig Bulkley said in a news release. "This award is to show our appreciation for his work to help law enforcement officers across the state of Washington in their

efforts to protect and serve the public."

In addition to Hayes, the council recognized Sen. Kirk Pearson, R-Monroe, of the Senate Republican Caucus; Sen. Jeannie Darnelle, D-Tacoma, of the Senate Democratic Caucus; and Rep. Marcus Riccelli, D-Spokane, of the House Democratic Caucus.



### On the beat

Here is a sampling of recent law enforcement calls in the area:

#### FIGHT

Mount Vernon police responded Sunday to two reported fights, both involving the same two people, police said. About 3:30 p.m., callers reported seeing a fight and a man with a bloody face in the 1800 block of Riverside Drive. When police arrived, no one involved wanted to cooperate. Shortly after 4 p.m., police received another call about a reported fight in the 500 block of East College Way. Officers found the same two people involved and informed both parties that if police were called again, at least one of them would go to jail. The pair said they had resolved their differences, shook hands and left.

#### WINDOW WATCHER

Mount Vernon police responded to a burglary in progress at City Hall shortly after noon Sunday. A person called to report that someone was walking around the building looking suspicious. Officers discovered that new windows were being installed in the building, and the person was just looking at the new windows.

#### ACCIDENT

State Patrol troopers responded to a vehicle accident on Highway 9 at Highway 538 about 12:45 p.m. Monday. A motorcycle, driven by a 77-year-old Mount Vernon man, collided with a car driven by a 17-year-old Sedro-Woolley boy after the teen turned south onto Highway 9. The motorcyclist, who was wearing a helmet, was taken by aid car to Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon. He was later airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The cause of the accident was listed as inattention, and the 17-year-old was issued a citation at the scene.

- Skagit Valley Herald staff



Frank Varga / Skagit Valley Herald

Police and fire officials from Mount Vernon began their investigation Monday of the fire at the former Alf Christianson Seed Co. that destroyed one building on Sunday.

## Investigators find where fire started at former Christianson site, but no cause yet

By KERA WANIELISTA  
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**MOUNT VERNON** — Police and fire officials from Mount Vernon were able to get inside the former Alf Christianson Seed Co. building Monday morning to begin investigating the fire that erupted Sunday morning, destroying one of the buildings on the site.

Officials were able to locate the room where the fire started and take pictures and gather information at the scene, said police spokeswoman Shannon Haigh. Crews were still working Monday on extin-

guishing hot-spots that remained on the northwest side of the building.

During the initial walk-through, Haigh said, no people were found inside the building. Cadaver dogs from the Skagit County Sheriff's Office were brought in Monday afternoon to search for possible victims. Nothing had been discovered as of press time Monday night.

"This building has a few different floors and perhaps even a basement they need to check through," Haigh said. "The water has really weakened the entire structure."

A man seen run-

ning from the scene was detained and questioned Sunday, Haigh said. The man, who claimed he had been sleeping in the building, said he was awakened by a crackling noise, but denied starting the fire. He was later released.

Police officers have spoken with local transients in the community, including at the Friendship House nearby, to determine if anyone else may have been in the building at the time, or if anyone is missing. No one was known to be missing, Haigh said.

On Monday, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway line was reopened

after having been closed off and on throughout Sunday due to the proximity to the fire and the fire hoses laying across the track.

Multiple fire departments responded to the blaze Sunday, and by early afternoon officials decided to let the building burn while protecting the other buildings on the 9.5-acre property.

The former Alf Christianson Seed Co. property is one of two sites being considered by Skagit County officials as the home of a new county jail.

Jail Project manager Marc Estvold said it was unlikely the fire would

have an impact on the project. But there's the potential it could make the demolition more challenging if there's structural damage, he said.

If the site is chosen for the jail, most or all of the structures on the property would be demolished anyway.

Anyone with any information about the fire is encouraged to contact fire and police officials through the non-emergency dispatch line at 360-428-3211.

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## La Conner councilman resigns before taking seat

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**LA CONNER** — New Town Council member Troy Allen resigned his post before ever sitting in on a council meeting, and the town is accepting letters of interest for the position.

Allen, who was to begin his term this month, accepted a job at the Veterans Health Administration

in southern Oregon, said Mayor Ramon Hayes.

The town will advertise for the position, Hayes said, and expects the council will vote on a replacement during the first meeting in February.

At the next election cycle, should the chosen member be interested in staying on the council, he or she would have to run for election.

Allen received 58 percent of the vote in the November election, to opponent Chris Adams' 42 percent.

Adams said he would not apply for the open position because he is going to be out of town a lot during the next year.

Until next month's vote, the council has four members. Hayes would vote in the event of a tie.

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## Survey for Puget Sound fisheries offers prize

Skagit Valley Herald staff

The public is invited to take an online survey regarding a state Department of Fish and Wildlife program for Puget Sound fisheries — and enter to win a fishing rod and reel.

The survey will be available through March 31, and anyone 13 or older is encouraged to participate. The winner of the drawing will be announced in April.

The survey is intended to gauge public understanding of the agency's Puget Sound Recreational Salmon and Marine Fish Enhancement Program.

The Legislature created the program in 1993 to improve recreational fishing in the Sound and support sustainable fish populations. It is funded by revenue from certain fishing licenses.

Ryan Lothrop, Fish and Wildlife's recreational salmon manager for Puget Sound, said in a news release that information from the survey will help state fishery managers shape future fishing opportunities.

The survey can be accessed at [wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/psrft/survey.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/psrft/survey.html).

## Search still on for missing elderly man

Skagit Valley Herald staff

BURLINGTON — The search for a 93-year-old Burlington man who disappeared along with his car continues.

The Skagit County Sheriff's Office is still looking for Fred Lahrmann, who was reported missing last Friday. Chief Deputy Chad Clark said Lahrmann is still missing though detectives have uncovered nothing suspicious about his disappearance.

Lahrmann is a white male with gray hair and blue eyes. He is 5-foot-6 and weighs 145 pounds. He uses a cane and often wears cowboy boots. Lahrmann's silver 1999 Buick Park Avenue sedan also is missing.

The Sheriff's Office has not yet provided a photo of Lahrmann.

Anyone with information should call the Sheriff's Office at 360-428-3211.

## Pasado's gives \$1,690 for canceled fundraiser

By KERA WANIELISTA  
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ANACORTES — After an uproar of negative publicity led to the cancellation of an Anacortes fundraising tradition, the organization that led the charge against the event has fulfilled its promise to bring in funds for the Anacortes 100 Food Bank.

Pasado's Safe Haven, an animal shelter located in the Snohomish County city of Sultan, promised to deliver money and food to the food bank providing Anacortes Eagles No. 249 canceled a donkey basketball event that had been scheduled for Jan. 18.

The event generally brings in about \$500 each year for the food bank, said food bank manager Belinda Dye.

"Five hundred dollars may not sound like a lot of money, but it is," she said. "It buys a lot of food."

To make up for the canceled fundraiser, Pasado's director of investigation Kim Koon told the Skagit Valley Herald last week that if the event were canceled, the group's supporters would gladly donate as much, if not more, money and food to the food bank than the Eagles would net from the game.

On Saturday, Pasado's presented a check in the amount of \$1,690 as well as 250 pounds of food, Dye said.

The result ended up being best for everybody, with Pasado's, the food bank, the Eagles and the Anacortes School District all benefiting from the outcome, Dye said.

"Personally I'd never heard of (Pasado's) before," she said. "We just talked about this was probably better than the donkey basketball because, you know, they said it was cruel to the animals and it stressed them out, and that was something I'd never thought about before."

Pasado's also delivered \$80 to the Eagles, representative David Mooney said. Mooney also said the Eagles will get back all of the money it fronted for the event,

which is run by Donkey Sports Inc.

The event, which was to be held at the Anacortes Middle School gym, drew criticism from around the world last week, leading to the event's cancellation and discontinuation for next year.

Anyone who purchased tickets for the canceled event may attend any one of three upcoming magic shows held at the Eagles Lodge.

Those magic shows will take place at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Those wanting refunds should call the Eagles Lodge.

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Mount Baker stands tall in the distance, capturing rain and snow that affect river and stream flows below all year long. The amount of snow pack affects water availability through the dry months of summer. The north Puget Sound region has about 75 percent of snow pack in the mountains typical for this time of year.

## Dry winter could mean low stream flows in summer

By KIMBERLY CAUVEL  
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MOUNT VERNON — Bright sun Tuesday morning over the Skagit Valley was followed by overcast skies hinting at a chance of rain, which has not been falling this winter in its usual amounts.

Aside from a chance of rain today, the forecast for the rest of the week looks much the same as the last: foggy mornings and sun breaking through later in the day, according to the National Weather Service.

Less rain and snow this winter can mean lower stream flows later in the year.

January rainfall data is not yet available for Skagit County because the volunteer-run, cooperative observer sites in Anacortes and Sedro-Woolley submit daily temperature and precipitation information at the end of each month, Weather Service meteorologist Johnny Burg said. But to the

north, Bellingham offers a fairly close reference.

As of Tuesday, Bellingham had been dry for eight days and was .85 inches below normal for rainfall during this time of year, Burg said. With those numbers, that city is on track to record its 10th driest January ever unless more rain falls before month's end.

Also as of Tuesday, data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service reflects that the north Puget Sound region has about 75 percent of snow pack in the mountains typical for this time of year.

"That's not good, but it's probably not Top 10 material, either. ... What happens the rest of the winter will determine whether we're playing in the sprinkler this summer or sipping carefully from the tap," Skagit County water quality specialist Rick Haley said in an email.

With low winter rainfall and

snow accumulation in the mountains, stream flow may be lower later in the year, which can be problematic for fish habitat.

"In general, low stream flow does stress aquatic ecosystems," Haley said. "Especially in the summer, low flow means the streams heat up faster."

Fish are generally not used to warmer temperatures, which also lower the amount of oxygen and habitat space available in streams, he said.

"It has been drier than normal, and this is a trend that has been continuing since October," Burg said of the region's precipitation.

However, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, rainfall may rebound to normal levels in the Skagit-Whatcom area by February.

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## Fish and Wildlife seeks fishing advisers

Skagit Valley Herald staff

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking volunteers to serve on a new advisory group for state fisheries.

Up to 15 applicants with knowledge of recreational inland fisheries for non-anadromous species such as trout, walleye, bass and panfish will be selected to serve on the Retailers and Manufacturers Advisory Group through 2015.

Members will meet quarterly to share ideas for increasing anglers' interest in inland fisheries and provide feedback on policy and management.

Applicants should be decision makers such as CEO, general manager, president or marketing director at outdoors-oriented businesses.

Applications should be sent to Kelly Cunningham by Friday, Feb. 14, at Kelly.Cunningham@dfw.wa.gov or Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501 and must include:

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THE U.S. NAVY HAS EXTENDED THE SCOPING PERIOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR EA-18G GROWLER AIRFIELD OPERATIONS AT NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND'S AULT FIELD AND OUTLYING LANDING FIELD (OLF) COUPEVILLE, including the proposed introduction of two additional expeditionary Electronic Attack (VAQ) squadrons and the addition of aircraft to the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS).

In response to public and elected official requests, and in order to ensure all surrounding communities have ample opportunity to provide input, **the Navy has extended the scoping period until Friday, January 31.** The scoping period began September 5, and the original deadline for scoping comments was January 3.

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**NEWSLINE | WEATHER REPORT:** Morning fog today. Mostly cloudy Sunday. Partly sunny Monday and Tuesday.

## FIRE/EMS

### Chimney fire does \$20K in damage

A chimney fire Wednesday night did an estimated \$20,000 in damage to a Clinton home on Bailey Road.

The fire began about 8:30 p.m. Jan. 15 after the home's caretaker started a fire in the fireplace. South Whidbey Fire/EMS Chief Rusty Palmer said the chimney was recently cleaned, and the bricks may have been jostled and separated a bit near the ceiling. The

embers may have caught the adjoining wall on fire, though the flames were quickly knocked down by about 20 firefighters, he said.

"It didn't actually get into the structure at all," Palmer said.

No one was injured.

Palmer noted that to date, the fire district has responded to more calls than it did in January 2013. So far, South Whidbey Fire/EMS has answered 100 emergency calls, compared to the district's average of about 150 calls per month last year.

"We're hoping that's not a theme for the rest of the

year," Palmer said.

### State auditors leave clean report

Auditors representing Washington State reported no findings and left only one minor recommendation for South Whidbey Fire/EMS — Fire Chief Rusty Palmer should initial the monthly financial reports.

Palmer said he has reviewed every report since he's been with the district, but has never left his autograph. Otherwise, it was a clean audit for the fire district.

"That was a wonderful thing," Palmer said.

The district has another audit ahead, likely by the end of summer. Federal funding helped the district pay for a new radio system, its firefighter retention program and a soon to be delivered \$486,000 fire suppression and marine response boat.

Palmer said the audit would likely be a short evaluation of the district's finances and bookkeeping to make sure the federal money was spent on the appropriate endeavors.

"Basically, they'll do a review, 'You bought a boat, where is it?'" he said.

South Whidbey Fire's

three federal grants included: a radio system grant which was shared with Camano Island Fire & Rescue for a total of \$400,000; a firefighter retention grant for \$200,000 over four years; and a grant that covered 75 percent, about \$356,250, of the fire boat's nearly \$500,000 price tag.

The vessel is expected to come in under budget upon final delivery later this month.

## SOUTH END

### Nelson picks up Oscar nomination

Freeland resident and Hollywood screenwriter Bob Nelson has added one more nomination to his name this awards season.

Nelson was nominated for an Oscar in the best original screenplay category for his screenplay, "Nebraska." Nelson is up against screenplays from "American Hustle," "Blue Jasmine," "Her" and "Dallas Buyers Club."

The screenwriter and the film were also nominated for categories in the Golden Globes, BAFTAs, Independent Spirit Awards and several other competitions.

"Nebraska" has also been nominated in five other



Bob Nelson

categories in the Oscars including best motion picture, best director, best actor, best supporting actress and best achievement in cinematography.

The 86th Academy Awards will air at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

## LANGLEY

### Economic workshop planned

Bringing a business boom to Langley is the top priority for city leaders this year.

The Langley City Council will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, to discuss economic development at City Hall, 112 Second St.

Mayor Fred McCarthy presented a three-point

approach to economic development: employment, business development, and capital projects. The plan includes bringing people into the city to work, including those who are able to do their jobs remotely — dubbed "knowledge workers." One part of the business development goal is to have Langley shops commit to maintaining a physical presence in town and an online presence, including social media training.

### Lunch for IT, remote workers

Anyone with an information technology background or who considers themselves a knowledge worker is invited to attend a city-sponsored lunch Tuesday, Jan. 28, in Langley.

The mayor's economic development sector lunch for January will be from noon to 1 p.m. at City Hall, 112 Second St.

It is billed as an opportunity for people who are able to work from home or remotely to connect with others like themselves, network, receive training and for Langley leaders to share some demographic and economic information about the city.

## CORRECTION

In the calendar item "Restore wetlands with Stewards," on Page A12 of the Wednesday, Jan. 15, edition of the Record, the event was listed on the wrong date. The Stewards will meet to restore wetlands at the headwaters of Glendale Creek on Monday, Jan. 20.

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Hofius is a graduate of South Whidbey High School and was a sophomore at Macalester last fall.

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## New arrival

### Greenbank Birth Center

#### Oliver James Sykora

A warm welcome to Oliver James Sykora born at the Greenbank Birth Center on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. Oliver was born to parents Nora and James Sykora of Freeland along with big brother and sister Addison and Alice.

Oliver weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Midwife Cynthia Jaffe attended the birth.

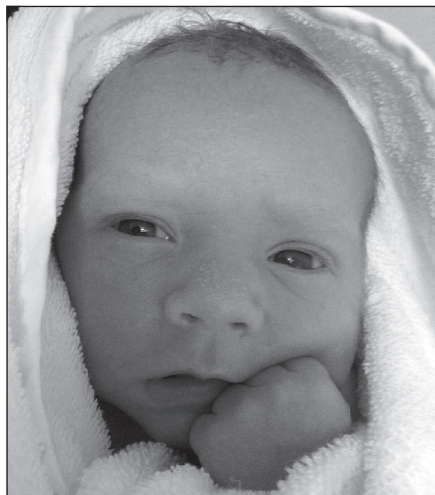


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Oliver James Sykora

## Kudos

### Girls Scouts prepare for the most delicious day of the year



Jeanne Juneau photo

Chloe Goethel, Devon King, Elizabeth Haines, Abbey Admundson, Taylor Ford, Eva Wirth and Cadence Mooring check out samples for the annual Girl Scout Cookie Rally held on Saturday, Jan. 11.

More than 100 girl scouts from South Whidbey Service Unit 151 gathered to prepare for their annual sale that starts Friday, Jan. 24.

The event helped to inspire, motivate and assist each scout in learning what the steps are to selling cookies and how to set selling goals.



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## Matrimony

### Langley couple announces daughter's engagement

Christopher and Patricia Cook are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Starkweather,

to Jeffery Culver. Both are life-long residents of Langley, on Whidbey Island.

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# Prolific Coupeville artist Roger Purdue passes away

By Nathan Whalen  
Staff Reporter

Whidbey lost a masterpiece this week.

Coupeville's Roger Purdue, a popular artist, educator and pilot, died early Sunday morning from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Purdue, who enjoyed a career as a teacher in the Oak Harbor School District, was a prolific artist. His work can be seen throughout Central Whidbey Island. The salmon wheel at Island County Museum and the whale wheel at the Coupeville Wharf are just some of his creations.

Susan Berta, who helps run the Orca Network and organize the Penn Cove Water Festival, started working with Purdue in the early 1990s and when he started carving the salmon wheel a few years later.

"That project made it really clear to me how generous and dedicated Roger was," Berta said of the salmon wheel. Purdue donated his time and talents to make sure the salmon wheel was completed. It stood for years near the Coupeville Wharf where people could stop and give the wheel a spin. The wheel was eventually moved to the nearby museum. The whale wheel, which Purdue also helped design, is currently standing near the Coupeville Wharf.

Berta said the whale wheel project speaks to the kind of person Purdue was. It was a community-minded project; it reminded people of the Orca Capture; promoted the Penn Cove Water Festival; and helps keep the carving community alive on Whidbey Island.

In addition to the wheels, Purdue also designed the logos used for promotion materials for the Penn Cove Water Festival. Each year had a



file photo

Roger Purdue, left, talks with Gary Piazzon during an event where Purdue was honored for his efforts supporting the Penn Cove Water Festival.

different, Native-American inspired theme to it.

He was honored nearly a year ago for his efforts in supporting the festival. During a ceremony at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, Purdue received a cedar hat decorated with an eagle feather along with a button blanket — both of which were made by members of the Samish Nation.

Though he is gone, his work will be seen by festival goers for years to come. During that event, he presented the festival association with 15 years worth of logos.

He remained active in recent years, helping design a panel carving that will be installed at Island Transit's new headquarters. Berta wanted to tap Purdue's skills for a kinetic sculpture that would have highlights the dorsal fins of whales.

Purdue was born on Orcas Island in 1938. Wilbur Purdue said his dad spent his childhood hunting and fishing. Roger's dad owned a service station in Eastsound and his mom ran a radio sta-

tion for the airline that served Orcas Island at the time. Wilbur said that sparked Roger's interest in airplanes.

Purdue graduated with an art degree and a minor in education from Western Washington University before starting his career as a teacher in the Oak Harbor School District.

"He was always working on projects," Wilbur said. Those projects included building and flying airplanes, rebuilding tractors, and his recent work as a carver. He started focusing on wood-carving in the mid 1990s.

Purdue was diagnosed with Parkinson's about eight years ago. As Roger's health declined in recent days, family and friends stopped by his home last week to have a friendly visit with the artist.

"We had a really nice week as a family," Wilbur said adding visitors got to visit and share stories with Roger.

Purdue is survived by his wife Sara; son Wilbur and his wife Julieanna; daughter



Photo courtesy of the Purdue family

Roger Purdue carves a salmon wheel that had been on display for years near the Coupeville Wharf before it was moved to the museum. He passed away Sunday.

Grace; grandson Henry; and sister Jennie, and her husband, Kelly.

A celebration of life will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 3, at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Wilbur said it will provide a chance for people from parts of Purdue's life as an artist, an educator, pilot and residents to come together to enjoy the celebration.

A memorial to Purdue has already been posted at [www.penncovewaterfestival.com](http://www.penncovewaterfestival.com) and people have been commenting about Purdue's death on the association's Facebook page.

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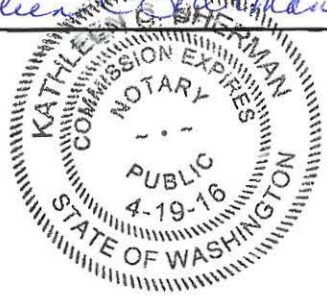
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# Amber Alert subject found on Camano

By JESSIE STENSLAND

Staff reporter

A 6-year-old boy who was the subject of an Amber Alert in Rhode Island was found safe on Camano Island Thursday night, according to Island County Sheriff Mark Brown.

The boy's mother, Andria Britt, was accused of kidnapping him in a "custodial interference" case, Brown said.

Investigators found that Britt's parents lived on Camano Island. A couple of deputies talked to them at length and convinced them that it would be best if Britt turned herself in, the sheriff said.

Britt voluntarily surrendered Thursday.

"Everybody involved was very cooperative," Brown said.

She was taken to the Island County Jail and the boy was placed in temporarily care of the state's youth services.

The Amber Alert that had been issued for the boy in Rhode Island was canceled late Thursday.

Police in Rhode Island issued an Amber Alert for the boy Wednesday, a week after he was believed taken by his mother. Britt was supposed to turn him over to his father on Jan. 8, but she failed to show up.

# Clinton man sentenced for stabbing friend, goes to jail for three months

*Pleads guilty by Alford's plea to third-degree assault for April crime*

By JESSIE STENSLAND

Staff reporter

A Clinton man who slashed his friend's throat and stabbed him twice was sentenced under a plea bargain this week.

Kamren F. Adams, 21, pleaded guilty by Alford's plea to third-degree assault. An Alford's plea means he's not admitting his guilt, but concedes the prosecutor has enough evidence to convict him at trial.

The judge went along with the sentence recommendation presented by both the

prosecutor and defense and sent him to jail for three months.

The assault was reported just after midnight, on April 14 at Wilson Place in Clinton. Adams and the 34-year-old victim, Justin Hilleary, had been drinking and fighting earlier in the night.

Adams slashed Hilleary's throat with a knife, cutting him from below his right ear, across the right side of his throat and down to his chest. He also stabbed Hilleary in the chest and in the forearm, causing a wound that went

all the way through his forearm, according to a report by Detective Ed Wallace with the Island County Sheriff's Office.

Paramedics transported Hilleary to Providence Hospital in Everett, where he recovered after initially being in critical condition.

Adams was originally charged with second-degree assault, but Adams claimed self defense and the prosecutor's case had holes.

Eric Ohme, Island County chief criminal deputy prosecutor, said the victim couldn't

remember the assault and the only witness could not be located.

He explained that the state had the burden to prove the absence of self defense beyond a reasonable doubt, which would be extremely difficult with the evidence.

As a result, Ohme said, he worked out an agreement in which Adams pleaded to a lesser felony assault, but which still calls for jail time and assures that Adams is responsible for the victim's restitution.

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By JESSIE STENSLAND

Staff reporter

A 34-year-old Langley motorcyclist was caught by a deputy after a short chase led to deep gravel earlier this month, court documents state.

Prosecutors charged Jason Lee Watson Helley in Island County Superior Court Jan. 8 with attempting to elude.

On Jan. 5, Deputy Darren

Crownover with the Island County Sheriff's Office staked out the Pioneer Park Place neighborhood, where Helley lives. He suspected Helley, who didn't have a valid license or motorcycle endorsement, of eluding Deputy Sean Warwick two months earlier, according to a report on the incident.

Helley rode by on his motorcycle and Crownover

pursued, lights and sirens blaring. The motorcycle sped away on Crawford Road at speeds up to 60 mph, the deputy wrote in his report.

Helley turned into a dirt road where Warwick had terminated the earlier high-speed pursuit. But this time, Helley lost control in deep gravel and laid down his motorcycle.

Helley got up and ran

away. Crownover pursued on foot and threatened to "tase" him, so Helley gave up, Crownover wrote.

Helley was arrested and convicted in 2004 of attempting to elude police on a motorcycle.

If convicted of the recent charge, he could face from two to six months in jail under the standard sentencing range.



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## The Honey Bear helps to sweeten education locally

*Shop will donate all the profits to Coupeville schools*

By SARA HANSEN

Staff reporter

As fifth grader Catherine Lhamon entered The Honey Bear, she was excited to spend the dollar she'd been allocated.

"There's 100 cents in a dollar," she said.

Helene Lhamon, Catherine's mother, said they've been coming down to the store since she could walk.

"Back then, it took us 45 minutes to walk down here, and 45 minutes to walk back," Helene said.

The Honey Bear will host a fundraiser for the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools Sunday, Jan. 26. Owner Karla Mackintosh said she will donate 100 percent of the profits to the organization.

The foundation is a non-profit organization that provides support for schools, teachers and students in Coupeville. It disperses annual mini-grants to teachers and scholarships for graduating students. It also financially assists students in need.

Mackintosh has donated to the foundation before, but

this is her first time hosting the fundraiser and she's excited.

"It benefits my customer base," Mackintosh said. "I always like to help the kids and donate locally."

The Honey Bear has been supplying children with candy since 1980, and Mackintosh took over the local sweet shop in 2001. She enjoys being a destination for all of the kids.

"Every little town should have a store like this," Mackintosh said. "It's about perpetuating memories."

After she'd already picked out her candy, Catherine Lhamon still wandered around the store, looking for future birthday presents for her friends.

"It's a shop full of entertainment," Catherine Lhamon said.

From candy, to wind-up toys, to tiddly winks and other small treasures, there's plenty to explore in every nook and cranny of the shop. Catherine Lhamon kept finding new toys and books she hadn't seen on any of her previous trips.

"You can get a million, trillion things cheaper than

anywhere else," Catherine Lhamon said.

Besides being a well-known stop for all the kids, the shop has also become a place where adults can get some help.

"If you need help finding a birthday present for an 8-year-old boy, ask," Helene Lhamon said.

Mackintosh knows most of the kids and what they like since they come into the store, Helene said.

And if you're lucky, you might even get to hear the Honey Bear song when you stop in.

When Mackintosh put on the song, Catherine Lhamon started to sing along and dance. But like the song, her visit eventually has to come to an end and it was time to head back home.

But she said she'd be back on Sunday.

The Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools Fundraiser  
10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 26  
The Honey Bear  
23 Front St., Coupeville



Sara Hansen / Whidbey News-Times

Coupeville Elementary School fifth grader Catherine Lhamon, left, looks around The Honey Bear on Monday for potential birthday presents for her friends. She has been coming to the shop since she could walk.



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<b>Wednesday October 29, 2014</b>	Oak Harbor Elks Lodge 155 NE Ernst Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
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Scoping is your opportunity to provide comments to help us focus our analysis.

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# Welcome

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## Welcome

The official scoping period for the U.S. Navy Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island began when the Navy published a Notice of Intent to revise the scope of the ongoing EIS in the *Federal Register* on October 10, 2014. The EIS will now evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed addition of up to 36 Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. The Navy is also proposing to continue and increase Growler operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville and to study the distribution of operations between those two airfields. Comments may be submitted through November 24, 2014.

Scoping meetings are being held to solicit input from the public on what should be analyzed and studied in the EIS, and your input during the scoping period is important. A range of alternatives have been developed for analysis in the EIS. No decisions about the proposal have been made.

The current scoping meetings are different from those held last year because the Navy's proposed action has changed. Because of that change, we are asking for your input on the issues to be studied in this EIS. **Your comments from last year's scoping process have been retained and will also be considered in the EIS.**

### During the scoping period, the public can provide comments in four ways:

1. Provide written comments at today's meeting
2. Provide verbal comments to the stenographer, who will record your comments at today's meeting
3. Submit comments electronically on the project website ([www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com))
4. Mail comments to:

**EA-18G Growler EIS Project Manager  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic  
6506 Hampton Boulevard  
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# Introduction

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## Public Scoping

Thank you for attending today's public scoping open house.

The proposed action will include the addition of up to 36 Growler aircraft to support an expanded electronic attack mission. The Navy will prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects of this proposal. Navy representatives are here today to explain the proposed project, answer questions, and describe the environmental impact analysis process and related timeline. An area has been set aside to provide you with an opportunity to write and submit your comments, or to speak with a stenographer who will record your comments.

## What Is the Purpose of this Public Scoping Meeting?

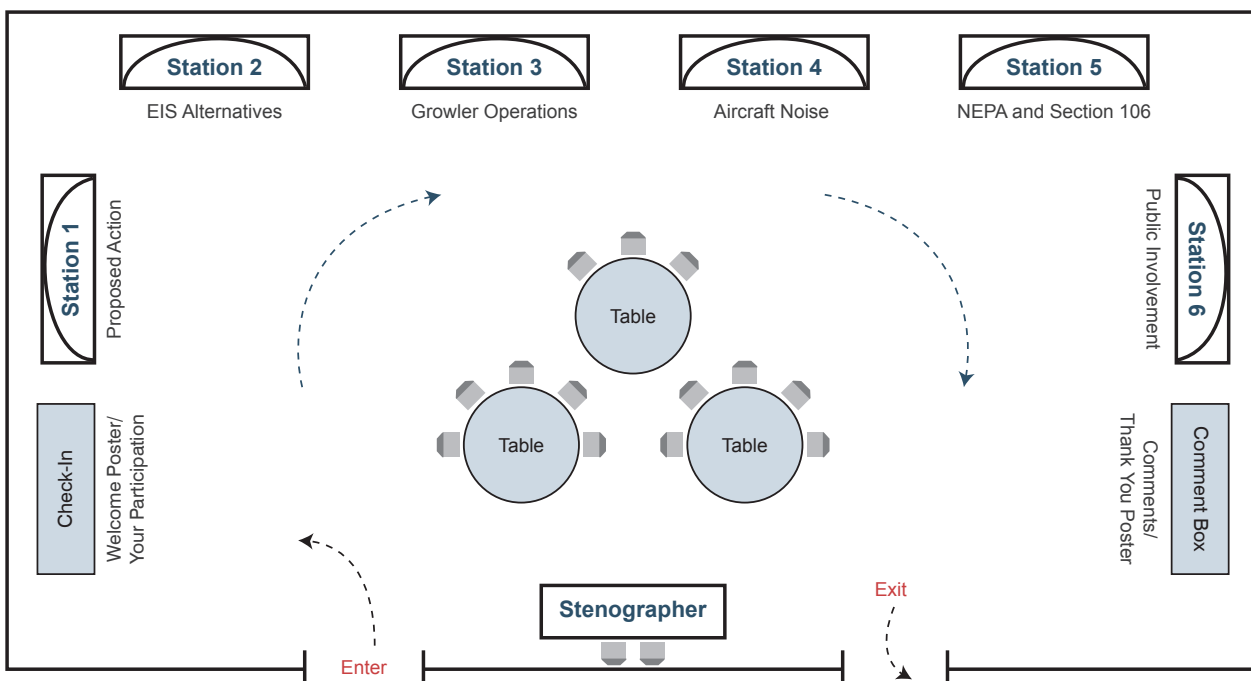
Scoping is an early and open process that invites the public to help identify issues to be studied in the EIS. The purpose of this scoping meeting is to inform you about the proposed project, explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the associated environmental impact analysis, and solicit your comments and concerns related to the proposal.

Scoping is an early and open process that invites the public to help identify issues to be studied in the EIS.

Please review the displays located throughout the open house, talk with our representatives, and then provide us with your comments. You may also take a comment sheet home with you and mail your written comments to us through the end of the scoping period (November 24, 2014). The approximate layout of the room is shown below.

### General Room Layout for Open House Public Scoping Meeting, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

(Actual layout may be different)





# Proposed Action

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## What Is the Navy Proposing?

The Navy is proposing to increase electronic attack (VAQ) capabilities by adding up to 36 aircraft to support an expanded VAQ mission and training at NAS Whidbey Island. The Navy is also proposing to continue and increase VAQ operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. As part of the proposal, the Navy will study the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The Navy would construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field to accommodate additional aircraft, and it would station additional personnel and their family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community.

The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the No Action Alternative and four action alternatives related to different levels of operations. This range of alternatives is discussed in detail on page 7 of this booklet.

## Why Is the Navy Proposing this Action?

NAS Whidbey Island is the home of all Navy VAQ squadrons flying the Prowler and Growler aircraft in the U.S. The proposed action is needed to continue and increase operational readiness to support national defense requirements as specified in the United States Code (Title 10, Section 5062) and also to sustain and continue to support all other aircraft missions at NAS Whidbey Island.

NAS Whidbey Island manages two primary aircraft training fields, Ault Field and OLF Coupeville, which are often used simultaneously to safely and effectively handle air traffic. Both airfields are integral to the training-mission support provided by NAS Whidbey Island.

### Ault Field, Oak Harbor, WA

- Primary airfield that supports multiple types of aircraft
- Two 8,000-foot intersecting runways

### OLF Coupeville, Island County, WA

- Primarily supports FCLP operations and provides the most realistic training for landing on a carrier
- One 5,400-foot runway
- Allows for other mission-critical training to occur at Ault Field



*Ault Field*



*OLF Coupeville*

## Why Is the Navy Revising the Scope of the EIS?

Last year, the Navy announced its intent to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the addition of two new expeditionary squadrons and additional aircraft to the training squadron. The Navy also proposed to continue and increase existing VAQ operations at both Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. That proposal included the evaluation of the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville, as well as construction or renovation of any related facilities at Ault Field to accommodate additional aircraft. Lastly, that proposal included stationing additional personnel and their associated family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community.

Last September, the Navy began an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the addition of two new expeditionary squadrons and additional aircraft to the training squadron. Scoping was conducted between September 2013 and January 2014 on that proposed action, and open-house scoping meetings were held in December 2013 to discuss the proposal.

During spring 2014, the Chief of Naval Operations submitted an Unfunded Requirements List as part of the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 that included a request to purchase 22 additional Growler aircraft. While it is unclear whether more Growlers will ultimately be procured, the Navy is electing to analyze the potential for these aircraft in order to be proactive and transparent. Therefore, a new scoping process is needed and has been initiated based on the proposed action.

The primary difference between the two proposals is the number of aircraft and the way they would be distributed to existing squadrons, new squadrons, or to the training squadron. All other elements of each proposal are the same:

- Both evaluate continued and increased VAQ operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville
- Both evaluate the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville
- Both evaluate related facilities construction or renovation at Ault Field to accommodate additional aircraft
- Both evaluate stationing additional personnel at NAS Whidbey Island and relocating family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community



# Proposed Action

The DoD identified a need for additional Growler aircraft.

## Why Is the Navy Rescoping the EIS?

- **Sept. 2013 – Jan. 2014:** Navy conducted public scoping on a proposed action to add two new expeditionary squadrons and additional aircraft to the training squadron, and to increase Growler operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville
- **Today:** Navy is revising the scope of the ongoing EIS and is seeking additional public input
  - ✓ Additional aircraft must be analyzed in the EIS, and a new scoping process has been started

## What Is the Navy Proposing?

- Add up to 36 aircraft
- Continue and increase tactical electronic attack (VAQ) operations and study the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville
- Construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field
- Station additional personnel and associated family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community

## Where?

### Ault Field

- Primary airfield at NAS Whidbey Island that supports multiple types of aircraft (P-3s, P-8As, Growlers, C-40s, MH-60s, and transients)
- Arrival, departure, touch-and-go, and Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations

### OLF Coupeville

- Vital to the mission of NAS Whidbey Island
- Primarily supports FCLP operations
- Allows for other mission-critical training to occur at Ault Field



Ault Field



OLF Coupeville

# EIS Alternatives

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The revised EIS scope will analyze impacts from multiple alternatives for operating the Growler aircraft inventory out of NAS Whidbey Island. The alternatives include variations of the following factors:

- Total number of aircraft to be purchased
- Number of aircraft assigned per squadron
- Number of land-based squadrons
- The distribution of aircraft operations at NAS Whidbey Island between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville.

Alternative	Force Structure	Total number of Growler aircraft (additional new aircraft indicated in parentheses)
<b>No Action Alternative</b> (Baseline for comparison)	9 carrier squadrons x 5 aircraft 3 expeditionary squadrons x 5 aircraft 1 reserve squadron x 5 aircraft Training squadron with 17 aircraft	<b>82</b>
<b>Alternative 1:</b> Establish 2 new expeditionary squadrons	9 carrier squadrons x 5 aircraft <b>5</b> expeditionary squadrons x 5 aircraft 1 reserve squadron x 5 aircraft Training squadron with <b>20</b> aircraft (+3)	<b>95 (+13)</b>
<b>Alternative 2:</b> Add 2 aircraft to each carrier squadron	9 carrier squadrons x <b>7</b> aircraft 3 expeditionary squadrons x 5 aircraft 1 reserve squadron x 5 aircraft Training squadron with <b>23</b> aircraft (+6)	<b>106 (+24)</b>
<b>Alternative 3:</b> Add 3 aircraft to each carrier squadron	9 carrier squadrons x <b>8</b> aircraft 3 expeditionary squadrons x 5 aircraft 1 reserve squadron x 5 aircraft Training squadron with <b>25</b> aircraft (+8)	<b>117 (+35)</b>
<b>Alternative 4:</b> Establish 2 new expeditionary squadrons and add 2 aircraft to each carrier squadron	9 carrier squadrons x <b>7</b> aircraft <b>5</b> expeditionary squadrons x 5 aircraft 1 reserve squadron x 5 aircraft Training squadron with <b>25</b> aircraft (+8)	<b>118 (+36)</b>
Notes: New squadrons and/or changes to the number of aircraft in an existing squadron are indicated by <b>bold orange</b> text.		

In developing the proposed range of alternatives, the Navy utilized long-established operational considerations, which are more fully described in the 2005 and 2012 Environmental Assessments for the replacement of the Prowler aircraft with the newer Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. These considerations include the fact that all of the Navy’s electronic attack mission and training facilities are located at NAS Whidbey Island, including the substantial infrastructure and training ranges that have developed in over 40 years of operation; the location of suitable airfields that provide for the most realistic training environment; the distance aircraft would have to travel to accomplish training; and the expense of duplicating existing capabilities elsewhere.

## No Action Alternative

The No Action alternative, although it doesn’t meet the purpose and need, would serve as a baseline against which impacts of the proposed action can be evaluated. Under the No Action alternative, no additional VAQ aircraft would be home based at NAS Whidbey Island beyond those already studied in the 2005 and 2012 Environmental Assessments. The transition from Prowler to Growler aircraft is anticipated to be complete by January 2016. Under the No Action alternative, legacy Prowler aircraft would gradually transition to Growler aircraft (approximately 82 aircraft), and annual operations would be maintained at levels consistent with those identified in the 2005 and 2012 environmental assessments.

# EIS Alternatives



The Navy is evaluating a range of alternatives in the EIS that include an increase in Growler operations.

## What Alternatives Will the EIS Evaluate?

### Four Action Alternatives

The action alternatives include variations of the following factors:

- Total number of aircraft to be purchased
- Number of aircraft assigned per squadron
- Number of land-based squadrons
- The distribution of aircraft operations at NAS Whidbey Island between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville

### No Action Alternative

- Serves as baseline against which the action alternatives can be evaluated
- No home basing of additional tactical electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons or aircraft
- Annual Growler operations would be maintained at levels consistent with those identified in the 2005 and 2012 Environmental Assessments
- Does not meet the DoD need for additional electronic attack capabilities

Alternative	Total number of Growler aircraft (additional new aircraft in parenthesis)
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# The Growler at NAS Whidbey Island

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## NAS Whidbey Island

NAS Whidbey Island is an integral part of Whidbey Island and the area community. It is the only center of excellence for electronic combat warfare training (electronic surveillance and attack) and is the home of all Navy electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons in the United States. NAS Whidbey Island has supported the VAQ community for more than 40 years. Growler operations began at NAS Whidbey Island in 2009. The Navy is currently replacing the aging EA-6B Prowler with the newer EA-18G Growler aircraft, with the last squadron scheduled to transition within the next year.

VAQ training at NAS Whidbey Island relies on two airfields to support air operations, Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The ability to train at both fields is important to fulfilling the VAQ mission.

## The Growler

The training and mission needs of the Navy have changed over time, and efforts to ensure appropriate environmental analyses continue to evolve as well. In 2005, the Navy evaluated the environmental impacts of transitioning carrier and training squadrons from the Prowler to the newer Growler aircraft. The 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzed 57 Growler aircraft replacing 72 Prowler aircraft, including the disestablishment of three expeditionary squadrons. In 2009, a Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum directed the Navy to maintain the expeditionary VAQ capabilities indefinitely. As a result, in 2012, the Navy prepared an EA that analyzed retaining three expeditionary VAQ squadrons that operated the Prowlers and their transition to Growlers. Additionally, the 2012 EA analyzed the relocation of a reserve Prowler squadron from Andrews Air Force Base to NAS Whidbey Island and the transition of that squadron to Growlers.

Last September, the Navy began an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the addition of two new expeditionary squadrons and additional aircraft to the training squadron. Scoping was conducted between September 2013 and January 2014 on that proposed action, and open-house scoping meetings were held in December 2013 to discuss the proposal.

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*EA-18G Growler at Ault Field*



# Existing VAQ Mission

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## VAQ Mission and Training

The missions of the VAQ squadrons include electronic surveillance and attack against enemy radar and communications systems. This involves the use of jamming equipment and anti-radiation missiles. The Growler has an advanced electronic system that allows it to identify targets and protect itself from those targets. It also has advanced communications capabilities that allow it to interact effectively with personnel on the ground as well as other aircraft.

Growlers are flown by a crew of two: one pilot and one naval flight officer, called the electronic warfare officer.

## Types of Navy VAQ Squadrons at NAS Whidbey Island

Three types of Navy VAQ squadrons are home based at NAS Whidbey Island; each of these is discussed below.

- **Carrier.** These squadrons, when deployed, operate primarily from an aircraft carrier and must conduct field carrier landing practice (FCLP). Currently, nine (9) of these squadrons are at NAS Whidbey Island.
- **Expeditionary.** These squadrons are deployed from NAS Whidbey Island and operate from various land bases throughout the world. Because they are land-based, they are not required to conduct FCLP. The expeditionary squadrons support Regional Combatant Commander requirements, U.S. Air Force expeditionary wings, and U.S. Marine Corps expeditionary forces. These squadrons do not train at OLF Coupeville. Currently, there are three (3) active squadrons and one (1) reserve squadron at NAS Whidbey Island.
- **Training.** This squadron provides post-graduate training for assigned personnel (aircrews and maintainers). Training is provided for both carrier and expeditionary squadrons. One (1) such squadron is at NAS Whidbey Island.

## Field Carrier Landing Practice

FCLP is a critical component of the initial training required for all aircrews and is an ongoing requirement for carrier-based aircrew. FCLP is a graded flight exercise that prepares pilots for landing on aircraft carriers. The exercises are conducted on shore facilities to provide pilots the opportunity to simulate carrier landing operations in an environment where the risks associated with at-sea carrier operations can be safely managed on land.



*EA-18G Growler at Whidbey Island*



# Growler Operations



NAS Whidbey Island complex trains pilots for the challenges of providing DoD electronic attack.

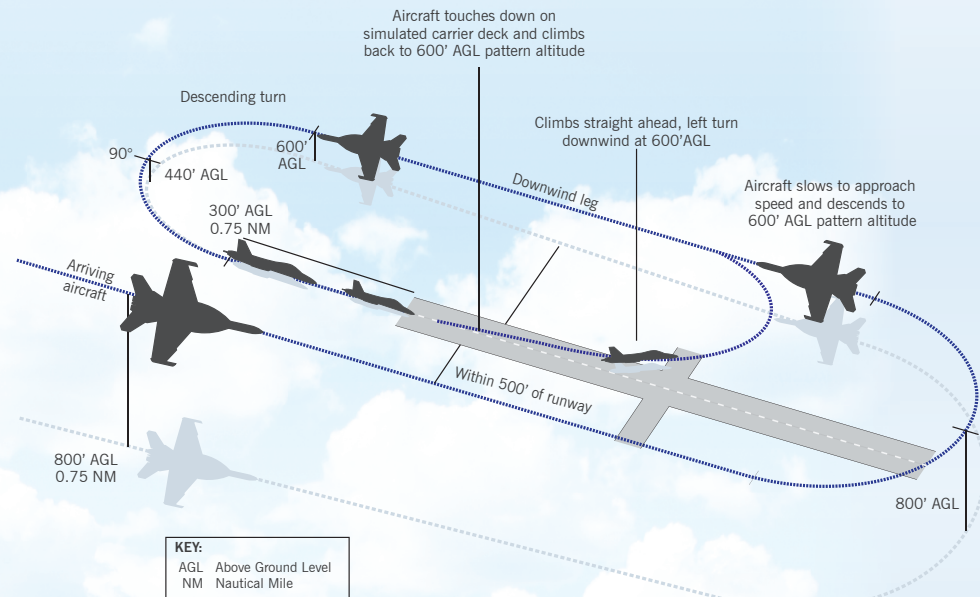
## Electronic Attack (VAQ) Squadrons at NAS Whidbey Island and Their Training Operations

- NAS Whidbey Island has been the home of all Navy electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons in the U.S. since 1970
- Primary mission of the VAQ squadrons includes electronic surveillance/attack through the use of jamming equipment and anti-radiation missiles
- Carrier Operations
  - ✓ Carrier-based squadrons and the training squadron use Ault Field and OLF Coupeville for FCLP
  - ✓ Expeditionary squadrons do not conduct FCLP



## Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP)

- A graded flight exercise that trains pilots for landing on aircraft carriers
- Conducted on a runway designed to simulate the flight deck of an aircraft carrier
- OLF Coupeville provides the most realistic training location for landing on a carrier
- Groups of up to five aircraft fly in patterns, and each one makes multiple FCLP passes



Landing on an aircraft carrier is one of the most dangerous tasks a pilot can perform.

For more information, please visit the project website at [whidbeyeis.com](http://whidbeyeis.com)



## What Is Noise?

Noise is defined as unwanted sound that interferes with normal activities.

The EIS will include a noise assessment of NAS Whidbey Island and OLF Coupeville operations. The study will use the latest approved computer model for aircraft noise analysis. Once projected noise exposure levels are determined, they will be assessed for their potential to impact the natural and human environment.

## How Is Noise Assessed?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, and Department of Defense (DoD) measure aircraft operational noise levels in decibels (dB) using two common metrics: the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) and Sound Exposure Level (SEL).

**DNL** represents the average sound energy of events over a 24-hour period, with a 10-dB penalty added to night-time (10:00 pm to 7:00 am) operations. This 10-dB penalty accounts for the added intrusiveness of noise when background noise levels are low and noise-sensitive activities such as sleep take place. DNL is depicted as a continuous line around a noise source (i.e., a contour line) and is usually shown using 5-DNL increments (e.g., 65 DNL, 70 DNL, 75 DNL). DNL takes all of those factors that influence our perception of noise—loudness, number and duration of events, and time of day—and includes them in one metric that is used to identify land uses that are compatible within specific noise zones.

**SEL** represents the total noise energy of a single event, such as a flyover, as if it occurred in one second. This metric combines the loudness and duration of the event.

$L_{\max}$ , or maximum sound level, is the highest A-weighted sound level measured during a single event.  $L_{\max}$  is the maximum level that occurs over a fraction of a second. For aircraft noise, the fraction of a second corresponds to one-eighth (1/8) of a second.

## How Is Noise Modeled?

Computer noise modeling input includes type of aircraft, number of operations, flight tracks, altitude, power settings, speed of aircraft, terrain, temperature, and relative humidity. Engine maintenance testing is also included. Results are presented on installation land use maps in the form of noise contours.

Noise is modeled using a computer program called NOISEMAP, which considers the number and type of flight operations planned over the course of a year to establish noise contours for all types of aircraft operating at a specific location.

**A noise assessment will be conducted as part of the EIS** and it will include a supplemental noise analysis, a potential hearing-loss analysis, and an assessment of non-auditory health effects. The supplemental noise analysis will include an evaluation of sleep disturbance, indoor speech interference, and classroom learning interference. The potential hearing loss analysis will focus on any portion of the local population that may be exposed to noise levels greater than 80 DNL. Lastly, the assessment of non-auditory health effects will consist of a comprehensive literature review.

### Response to Noise Depends on Many Factors

- How long the noise lasts (duration)
- How many times it occurs (repetition)
- Time of day
- Background or ambient noise levels
- Interference with activity
- Previous experiences within the community



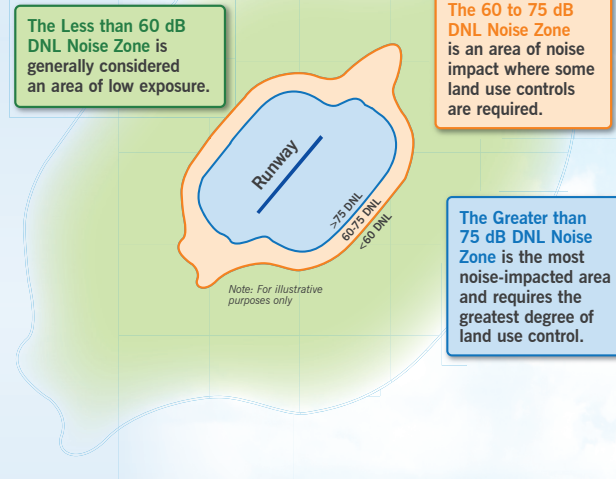
# Aircraft Noise

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) is the federal standard for determining community noise impacts.

## Noise Modeling

- Computer Model
- Input Data Includes:
  - ✓ Aircraft type
  - ✓ Power settings
  - ✓ Altitude
  - ✓ Number of operations
  - ✓ Aircraft speed
  - ✓ Relative humidity
  - ✓ Flight tracks
  - ✓ Terrain
  - ✓ Engine maintenance testing
  - ✓ Temperature
- Noise contours are generated and presented on a map

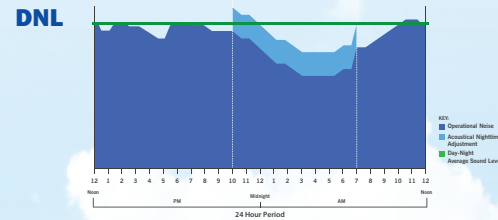
## Noise Zone Illustration



## Quantifying Noise

### Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

- Used to determine long-term community response to aircraft noise and land-use compatibility
- A 24-hour cumulative noise metric
- A 10-dB penalty is added to noise events occurring between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.



## Supplemental Noise Metrics

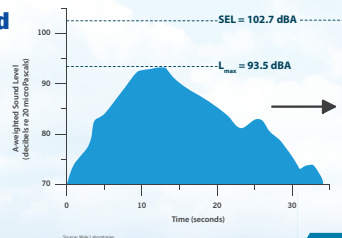
### Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

- Used to assess the potential for sleep disturbance
- Represents the total noise energy of a single event, such as a flyover, as if it occurred in one second

### Maximum Instantaneous Sound Level (L<sub>max</sub>)

- Used to assess the potential for speech and classroom learning interference

## SEL and L<sub>max</sub>



## Noise Assessment

- A noise study will be conducted as part of the EIS
- The noise analysis will evaluate sleep disturbance, indoor speech interference, and classroom learning interference
- A potential hearing-loss analysis will focus on the local population that may be exposed to noise levels greater than 80 DNL
- An assessment of non-auditory health effects will be conducted through a comprehensive literature review



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# The EIS Process

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## Why Is the Navy Preparing an EIS?

As part of our compliance with NEPA, the Navy is conducting an evaluation of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. NEPA requires all federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable options in making decisions about those actions.

NEPA requires that all federal agencies consider the environmental impacts of any major proposed action.

Public involvement is an essential part of the process. With public involvement and environmental analysis, the NEPA process helps the Navy arrive at the best possible informed decision.

Informed decisions are based on a candid and factual representation of environmental impacts. These facts come from collecting information on the areas and resources affected by the proposal and then identifying the type and extent of potential impacts resulting from the proposal.

For this project, the Navy will analyze potential impacts to air quality, safety, land use and compatibility, socioeconomics, community services, transportation, biological resources, cultural resources, and hazardous materials and waste, among other resources. Numerous federal laws and regulations govern the protection and preservation of environmental resources. The Navy strictly

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adheres to these laws and regulations, such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and National Historic Preservation Act, among others. The EIS will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities near the installation. Measures that could avoid or mitigate environmental effects will also be analyzed.

## Public Involvement in the EIS Process

The Navy invites public participation during the scoping process to help understand community-specific issues and concerns regarding the proposed action. We expect to receive scoping comments from interested individuals; business and community leaders; federal, state, and local officials; American Indian tribes and nations; regulatory agencies; and non-governmental organizations.

No decisions about the proposal have been made because the impact analysis is ongoing and not yet complete. Scoping comments will help the Navy determine the issues and concerns to analyze in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

The public will have another opportunity to participate in the NEPA process after publication of the Draft EIS. The release of the Draft EIS and the opening of the Draft EIS comment period will be announced in a newspaper that serves the local area, and additional meetings will be held to receive comments on the report. All comments on the Draft EIS will be addressed in a Final EIS.



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# National Environmental Policy Act



The Navy has revised the scope of the Growler EIS, originally presented in 2013.

## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- NEPA requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any major actions they may propose and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process
- Your input during the public scoping period will assist the Navy in identifying key environmental concerns that need to be evaluated in the EIS
- Findings will be published in the EIS, which will describe:
  - ✓ Purpose and Need
  - ✓ Existing Conditions
  - ✓ Proposed Action
  - ✓ Evaluation of Impacts and Alternatives
- A Draft EIS will be made available for public review and comment
- The Final EIS will be released to the public. Following a 30-day waiting period, the Secretary of the Navy will issue a Record of Decision.

Scoping is an early and open process through which the public is invited to help identify issues to be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

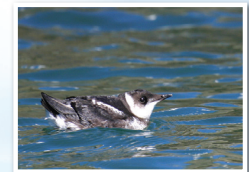


## EIS Process



## What Is Important to You?

- Noise**
  - Ault Field, OLF Coupeville, and surrounding communities
- Community**
  - Land use compatibility
  - Economic effects
  - Potential growth
  - Local community services
  - Transportation/traffic
  - Environmental justice
- Airfields and Airspace**
  - Number of aircraft operations and flight paths
  - Civil aviation impacts
- Air Quality**
  - Aircraft, maintenance, and vehicle emissions
- Safety**
  - Aircraft and maintenance operations
  - Hazardous and toxic materials and waste
- Biological and Natural Resources**
  - Protected, threatened, and endangered species
  - Wildlife and vegetation
  - Water quality, stormwater
- Cultural Resources**
  - Historic structures
  - Archaeological resources



Your scoping comments will help us focus our study.

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# National Historic Preservation Act and Section 106

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## What is Section 106?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 requires the Navy to consider the effects of a federal action on historic properties. Historic properties include prehistoric or historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects included or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Compliance with NEPA requires the Navy to demonstrate that the project is also in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. Therefore, the NEPA and Section 106 processes run concurrently, as shown on page 17.

Consultation is a critical component of the Section 106 review. Consultation does not mandate a specific outcome. Instead, it is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of consulting parties to assist in the identification of historic properties in the project area and potential effects to those historic properties.

## How Can the Public Participate in the Section 106 Process?

You are invited to comment on information, concerns, or issues about historic properties in the project area or that may be affected by the proposed action. Your input will assist the Navy in considering the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

## How to Become a Consulting Party

Other individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project may participate in the Section 106 review as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties. Under these circumstances, you or your organization may write to the Navy asking to become a consulting party.

To request consulting party status, explain in a letter to the Navy why you believe your participation would be important to successful resolution of the Section 106 process. Because the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) will assist the Navy in deciding who will participate in the consultation, please provide the ACHP and SHPO with a copy of your letter. Make sure to emphasize your relationship with the project and demonstration of how your connection will inform the Navy's decision making.

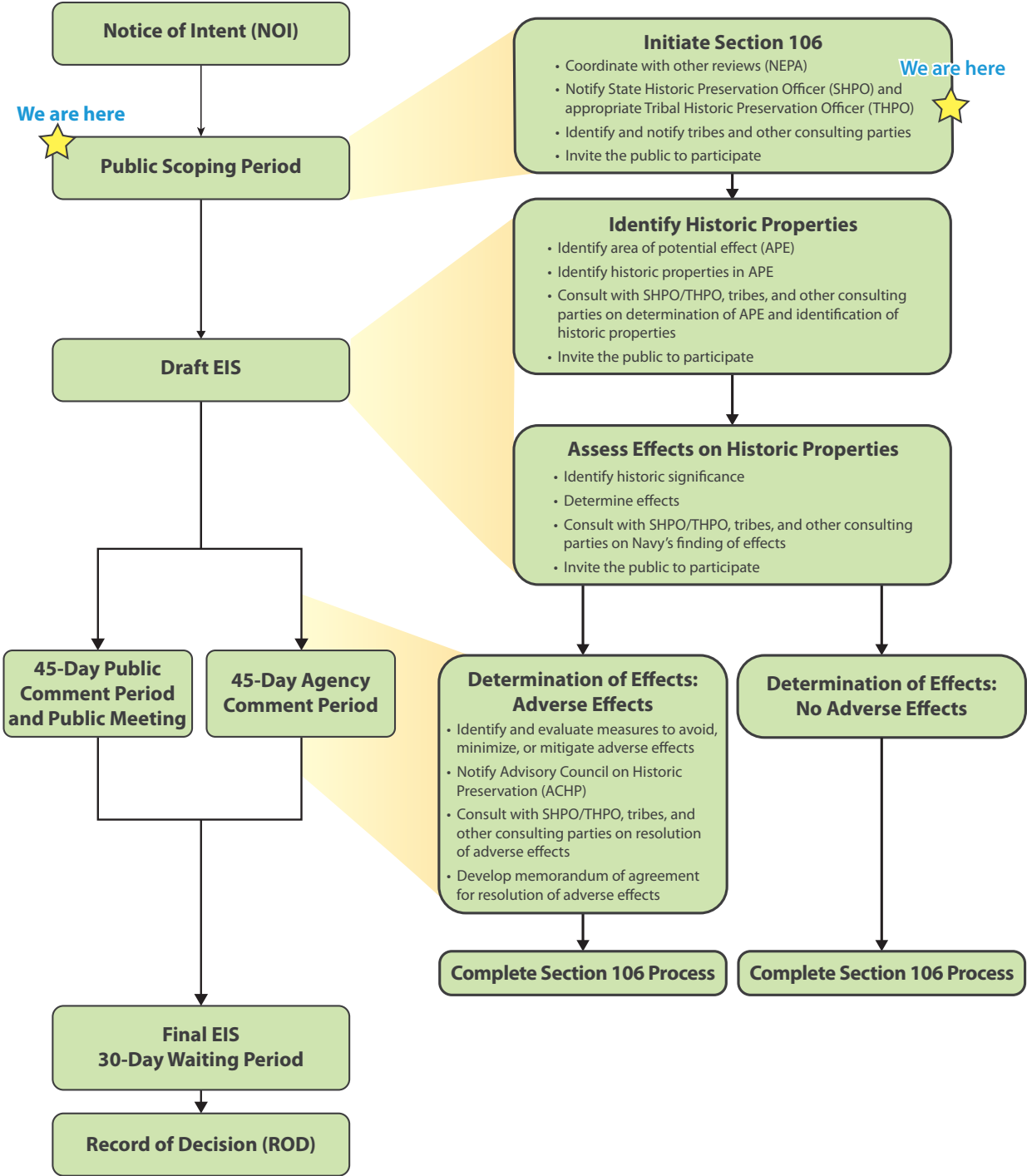
Consulting party status allows you to share your views, receive and review pertinent information, offer ideas, and consider possible solutions together with the Navy and other consulting parties.

## For More Information

If you have questions regarding the information on this page, please contact Kendall Campbell at NAS Whidbey Island at [kendall.campbell1@navy.mil](mailto:kendall.campbell1@navy.mil) or 360-257-6780.

### NEPA EIS Process

### Section 106 Process



# National Historic Preservation Act and Section 106

The Navy is interested in your input on historic properties.

## What is Section 106?

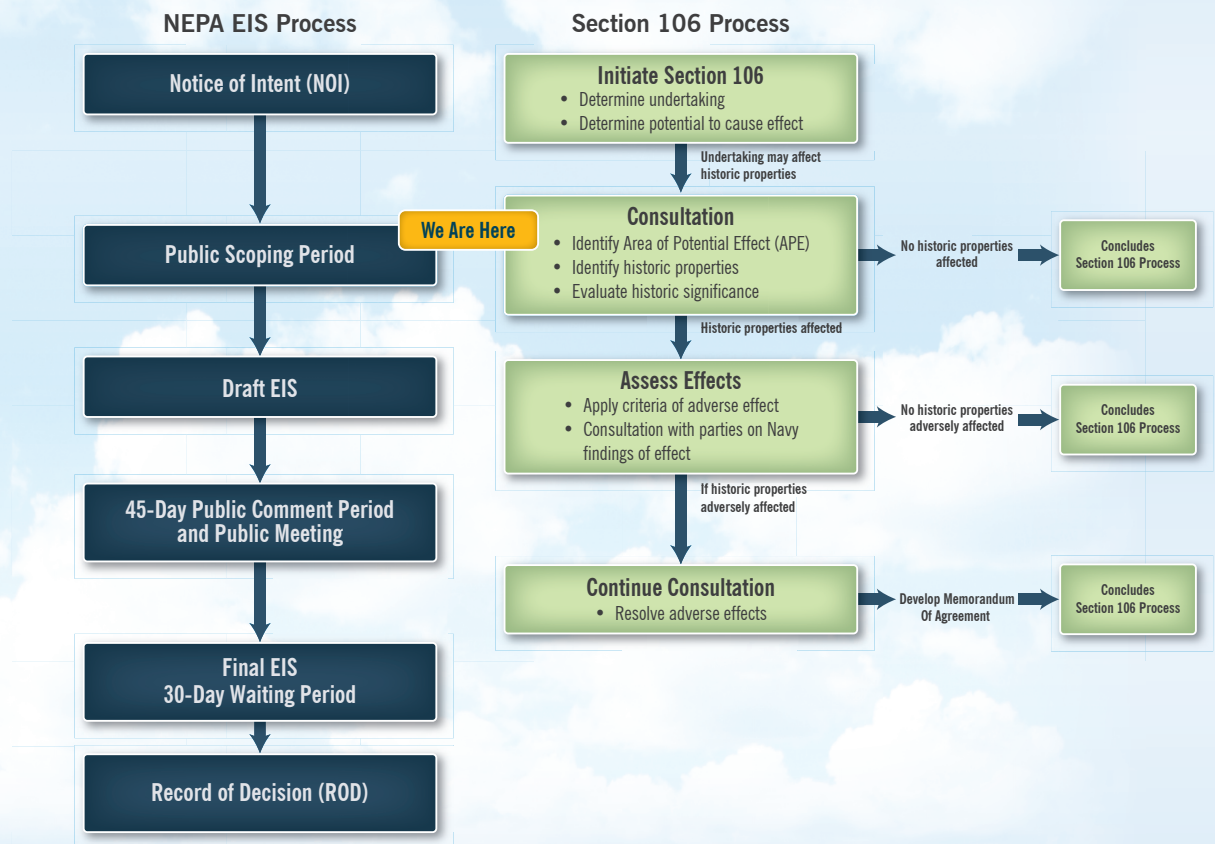
- Section 106 requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties
- Section 106 requires agencies to consult with State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), tribes, and interested parties



Willowood Farm, Ebey's Reserve.  
Courtesy of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.



Ault Field







# Public Involvement

There are several ways to participate in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

## How to Provide Comments During The Scoping Period

- 1 Provide written comments at today's meeting
- 2 Provide verbal comments to the stenographer, who will record your comments at today's meeting
- 3 Submit your comments on the project website at [www.whidbeyeis.com](http://www.whidbeyeis.com)
- 4 Mail your written comments to:  
**EA-18G EIS Project Manager**  
**Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic**  
**6506 Hampton Boulevard**  
**Norfolk, VA 23508**  
**Attn: Code EV21/SS**



All comments submitted as a part of the public scoping period must be submitted by November 24, 2014.

## How to Participate in the Future

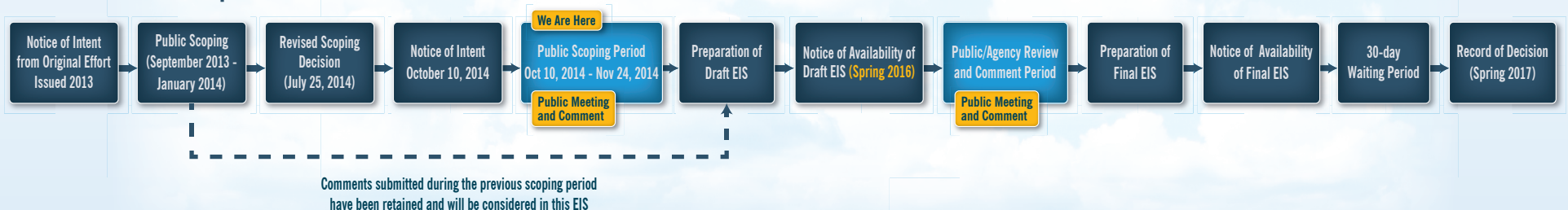
Your input is essential to ensure the most informed decision is made. There are several ways to participate:

- Join our mailing list
- Check the project website for new information
- Review the Draft EIS in **spring 2016**
- Attend the public meeting following publication of the Draft EIS
- Provide your feedback during the Draft EIS public comment period

Thank you for attending the public scoping meeting for the *EIS for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.*

The names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, and other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments will be kept confidential and will not be released, unless otherwise specifically indicated by the commenter or as required by law. The city, state and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments may be released.

## Environmental Impact Statement Schedule



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