



June, 8, 2020

Dear Community Leader of the Navy's Real-Time Noise Monitoring Study,

Thank you for your willingness to participate in a conversation to advise the Navy on their real-time monitoring study of the noise generated from the Navy's EA18G Growler jets.

We care about the success of your efforts. The Sound Defense Alliance (SDA), a non-profit and nonpartisan coalition of groups in northwest Washington and the Salish Sea, stands ready to help address concerns or questions you may have in regard to this study and noise monitoring in our region.

Understanding that you have been invited to a meeting with the Navy on June 10th, we write to you today, representing thousands of Washingtonians from across Washington who are impacted by the Growler training exercises. Many of you may have followed the noise issue closely and know a good deal about why the study has been established and what it is designed to accomplish. Others of you may be fairly new to the discussion. In sum, the study will provide specific noise monitoring data in real time at a number of designated sites affected by the Growler's jet noise to require the Navy to more accurately measure the impact of the noise on our communities.

The Sound Defense Alliance, in an effort to restore balance between military and civilian goals in our region, has focused attention on the monitoring and impacts of Growler jet noise. We are prepared to share our knowledge with you and help address concerns or questions you may have. To that end, we have attached a list of noise monitoring site locations for your consideration along with some important questions.

A summary of SDA's top issues include:

- More than ten monitoring sites are needed
- Each monitoring period should capture at least four 45 minute sessions of Field Carrier Landing Practice training
- Encourage the Navy to speak with citizen groups before the process concludes
- All raw data recorded must be made available to the public on the internet with information on how to read the files

This is the first study of its kind to be authorized by Congress with the support of our Congressional delegation from northwestern Washington. All of our participation in making this a meaningful and comprehensive study of the extent and impact of real-time Growler generated jet noise is important to the future of the communities of northwestern Washington.

We further invite you to share, with us, any thoughts, concerns or questions you may have in this planning process. Please direct those to Teresa Purcell at purcellpublicaffairs@msn.com. We will do our best to provide you with resource information that you may request throughout this important consultative process. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Anne Harvey

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attachments:

Monitoring sites (long list)

Monitoring site (11 sites)

Q & A's