

12-18-19 Public Notice FONSI for Naval Special Operations Training in Western Washington

In accordance with NEPA, US Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) prepared an EA to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed naval special operations training in western WA state.

NSWC proposes to conduct small-unit land and cold-water maritime training activities.

Based on the analysis and coordination with USFWS, NMFS, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, WA State Historic Preservation Office, WDOE (for coastal consistency determination) and federally recognized tribes, the Navy find that implementation of the Proposed Action would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. As a result, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The EA and FONSI are available at navfac.navy.mil/NSOEA

At the Anacortes, Bainbridge, Gig Harbor, Ilwaco, Oa Harbor, Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Sequim, Tacoma, and Westport public libraries;

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Naval Special Operations Environmental Assessment

This website provides public access to information about the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Naval Special Operations Training in Western Washington State. The U.S. Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) proposes to conduct small-unit land and cold-water maritime training activities for naval special operations personnel. The proposed training would occur on selected nearshore lands and inland waters of Puget Sound, including Hood Canal, as well as the southwestern Washington coast. The intent of the proposed training is to build trainees' skills, experience, and confidence by challenging them in a location with dynamic weather, land, and cold-water conditions. As part of the rigorous training, the trainees learn skills needed to avoid detection along with the goal of leaving no trace of their presence during or after training activities.

The Navy has conducted training in the Pacific Northwest for more than 70 years, including naval special operations training for the past 30 years. Puget Sound, including Hood Canal, and the southwestern Washington coast, offer unique conditions and varied coastal conditions which create opportunities for realistic and challenging special operations training in a safe, sheltered, cold-water environment.

NSWC prepared an EA and Finding of No Significant Impact that can be downloaded by clicking the links at the bottom of this page. The environmental documents will be mailed to the following public libraries for public viewing: Anacortes, Bainbridge, Gig Harbor, Ilwaco, Oak Harbor, Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Sequim, Tacoma, and Westport.

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Navy requested the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation review the Navy's finding of no adverse effect on historic properties. Section 106 consultation chronology is provided in the link below.

Linked Documents

[Click here for the Environmental Assessment \(EA\)](#)

[Click here for the EA Appendices](#)

[Click here for the Finding of No Significant Impact](#)

[Click here for the Navy's Section 106 Consultation Chronology](#)

If you are interested in other northwest environmental documents, please visit our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) website at <https://navfac.navy.mil/NWNEPA> for information about other Navy Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements.