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Navy to Host Additional Public Meetings on NAS Whidbey Island EIS

At the request of elected officials, the Navy plans to host two additional open-house scoping meetings for the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. These meetings will provide members of the public with the opportunity to review project-related information, ask questions of Navy representatives, and submit comments on the scope of the analysis and content to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the meetings will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. The meetings will be conducted between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Lopez Island Meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 3-6 p.m.
Lopez Island Center for Community and Arts
204 Village Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261

Port Townsend Meeting

Thursday, December 4, 2014, 3-6 p.m.
Fort Worden Commons, Building 210
200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Scoping meeting information booklets are available for individuals attending each public scoping meeting. If you are unable to attend a scoping meeting, scoping meeting booklets are available for download from the project website at <http://www.whidbeyeis.com> or can be reviewed in the reference section of 14 area libraries. Furthermore, the project website includes up-to-date information on the project and schedule, as well as related documents associated with the EIS.

Written comments may be submitted to the EA-18G EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21/SS, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508. Written comments may also be submitted online at the project website at <http://www.whidbeyeis.com> on the “Comments” page. Additionally, written and oral comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. The names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers and other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments will be kept confidential and will not be released, unless otherwise specifically indicated by the commenter or as required by law. The city, state and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments may be released.

Comments may be submitted at any time during the public comment period, which has now been extended through January 9, 2015 due to these additional scoping meetings.

List of 14 area libraries where copies of scoping meeting booklets are available for review: Anacortes Public Library, Burlington Public Library, Camano Island Library, Coupeville Library, Guemes Island Library, La Conner Regional Library, Lopez Island Library, Lummi Island Library, Mount Vernon City Library, Oak Harbor City Library, Orcas Island Public Library, Port Townsend Public Library, San Juan Island Library and Seattle Central Public Library.