

United States Navy Public Scoping Comment Form Northwest Training Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement



Let the U.S. Navy know what environmental factors you want considered in the development of the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). Please record your comments on this form.

You may submit your comments by mailing this form to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
Attn: Mrs. Kimberly Kler - NWTRC EIS
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All comments must be received no later than September 29, 2007 to be considered in the Draft EIS/OEIS.

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Comments: As a board member for the Washington Scuba Alliance, a group that represents recreational scuba divers in Washington State, I am OPPOSED to the range expansion of the NWTRC in Hood Canal for several reasons.

- Many of our very popular dive sites would be removed from access. Divers frequently dive in Dabob Bay (Point Whitney and Pulali Point, as well as the Pinnacle) and points south.
- A very popular dive resort (Mike's Beach) where hundreds of divers certify each year would be affected as well.
- A very successful dive charter from Pleasant Harbor that has been around for years would be put out of business. (Pacific Adventure Charters).

In addition, divers are conducting long range monitoring of marine life for the Hood Canal Dissolved Oxygen program, and Dabob Bay has been very much affected by Hood Canal's recent problems. We would no longer be able to gather data at our 4 survey sites if the range expansion takes place. As it is, we often have to change our sites the day of our surveys (East Pulali to West Pulali) when the Navy is conducting exercises.

*Provide your mailing address to receive future notices about the NWTRC EIS/OEIS.

Hood Canal has enough problems affecting it right now, and does not need another negative impact to add to its already fragile ecosystem.

- Janna Nichols