



NORTHWEST Training and Testing EIS/OEIS

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Summary of Draft EIS/OEIS Impact Analysis

The Navy analyzed the Proposed Action and alternatives to determine potential impacts on the environment from training and testing activities. Many of these activities were previously analyzed and authorized under separate environmental documents.

MARINE RESOURCES

Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles

- Activities may affect individuals of certain species, including those listed as threatened or endangered.
- Activities are not expected to decrease the overall fitness of any population.
- Effects may include behavioral response or injury.
- Majority of effects are expected to be behavioral responses.

Fish

- Activities may affect individuals of certain fish species, including Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed salmonid, green sturgeon, Pacific eulachon and rockfish species.
- Activities are not expected to decrease the overall fitness of any population.
- No effects on subsistence, commercial or recreational fishing resources are anticipated.

BIRDS

- Activities may affect individual birds.
- Impacts would not decrease the overall fitness of any bird population or result in long-term population-level impacts on any species, including the ESA-listed marbled murrelet.
- Activities would not result in a significant adverse effect on migratory bird populations or on bald or golden eagles.

SOCIOECONOMIC RESOURCES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Transportation, shipping, fishing, subsistence use, tourism and public safety would not be impacted.
- There would not be disproportionately high or adverse effects on low-income or minority populations.

CULTURAL RESOURCES AND NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKA NATIVE TRADITIONAL RESOURCES

- Activities would not affect cultural properties, tribal rights or tribal resources.
- Historic properties and World Heritage sites would not be affected.
- Activities could increase the probability of disturbing submerged resources, depending on the location of the activity.
- Use of seafloor devices could potentially entangle tribal fishing equipment. No impacts on tribal access to usual and accustomed fishing grounds are anticipated.

CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

- Military and civilian activities are expected to impact some individual marine mammals and sea turtles, including several ESA-listed species.
- Incremental increases to greenhouse gas emissions are expected.

