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**Navy decision on Northwest Training and Testing EIS not yet final**

SILVERDALE, Wash. -The Navy is completing consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and has not yet issued the Record of Decision (ROD) on the Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS), but anticipates making a decision by the end of the year. Until a record of decision has been signed on the NWTT EIS/OEIS, Navy training and testing in the Northwest will continue as analyzed in prior environmental planning documents.

The Navy protects America's global interests around the world by operating on, above and below the sea. In addition to keeping the sea lanes open to travel and trade, the Navy needs to be ready to respond to a wide range of situations such as large-scale conflict, homeland defense, anti-piracy operations, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. This level of readiness and capability is achieved through comprehensive, realistic training and testing. Proper training and testing that enables Sailors to protect and save American lives.

The U.S. Navy prepared the NWTT EIS/OEIS to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting Navy training and testing activities within the NWTT Study Area. These military readiness activities include new activities as well as activities that are currently ongoing and have historically occurred in these locations. The Navy had multiple public comment opportunities throughout the process and appreciates the input received from interested parties.

Visit the project website at [www.NWTTTEIS.com](http://www.NWTTTEIS.com) to learn more about the project. When the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) signs a record of decision on the NWTT EIS/OEIS, notice will be made on this website, in the Federal Register, and through other means. For other information about your Navy in the Northwest Region, please visit the Navy Region Northwest website at [www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw](http://www.cnrc.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw).

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