



**Update: February 11, 2019**



Raising Our Voices - Lopez Island, October 2019, and Shaw Island, December, 2018



## Greetings!

Much is being done by the Sound Defense Alliance (SDA). Brian Silverstein has been active on the legislative subcommittee of SDA. Kip Greenthall has been working with the outreach subcommittee. Rhea Miller has been working with the communications subcommittee.

All these subcommittees are regional, involving a much broader base of engagement, fighting the increased militarization of our region, notably the expansion of the EA-18 Growlers at NAS Whidbey Island.

Legislators are being notified of our opposition to two proposed bills in the WA Legislature

HB 1386 and HB 1628 try to find ways for taxpayers to pay for the negative impacts of increasing militarization in our local communities.

While we appreciate that this proposed legislation recognizes that many local communities are negatively impacted by military activity in the state, and that these communities need financial assistance to mitigate the military's impacts, we do not believe that setting up an account to use public and private (non) Department of Defense (DoD) resources is the right approach at this time. Not enough effort has gone into defining the problem, evaluating the economic solutions on a state-wide basis, and creating a voice for the impacted communities. Once again, this bill seems to benefit the military at the cost of the taxpayers of Washington State.

These bills came forward from the work of the Washington Military Alliance (WMA), a State-Industry-DoD coalition. There is no representation from impacted communities who do not have a military base.

The excruciating noise continues

We are discovering that the planned 47% increase in noise from the Growlers is unacceptable by more and more people in the region. Cynthia Dilling has measured 121 decibels at her house here on Lopez from the Growlers.

We now know that the Navy is not only impacting our hearing and well-being with the Growlers, their electro-magnetic warfare training is hurting the spotted owl population on the Olympic Peninsula.

The Navy is damaging the Salish Sea. The Governor's Commission on Whales is noting the negative impacts of aircraft noise on Orca whales. Sonar detonations are causing damage to marine mammals. Tribes are suing the Navy for toxic pollutants at the Bangor Base, and the State of Washington is threatening to sue the Navy at Everett over pollutants from their ship cleanings.

The article below shows what Japanese citizens have managed to do in response to negative impacts from these aircraft. If they can do it, we should be able to do it.

<http://www.whidbeynewstimes.com/letters/letter-japanese-understand-impact-of-navy-jet-noise/?fbclid=IwAR3dNGyoVU3MZJbSyAi9ylz1gmecz5CQI-14JT6hkY8KiUy4IZp9Y5rIBKg>

Enough is enough! The Navy is no longer a good neighbor.

No new Jets. No new flights.

Please join the Sound Defense Alliance now.

<http://www.sounddefense.org>.

Thank you for your support

**If you have not done this already, please sign up to be a member of the Sound Defense Alliance.**

**<https://sounddefensealliance.org/take-action/join-us/>. Donations to the Sound Defense Alliance are greatly appreciated.**

**Thanks to each of you for continuing to file jet noise reports ! Please continue. One way to demonstrate impact is with DATA!**  
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