



# GULF<sub>of</sub>ALASKA

## NAVY TRAINING ACTIVITIES DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIS/OEIS

### The Navy welcomes your input!

The U.S. Navy invites you to attend virtual public meetings for the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Navy Training Activities Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The Navy welcomes substantive public comments on the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The Navy prepared the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS to update previous environmental impact analyses with new information and analytical methods the Navy developed and has used since 2016. The Supplemental EIS/OEIS includes the analysis of at-sea training activities projected to meet readiness requirements beyond 2022 and into the reasonably foreseeable future.



### You can participate in a variety of ways:

- Visit [www.GOAEIS.com](http://www.GOAEIS.com) to learn more about the project, download a copy of the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, and submit comments online.
- Attend virtual public meetings and ask questions.
- Mail written comments to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest  
Attention: GOA Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager  
1101 Tautog Circle, Suite 203  
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

The Navy is committed to providing the public an accessible version of the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS during COVID-19 conditions. If you need assistance accessing the document or attending the virtual public meetings, please contact Ms. Julianne Stanford, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Office, at [julianne.stanford@navy.mil](mailto:julianne.stanford@navy.mil) or 360-867-8525.

### Virtual Public Meetings

Due to COVID-19 conditions, the Navy is holding virtual public meetings, consisting of a presentation and question and answer session, to discuss the Proposed Action and the draft environmental impact analysis.

Visit [www.GOAEIS.com/VPM](http://www.GOAEIS.com/VPM) to learn more about and attend a virtual public meeting. An audio-only option will also be available.

Substantive questions for discussion with Navy representatives at the virtual public meetings can be submitted between Jan. 11 and 18 for the Jan. 19 meeting, and between Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 for the Feb. 3 meeting. Email questions to [projectmanager@goeis.com](mailto:projectmanager@goeis.com) or complete the form at [www.GOAEIS.com](http://www.GOAEIS.com)

Tuesday  
Jan. 19, 2021  
3 to 4 p.m.  
Alaska Standard Time

Wednesday  
Feb. 3, 2021  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Alaska Standard Time



To be considered in the development of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time **Feb. 16, 2021**

## Proposed Action

The Navy's Proposed Action is to continue periodic military training activities within the Temporary Maritime Activities Area in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). Proposed activities are the same as the actions previously presented and analyzed in the 2011 GOA Final EIS/OEIS and the 2016 GOA Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, with some changes in the platforms and systems used in those activities, such as new aircraft types. The geographic extent of the GOA Temporary Maritime Activities Area and Proposed Action, including the location, number, and frequency of major training exercises, remain unchanged from the 2016 GOA Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Proposed activities include the use of sonar and weapon systems at sea. The Navy would continue to implement mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential impacts on marine species and the environment from training activities.

In the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluated new, relevant information, such as updated marine mammal density data and other emergent best available science, and updated the environmental analyses as appropriate.



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