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September 27, 2007

Carol Bernthal, Superintendent
Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
115 East Railroad Ave.
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Ms. Bernthal

On behalf of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Committee I am forwarding to you scoping comments on the U.S. Navy Northwest Training Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement that were adopted by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (OCNMSAC) at our September 21, 2007 meeting. Also on behalf of the OCNMSAC, I am requesting that you forward these comments to the U.S. Navy.

With regard to public scoping for the Northwest Training Range Complex EIS, the Sanctuary Council adopted the following resolution with no objections and one abstention at its regular meeting of September 21, 2007:

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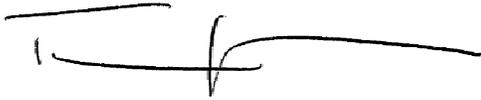
“The Sanctuary Council respectfully requests that the Navy perform a broader analysis of alternatives within the geographic area of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Specifically, we request that the Navy consider alternatives that would 1) maintain activity and equipment levels within the Sanctuary as specified in the Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to Sanctuary designation in 1994; and 2) maintain activity and equipment levels equivalent to those that existed in 2004.

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The Sanctuary Council further requests that the Navy address the 13 concerns that the Advisory Council submitted in response to public scoping for the Keyport Range expansion as articulated in a letter dated December 2, 2003 (enclosed). The same concerns apply to scoping for the Northwest Training Range Complex.”

The OCNMSAC is an advisory body only. The opinions and findings of this publication do not necessarily reflect the position of the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrie Klinger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Terrie Klinger, Chair

Attachment