

RESOLUTION 16 -6

Resolution Opposing the U.S. Navy's Proposed Electronic Warfare Range on the Olympic Peninsula

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has proposed converting a large portion of the skies over the Olympic National Park, the Olympic National Forest, and the North Olympic Peninsula into an electronic warfare range;

WHEREAS, the Olympic National Park is the sixth most visited National Park in the United States, whose visitors come from far and wide to experience its extreme natural beauty, its unique and varied wildlife, and its wilderness, nature and silence;

WHEREAS, the Olympic National Park is a world renowned World Heritage Site and an International Biosphere Reserve which is recognized world-wide as having natural environmental attributes, flora, and fauna of special importance requiring special protections;

WHEREAS, the Olympic National Park, the Olympic National Forest and large areas of the North Olympic Peninsula over which the electronic warfare range is proposed contain large areas of critical habitat for the marbled murrelet and the spotted owl;

WHEREAS, the electronic warfare jets and the electronic warfare targets that would be using the proposed electronic warfare range would emit large amounts of electromagnetic radiation which is known to be damaging to people and wildlife;

WHEREAS, the electronic warfare jets that would be using the proposed electronic warfare range would be so loud as to be damaging to the Park, the Forest and the whole North Olympic Peninsula as tourist attractions; and would be damaging to the people of the Olympic Peninsula and its wildlife;

WHEREAS, the Navy has alternative and existing sites for electronic warfare training that would be adequate for its training needs and would not cause the extreme damage that the proposed electronic warfare range would have;

THEREFORE, the Clallam County Democrats demand that the plans for the proposed electronic warfare range be abandoned.

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