

1 **Resolution on Requiring that the Navy Conduct a**
2 **Comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement for Its**
3 **Electronic Warfare Range on the Olympic Peninsula**
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5 **WHEREAS** the Navy has segmented its public input processes in such a way that the
6 collective impact of their activity will not be assessed and the process has been
7 confusing to the public;
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9 **WHEREAS** the Navy did not adequately notify the public about their environmental
10 assessment of the electronic warfare range, and did not receive any public comments,
11 and did not disclose that ships at sea would also be involved;
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13 **WHEREAS** the citizens of the Olympic Peninsula including Tribes have deep concerns
14 about the impact of Navy activities on their environment, their quality of life, and their
15 local economy;
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17 **WHEREAS** the Forest Service did not conduct its own independent scientific
18 investigation but has announced that it will determine that the Navy's claim that their
19 activities will have no significant impact, despite the serious procedural flaws;
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21 **WHEREAS** the Navy did not begin to evaluate Growler jet noise until five years after
22 they were deployed, and that evaluation, which has been delayed, still does not address
23 jet noise on the Olympic Peninsula; and
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25 **WHEREAS** the Navy plans an expansion of explosive activities and sonar producing
26 235 decibels in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the waters off Indian Island, Puget Sound, and
27 the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, and the Navy estimates hundreds of
28 thousands of marine mammals would be killed or harmed as a result;
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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party will call
31 on its Congressional delegation to urge the Navy and Forest Service to reduce its
32 impacts on communities and the surrounding environment, and to complete a
33 comprehensive environmental impact assessment on its plans, giving full regard to the
34 intent of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and providing the public with
35 opportunities for authentic participation at every step.
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38 Submitted by the Jefferson County Convention.
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40 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,
41 2016 meeting.
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43 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,
44 2016.
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