



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: May 13, 2019
DEPARTMENT: City Manager
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report and Consider Approval of Proposed Letter in Opposition to Sonar and Explosives Training and Testing in the Pacific Ocean Off the Coast of Northern California by the Navy

ISSUE:

The U.S. Navy has prepared a draft supplement to the 2015 Northwest Training and Testing Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). Public meetings were held at locations up and down the coast to provide information and answer the public's questions. Comments to the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS must be received or postmarked by June 12, 2019. A letter in opposition to sonar and explosive training and testing in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Coast of Northern California by the Navy is attached for possible approval by the City Council.

ANALYSIS:

The Navy proposes to continue the use of active and passive sonar and explosives in their training and testing activities. The Navy acknowledges that marine mammals, certain specific of fishes, sea turtles, birds as well as American Indian and Alaska Native traditional resources may be impacted by continued testing and training exercises and that these impacts combine with past, present and future actions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve proposed letter in opposition to sonar and explosive training and testing in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Northern California by the Navy.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Do not approve proposed letter or direct staff to make changes to the proposed letter for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A.

CONSISTENCY:

The letter in opposition is consistent with the City Council philosophy to protect our coastal waters.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Letter will be sent upon Council approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter in Opposition
2. Northwest Training and Testing Summary Document

NOTIFICATION:

N/A.