

## **Observations from various citizens about inconsistencies in the process:**

“If the Navy wanted a specific landscape they should have said so in their Environmental Assessment. Here's what they did say (and that's all that counts)

“The purpose of the Proposed Action is to sustain and enhance the level and type of EW training currently being conducted by assets using the NWTRC, to provide the ability to accommodate growth in future training requirements, and to maximize the ability of local units to achieve their training requirements on local ranges. The following list identifies the EW training and needs that will be met by establishing the EW Range: (1) EA-18G and EA-6B Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) personnel and Fleet Squadron Personnel training requirements; (2) support of basic and intermediate EW training for all user requirements of the NWTRC, primarily the locally assigned air, surface, and subsurface units; (3) live training, augmented by virtual training; (4) support of unit EW certifications and sustainment level training; (5) maximization and balance of local unit quality of training with local unit quality of life; (6) reduction in costs of training by conducting more training locally; and (7) reduction in the use of fossil fuel consumption from transit to and from training sites outside the state of Washington.’ [Navy EA]

They are rationalizing as they go. They have been training elsewhere for years except for their ocean usage looking for subs. They just thought they could get a place close they didn't have to buy - just take.” ~D.O, Clallam County

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“I am seeing that [Congressman] Derek Kilmer's letter that was forwarded to me, is parroting the Navy about something that appears to be false: "The Navy says that operating the Electronic Warfare range on the Peninsula is a critical part of their mission."

This needs to be questioned, and persistently.

As I heard on the Pacific Beach recording, [link below] the Navy officer in charge of the training of the pilots was asked: Did they need the western Olympic Peninsula specifically because of its forested terrain?

The question was referred to Navy rep who trains pilots and would know the answer. He said, ‘No, the terrain was not of importance. The Electronic Warfare practice could be conducted anywhere. The reason they chose the Peninsula was because of ‘efficiency.’ (meaning, the cost of gas)

Right here, on tape---before they honed their "message" to the public---is the guy in charge of training Growler pilots saying no, they can train anywhere. The terrain is not the issue.” ~D.H., Clallam County

Here is the video on which that statement was made at the pacific beach meeting:  
<http://vimeo.com/112593250>