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Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE NORTHWEST TRAINING AND TESTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department of the Navy (Navy) has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative, Alternative 1, as described in the Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS), to conduct ongoing military readiness training and testing activities primarily within existing range complexes, operating areas and testing ranges of the NWTT Study Area. Implementing the Preferred Alternative will ensure the Navy accomplishes its mission to maintain, train and equip combat-ready military forces while minimizing potential environmental impacts to the greatest extent practicable.

The NWTT Study Area (see Enclosure 1) is primarily comprised of established maritime operating areas and warning areas in the eastern North Pacific Ocean, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound and Western Behm Canal in southeastern Alaska. The NWTT Study Area includes: air and water space within and outside Washington state waters, air and water space outside the state waters of Oregon and northern California, and water space within Alaska state waters. It includes four existing range complexes and facilities (the Northwest Training Range Complex, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Keyport Range Complex, Carr Inlet Operations Area and Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility), and Navy installation pierside locations where sonar maintenance and testing occur (Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor and Naval Station Everett).

The Navy made its decision to implement Alternative 1 after carefully considering the potential impacts training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment, as well as considering comments on the proposal and environmental analysis received from government agencies, tribal governments and the public. The Navy used the best available science in conducting its comprehensive analysis of the impacts on thirteen resource areas, as well as cumulative impacts.

The Record of Decision (ROD) documents the Navy's decision to train and test as described in the Final EIS/OEIS under Alternative 1. As identified in the Final EIS/OEIS, proposed training and testing activities include the use of active sonar, acoustic sources and explosives, as well as

pierside sonar maintenance and testing. While training and testing, the Navy follows strict guidelines and employs measures to reduce effects on marine species.

The ROD and Final EIS/OEIS completion follows years of research, analysis and public involvement. The Navy held nine public scoping meetings in March 2012, eight public meetings in February/March 2014 for the Draft EIS/OEIS and four public meetings in January 2015 for the Supplement to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Meetings took place in Washington, Oregon, Northern California and Alaska. The Final EIS/OEIS includes public comments received during the Draft and Supplement review periods and the Navy's responses to those comments. In the ROD, the Navy also considered and responded to comments substantively different from those already addressed in the Final EIS/OEIS, which were received after the Final EIS/OEIS was published on October 2, 2015.

The ROD and Final EIS/OEIS, as well as supporting technical reports and other reference materials, are available online at [www.NWTTTEIS.com](http://www.NWTTTEIS.com). Additionally, printed copies and CD copies of the Final EIS/OEIS are available for viewing at 21 community libraries identified on the project website and listed in Enclosure 2.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the NWTT EIS/OEIS project manager at:

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Attention: NWTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager  
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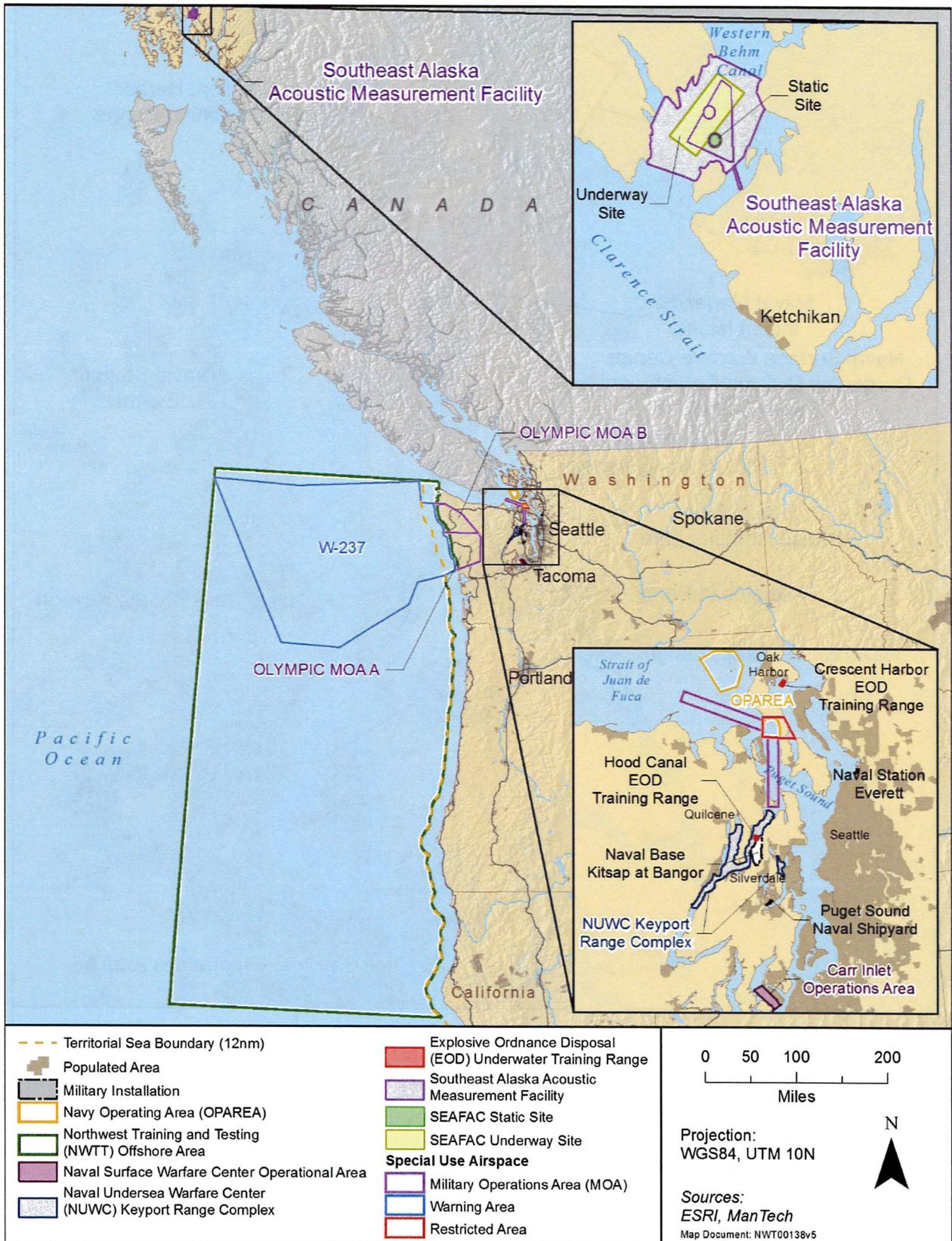
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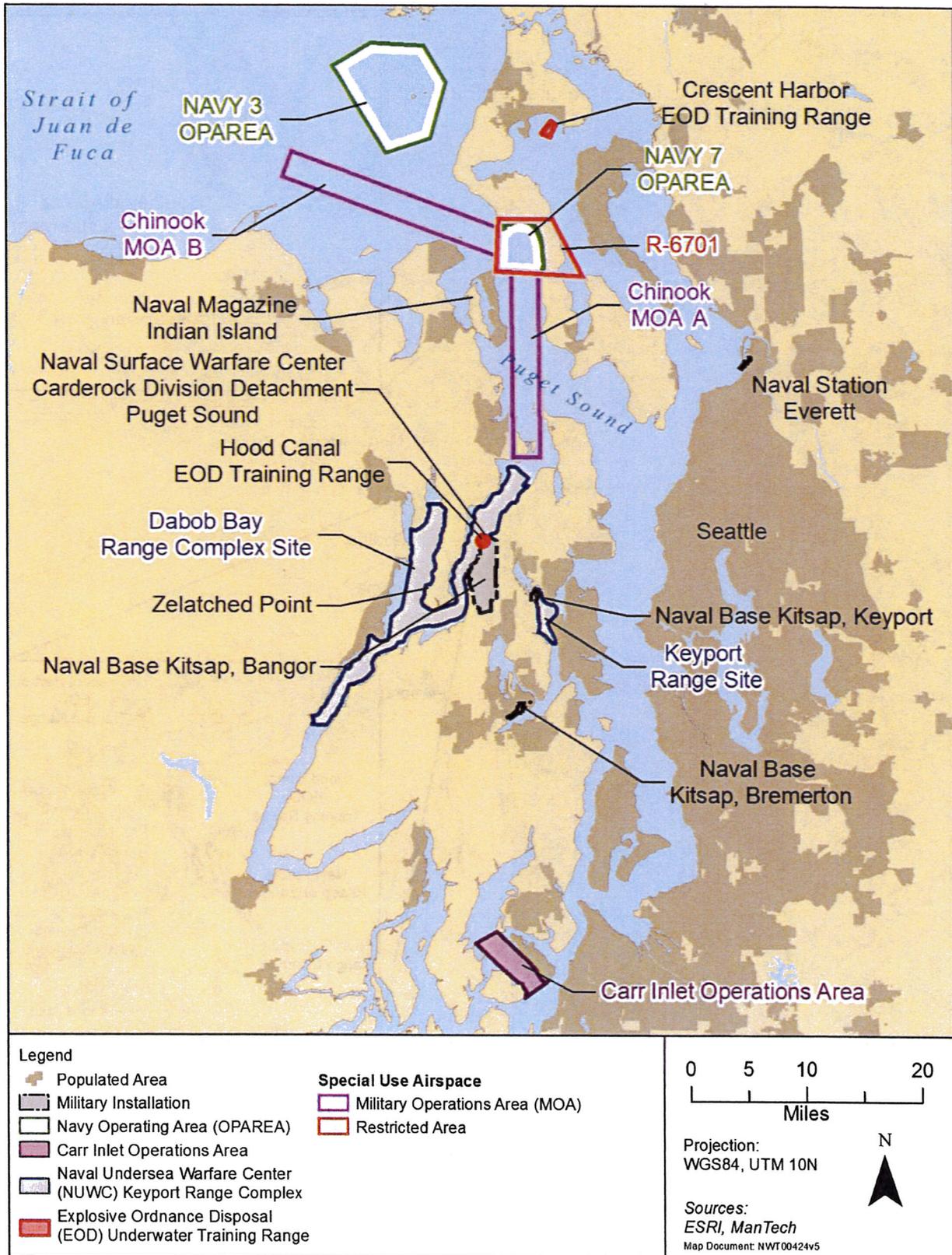
- Enclosures: 1. Figures of the NWTT EIS/OEIS Study Area  
2. Public Libraries with copies of the NWTT Final EIS/OEIS

# Enclosure 1: Northwest Training and Testing Study Area



Enclosure (1)

Enclosure 1: Inland Waters of the Northwest Training and Testing Study Area



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## Enclosure 2: Public Libraries with Copies of the NWT Final EIS/OEIS

### **Washington:**

Everett Main Library  
2702 Hoyt Ave.  
Everett, WA 98201

Gig Harbor Library  
4424 Point Fosdick Drive NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Jefferson County Library (Port Hadlock)  
620 Cedar Ave.  
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

Kitsap Regional Library (Poulsbo)  
700 NE Lincoln Road  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Kitsap Regional Library - Sylvan Way (Bremerton)  
1301 Sylvan Way  
Bremerton, WA 98310

Oak Harbor Public Library  
1000 SE Regatta Drive  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Port Angeles Main Library  
2210 S. Peabody St.  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Port Townsend Public Library  
1220 Lawrence St.  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Timberland Regional Library – Aberdeen  
121 E. Market St.  
Aberdeen, WA 98520

Timberland Regional Library – Hoquiam  
420 Seventh St.  
Hoquiam, WA 98550

### **Oregon:**

Astoria Public Library  
450 10th St.  
Astoria, OR 97103

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Driftwood Public Library  
801 SW Highway 101 #201  
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Guin Library, Hatfield Marine Science Center  
2030 SE Marine Science Drive  
Newport, OR 97365

Newport Public Library  
35 NW Nye St.  
Newport, OR 97365

Tillamook Main Library  
1716 Third St.  
Tillamook, OR 97141

**California:**

Fort Bragg Branch Library  
499 Laurel St.  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Humboldt County Public Library - Arcata Branch Library  
500 Seventh St.  
Arcata, CA 95521

Humboldt County Public Library - Eureka Main Library  
1313 Third St.  
Eureka, CA 95501

Redwood Coast Senior Center  
490 N. Harold St.  
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

**Alaska:**

Juneau Public Library - Downtown Branch  
292 Marine Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

Ketchikan Public Library  
1110 Copper Ridge Lane  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Enclosure (2)