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From: Chief of Naval Operations, Airspace and Air Traffic Control
(N885F)
To: RDML Michael A. Giorgione, Fleet Civil Engineer, U.S. Pacific
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Subj: OPNAV RECOMMENDATION ICO NAVY TRAINING ACTIVITIES IN THE GULF
OF ALASKA
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3770.4A (Use of Airspace by U. S. Military
Aircraft and Firing over the High Seas)

1. Last Fall, a member of my staff, CDR Byron Chew, met with Carolyn Winters, COMPACFLT Environmental Programs & Range Sustainment - Northwest Liaison and Amy Burt, NAVFAC Northwest Environmental Planner to discuss Navy Training Activities and the Gulf of Alaska Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The issue was whether a need exists to modify the existing Special Use Airspace in the Gulf of Alaska to support the Navy's Proposed Action as described in the Public Scoping Informational Materials released in April 2008.
2. After reviewing the pertinent information, this office recommends the Navy continue to operate under Due Regard in the Gulf of Alaska during EXERCISE NORTHERN EDGE IAW reference (a). The Navy must continue to file Notice of Intent to operate under Due Regard with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA will continue to use Stationary ALTRV (Altitude Reservation) procedures to notify non-participating users of Navy operations. These procedures have been used for several years without significant incident. No proposal to modify existing Special Use Airspace in the Gulf of Alaska is required at this time.
3. All inquiries pertaining to this letter should be directed to CDR Chew at (425) 227-2740.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. K. EASLER", is positioned above the typed name.

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