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Welcome to the Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training Website



USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51)

The Department of the Navy (DON) proposes to conduct the majority of Atlantic Fleet active sonar training along the East Coast and within the Gulf of Mexico. During training events, surface ships, submarines, and aircraft use a number of active and passive sonar systems, as well as other training devices for antisubmarine warfare (ASW), mine warfare (MIW), and related active sonar training.

The Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training (AFAST):

- To provide active sonar training for U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet ship, submarine, and aircraft crews to meet the requirements set forth in the Fleet Readiness Training Plan and maintain proficiency with ASW and MIW skills.
- To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, commonly known as the NEPA.
- To comply with Executive Order 12114- Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions
- To discuss the potential environmental effects to the physical, biological, and socioeconomic resources along the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico that may result from active sonar training.

The DON has created these pages to provide you with information about the AFAST Draft EIS/OEIS. You may review the proposed action, purpose, and need statements here. This site will also include a schedule of events for activities such as public scoping meetings and hearings. You may also access currently available documents and submit comments during comment periods. We encourage you to contact us with your questions and concerns and to attend the public meetings for more information.



AFAST Public Scoping meeting

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