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Proposed Action and Alternatives

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing activities to accomplish the Navy mission.

PROPOSED ACTION

The Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing activities within the NWTT Study Area, to include the use of active sonar and explosives, as well as pierside sonar maintenance and testing. The Navy is proposing adjustments from current levels of training and testing to the levels needed to support Navy requirements beginning in 2015.

No Action Alternative

- Continues training and testing activities defined by existing environmental planning documents
- Provides a baseline to compare the environmental effects of the alternatives

Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative)

- Includes the No Action Alternative
- Includes adjustments to the types and levels of training and testing activities
- Consists of activities and requirements associated with the development, testing and introduction of new vessels, aircraft and weapons systems
- Includes training exercises in Puget Sound in support of Civilian Port Defense
- Includes testing activities at the Carr Inlet Operations Area and Navy pierside locations in Puget Sound
- Eliminates sinking exercises

Alternative 2

- Includes all activities under Alternative 1
- Includes additional adjustments to the types and levels of activities

A key goal of the environmental analysis is to continue the Navy's compliance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.



Realistic training and testing are crucial for military readiness and national defense.

