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4	AND
5	THE WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER,
6	AND
7	THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
8	REGARDING THE EA-18G "GROWLER" AIRFIELD OPERATIONS,
9	NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND,
10	ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
11	2018
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13	WHEREAS, Commander, Navy Region Northwest (Navy) proposes to increase the number of
14	aircraft stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island and the number airfield operations
15	at both Ault Field and Outlying Field (OLF) Coupeville (Undertaking); and
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17	WHEREAS, Navy will continue to implement its current operational mitigation practices to
18	avoid and minimize noise impacts on the surrounding communities as feasible; and
19 20	WHEREAS, Navy has determined that the proposed Undertaking has the potential to cause
21	effects on historic properties subject to review under section 106 of the National Historic
22	Preservation Act (NHPA) 54 U.S.C. § 306108, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. §
23	800; and
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25	WHEREAS, Navy invited the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to participate
26	in the entire section 106 process under Subpart B of 36 CFR § 800 and the ACHP agreed to
27	participate in the entire process; and
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29	WHEREAS, Navy established the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Undertaking
30	consistent with 36 C.F.R. § 800.16(d), by taking into consideration the following three
31	components of the Undertaking:
32	• On-installation Direct Effect Area: Areas on the installation where historic properties
33	could be directly affected (e.g., by ground disturbance, demolition, or alteration).
34	• On-installation Indirect Effect Area: Areas within the installation bounded by the 65 dB
35	Day Night Sound Level (DNL) noise contours where historic properties could be disturbed
36	by the introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements.
37	• Off-installation Indirect Effect Area: Areas off installation but within operational areas
38	bounded by the 65 DNL noise contours, including the Central Whidbey Island Historic
39	District; and
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41	WHEREAS, the Central Whidbey Island Historic District was determined eligible for listing in
42	the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1973, and the 1978 National Parks and
43	Recreation Act designated the area of the historic district the Ebey's Landing National Historical
44	Reserve (ELNHR) for the purposes of protecting a rural community and its significant history;
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- 47 WHEREAS, the ELNHR is the first historical reserve in the National Park System and is
- 48 managed by a trust board through coordination of the four land managing partners who have a
- 49 preservation and/or management interest in the ELNHR: The National Park Service (NPS),
- 50 Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Town of Coupeville (Coupeville), and
- 51 Island County; and

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WHEREAS, Navy determined that the Undertaking will result in an adverse effect to the Central Whidbey Island Historic District, which includes ELNHR, as a result of more frequent aircraft operations affecting certain landscape components of the historic district, specifically perceptual qualities that currently make the Historic District eligible for the NRHP; and

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WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the determination of effect, and SHPO concurred on June 27, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, the Lummi Nation, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe who expressed no concerns about the Undertaking; and

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WHEREAS, Navy has consulted with Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve (Trust Board), NPS, Island County Commissioners (Commissioners), Coupeville, City of Port Townsend (Port Townsend), Washington State Parks, Seattle Pacific University, the Citizens of Ebey's Reserve (COER), and Mr. David Day; and

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WHEREAS, Navy has made information about its NHPA section 106 review of the Undertaking available to the public during NEPA public meetings, as well as on the EIS and NAS Whidbey Island website and in local media, and provided opportunity for comments per 36 C.F.R. §800.5(d), §800.6(a)(4), and §800.8; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(a)(1), Navy notified the ACHP of the adverse effect determination, providing the specified documentation, and the ACHP has chosen to continue to participate in the consultation pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6(a)(1)(iii); and

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WHEREAS, Navy invited Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, the Lummi Nation, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to participate in the development of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA); and

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WHEREAS, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe did not express an interest to actively participate, but request review of final MOA and the Lummi Nation and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington did not respond to Navy's invitation to consult on the development of this MOA; and

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WHEREAS, Navy invited the Trust Board, NPS, Commissioners, Coupeville, Port Townsend,
Washington State Parks, Seattle Pacific University, COER, and Mr. David Day to participate in
the development of this MOA; and
WHEREAS, the Trust Board, Commissioners, Coupeville, Port Townsend, COER, and Mr.
David Day agreed to participate in the development of, and opportunity to concur in this MOA;

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WHEREAS: Navy, in consultation to mitigate the adverse effects on historic properties agreed to evaluate alternatives that took into consideration resolution options that included the priorities of the ELNHR, and that provided potential long term and public benefits to the ELNHR; and

WHEREAS: As a contributing structure in the Central Whidbey Island Historic District, the Ferry House has been determined to hold significance for the American people, and be worthy of protection and preservation. The Navy appreciates the value of the historic importance of the Ferry House to the Trust Board, NPS, and the citizens of central Whidbey Island as a publicly accessible focal point for interpreting the cultural landscape and historic settlement and rural agricultural character of ELNHR. The Ferry House is one of the most significant and iconic structures in the ELNHR and offers the public exceptional opportunities to experience and be inspired by the history of the Central Whidbey Island Historic District, and the purpose of ELNHR. In addition, the community has protected the Ferry house for generations, demonstrating its importance to Central Whidbey Island's history, even prior to ELNHR creation. The Ferry House, held in trust for the public with NPS management, contributes to the cultural landscape of ELNHR and represents a high priority for the Trust Board in the execution

WHEREAS: The Navy recognizes the local community has concerns about the preservation of central Whidbey Island's historic properties, to include potential community and economic impacts, which are not addressed by the NHPA. The Navy recognizes that local Whidbey Island communities are also Navy communities and works to understand these community concerns and help identify solutions to benefit quality-of-life and infrastructure needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Navy, SHPO, ACHP, and NPS, as the signatory parties, agree that the following stipulations resolve Adverse Effects to Historic Properties caused by the undertaking in compliance with the NHPA and that the stipulations govern all aspects of the Undertaking unless this MOA expires or is terminated.

STIPULATIONS

Navy will ensure that the following stipulations are implemented and carried out under the supervision of a cultural resource professional(s) meeting the Secretary of the Interior Professional Qualifications Standards as defined in Appendix A to 36 C.F.R. Part 61.

I) MITIGATION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE UNDERTAKING

of its plan to preserve the historic heritage of central Whidbey Island; and

A) Landscape Preservation

Ebey's Prairie is a landscape that contributes to the Central Whidbey Island Historic District's eligibility, in which an indirect adverse effect was identified, as defined in the determination of adverse effect dated June 25, 2018. Navy will provide NPS with funds, not to exceed \$400,000, to support preservation projects that enhance the landscape integrity of the Ebey's Prairie landscape by preserving and protecting the Ferry House and associated cluster of outbuildings and structures. Although the Ferry House is not within an area of increased noise frequentness greater than 5 dB above 65 dB DNL as explained in the determination analysis, the historic landscape that the Ferry House contributes to is within this area, as part of the "entry to Coupeville from Ebey's Prairie into prairie and along Main Street."

- 1) Funding will support preservation projects to the Ferry House and contributing cluster of outbuildings and structures.
- 2) Preservation projects must comply with Secretary of the Interior Historical Preservation standards.
- 3) In cooperation with the Trust Board, NPS will coordinate the development of a scope of work for preservation projects to the Ferry House.
- 4) Within four years and prior to transfer of funds, NPS will provide the Navy the scope of work for Ferry House preservation projects for review to ensure legal requirements for transfer of funds are met including:
 - i. Providing specific and certain information about the project's benefit to landscape eligibility components, and details on the preservation services to be performed on the Ferry House or cluster components.
 - ii. Requiring all funds transferred to be obligated within the same fiscal year. Funds which are unexpended at the conclusion of the fiscal year shall be returned to the Navy.

B) Southern Gateway

Within four years of the execution of the agreement Navy will provide NPS with funds, not to exceed \$75,000, to complete the design, construction, and installation of a southern gateway entry sign to the ELNHR.

- 1) Prior to transfer of funds NPS will coordinate with the ELNHR to develop a scope of work and execution plan on project goals and with the Navy to ensure legal requirements for transfer of funds are met.
 - 2) NPS will provide Navy opportunity to participate in the development of the portion of the gateway exhibit referencing Navy history and/or current aviation use at Outlying Field Coupeville with the goal to provide context to visitors explaining the presence of Navy lands and aircraft in the ELNHR.
 - 3) All funds transferred must be obligated within the same fiscal year.

C) Historic Preservation Easements

In fiscal year 2020, Navy will seek partnership opportunities through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program to support the creation of scenic

easements. Navy will communicate its support for appropriate conservation easements to DoD officials, but cannot guarantee the outcome of the REPI process. At the end of the period of this MOA the Navy will provide SHPO and the ACHP with a report of successful REPI partnerships in the ELNHR.

D) Navy Volunteer Collaboration

Navy will communicate volunteer opportunities to NASWI personnel that exist in ELNHR to take part in the restoration and care of the ELNHR.

 Sailors seeking to improve their communities often volunteer their time and energy to projects and causes. The Navy does not mandate volunteerism, but does communicate community needs to interested Sailors.

2) Navy will connect interested volunteers with the needs of the ELNHR through the NASWI Command Master Chief, who will receive volunteer opportunities directly from NPS and ELNHR and match those needs with volunteer Sailors.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

I) DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS

A) Should any signatory party to this MOA object at any time to any actions proposed or the manner in which the terms of this MOA are implemented, the party shall notify Navy in writing, and Navy shall consult with the parties to this MOA to resolve the objection. If Navy determines that such objection cannot be resolved, Navy will:

1) Forward all documentation relevant to the dispute, including Navy's proposed resolution, to the ACHP. The ACHP shall provide Navy with its advice on the resolution of the objection within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving adequate documentation.

(i) Prior to reaching a final decision on the dispute, Navy shall prepare a written response that takes into account any timely advice or comments regarding the dispute from the ACHP and/or signatories, and provide them with a copy of this written response. Navy will then proceed according to its final decision.

2) If the ACHP does not provide its advice regarding the dispute within the thirty (30) calendar day time period, Navy may make a final decision on the dispute and proceed accordingly.

(i) Prior to reaching such a final decision, Navy shall prepare a written response that takes into account any timely comments regarding the dispute from the signatories to the MOA, and provide them and the ACHP with a copy of such written response.

B) Navy's ability and responsibility to carry out all other components of the MOA not subject to the dispute shall remain unchanged. Navy's ability to carry out the undertaking shall remain unchanged during any dispute.

II) ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT

A) The Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, prohibits federal agencies from incurring an obligation of funds in advance of or in excess of available appropriations. Accordingly, the Signatory Parties agree that any requirement for the obligation of funds arising from the terms of this MOA will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds for that purpose. The Stipulations contained in this MOA will not be interpreted as requiring the obligation or expenditure of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act.

B) If compliance with the Anti-Deficiency Act impairs Navy's ability to implement the Stipulations of this MOA, Navy will consult with the Signatory Parties to determine if an amendment is necessary to fully satisfy the stipulation herein.

III) AMENDMENTS

This MOA may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date a copy signed by all of the signatories is filed with the ACHP.

IV) TERMINATION

A) If any signatory to this MOA determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out, that party shall immediately consult with the other parties to attempt to develop an amendment per Stipulation III, above. If within thirty (30) calendar days (or another time period agreed to by all signatories) an amendment cannot be reached, any signatory may terminate the MOA upon written notification to the other signatories.

B) Once the MOA is terminated, and prior to work continuing on the undertaking, Navy must either (a) execute an MOA pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.6 or (b) request, take into account, and respond to the comments of the ACHP under 36 C.F.R. § 800.7. Navy shall notify the signatories as to the course of action it will pursue.

V) COORDINATION

Navy will ensure that each Signatory and Concurring Party is provided a copy of the fully executed MOA within thirty (30) calendar days of executing the MOA.

VI) POST REVIEW DISCOVERY

If during the performance of the undertaking or in the course performance of the stipulations in this MOA previously unknown historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties found, Navy shall immediately implement the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (Appendix B).

VII) DURATION

This MOA will expire if its terms are not carried out within five (5) years from the date of its execution. Prior to such time, Navy may consult with the other signatories to reconsider the terms of the MOA and amend it in accordance with Stipulation III above.

Execution of this MOA by Navy, SHPO, and the ACHP and implementation of its terms evidence that Navy has taken into account the effects of this undertaking on historic properties and afforded the ACHP an opportunity to comment.



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304	CHRISTOPHER GRAY, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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309	MATHEW ARNY, Captain, U.S. Navy
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