June 5, 2009

Senator Jeff Merkley           Senator Ron Wyden           Representative Kurt Schrader
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RE: Navy Northwest Training Range Complex

Dear Senators Merkley and Wyden, and Representative Schrader:

We are grateful for your support regarding the Navy’s training proposals. We share our community’s concerns over the potential environmental and economic impacts such training would have off the coast. Specifically, the proposed training could harm critical species and ecosystems thereby impacting our commercial fishermen, and the economic livelihood of Lincoln County. We would like the Navy to consider less harmful alternatives, and we urge you to continue your vigilance regarding this matter. We value our congressional delegation to assist us in conserving and protecting the ocean resources. Towards that end any assistance and support you can provide us in protecting our waters is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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