



# GULF of ALASKA

## SUPPLEMENT TO THE GULF OF ALASKA NAVY TRAINING ACTIVITIES DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIS/OEIS

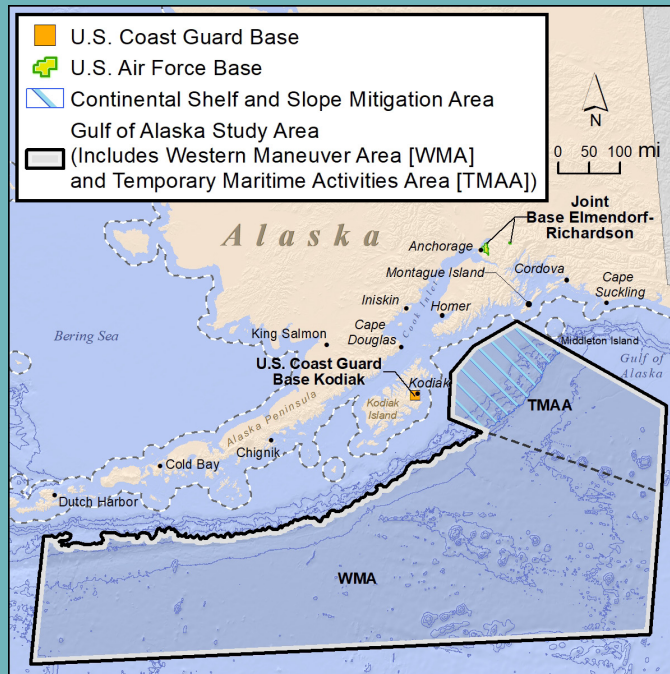
### The Navy welcomes your input!

The U.S. Navy has prepared a Supplement to the December 2020 Gulf of Alaska Navy Training Activities Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS), which is now available for review and comment. This Supplement addresses a change in the Study Area and the addition of a new Continental Shelf and Slope Mitigation Area.

Since the release of the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS and completion of the Northern Edge 2021 exercise, the Navy recognized that the size and shape of the Temporary Maritime Activities Area (TMAA) no longer provides sufficient space for realistic maneuvering of vessels and aircraft during training exercises. Proposed changes to the Study Area include additional airspace and sea space, called the Western Maneuver Area (WMA), for vessel and aircraft maneuvering. No new or increased number of training activities are proposed, and the use of sonar or explosives would not occur in the WMA. Although the Study Area has expanded, the conclusions regarding potential impacts have not significantly changed from the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

### New Continental Shelf and Slope Mitigation Area

In direct response to agency, tribal, and public comments, the Navy also proposes implementing a new mitigation area within the continental shelf and shelf slope area of the TMAA. The proposed mitigation area would reduce impacts on marine mammals, fishes, and marine birds.



## Public Involvement

You can participate in a variety of ways:

- Visit **www.GOAEIS.com** to view the Supplement and submit comments online.
- Visit the Alaska State (Juneau), Copper Valley Community (Glennallen), Cordova, Homer, Kodiak, Seaward Community, University of Alaska Fairbanks/Elmer E. Rasmuson, and Z.J. Loussac (Anchorage) libraries to view a printed copy of the Supplement.
- Mail written comments to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest  
Attention: GOA Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager  
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Public comments received during the 2020 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS comment period are still valid; previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

If you need assistance accessing the Supplement, please contact Ms. Julianne Stanford, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Office, at [julianne.e.stanford.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:julianne.e.stanford.civ@us.navy.mil) or 360-867-8525.

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Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. PDT **May 2, 2022**, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.