

The U.S. Navy is planning to expand its war training exercises off the Northwest coast of the U.S. too near the path of the annual Gray Whale migration. The training exercises include: extensive use of low-frequency sonar, explosions and harmful chemicals being released into the ocean. The Gray Whales will have to travel through this deadly environment twice a year.

The Navy could move these exercises somewhere else. They don't have to be conducted anywhere near the Gray Whale migration path. Everywhere the U.S. Navy or other country's Navies have conducted these war training exercises, there has been extra loss of marine life.

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in California in 2016 that the low frequency active sonar used by the Navy for training missions violates the Marine Mammal Protection Act and negatively impacts whales, dolphins and walrus who rely on sound to navigate the seas – <https://www.sciencealert.com/a-us-court-ruled-that-navy-sonar-harms-whales-and-dolphins>

Here is where you can access the Navy's draft supplemental EIS – <https://www.nwtteis.com/Documents/2019-Northwest-Training-and-Testing-Supplemental-EIS-OEIS-Documents/Draft-Supplemental-EIS-OEIS>.

You can comment on the Navy's proposal electronically at: <https://www.nwtteis.com/Public-Involvement/Public-Comment>. Written comments become public record and are the strongest response. They can be mailed to:

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All comments must be submitted by 5/28/19