



Peter Goldmark
Washington State
Commissioner of Public Lands

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Rear Admiral Jeffrey Ruth
Commander, Navy Region Northwest
1100 Hunley Road
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Dear Admiral Ruth,

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) considers the United States Navy one of its most important and collaborative partners. Our excellent working relationship has resulted in historic projects like the Hood Canal Easement of 2014, the largest aquatic conservation easement in state history, and a series of vital upland conservation projects through the Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program.

It is because of our excellent working relationship across a broad array of priority issues that we feel it is important to inform the Navy of one project we would prefer not to partner on at this time.

DNR land has been publicly discussed as a location for the Navy's proposed electromagnetic warfare training on the Olympic Peninsula. Though we have not received a formal land use or lease application for this project, we feel that we are adequately informed to decide that we would not be interested in participating in this training exercise.

We appreciate your understanding of our decision not to move forward with this project.

Sincerely,

Peter Goldmark
Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

