



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR HOMEPORING USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN 79) AT NAVAL BASE KITSAP-BREMERTON, WASHINGTON



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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Navy invites the public to review and comment on a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed replacement of one Nimitz-class aircraft carrier homeported at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton (NBK-Bremerton) with one Ford-class aircraft carrier. The Ford-class is a new-generation aircraft carrier replacing the older Nimitz-class.

PROPOSED ACTION AND PURPOSE AND NEED

The Navy proposes to replace an older Nimitz-class aircraft carrier with the newer Ford-class aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) and upgrade the electrical distribution system at NBK-Bremerton to support the new Ford-class aircraft carrier.

The Proposed Action includes the permanent assignment of USS John F. Kennedy and personnel to NBK-Bremerton and includes necessary infrastructure improvements to support the homeporting, specifically upgrades to the electrical distribution system. Upgrades to portions of the electrical distribution system would begin in 2026 and last for approximately four years. USS John F. Kennedy is expected to arrive no earlier than fiscal year 2029. The timing of construction and delivery of USS John F. Kennedy to NBK-Bremerton may fluctuate.

Approximately 2,800 military personnel would be stationed at NBK-Bremerton to meet the crew requirements of USS John F. Kennedy. The total number of personnel stationed at NBK-Bremerton associated with homeported aircraft carriers would decrease by approximately 340 because Ford-class aircraft carriers require a smaller crew than Nimitz-class aircraft carriers.



Personnel currently assigned to one of the Nimitz-class aircraft carriers at NBK-Bremerton would depart the installation prior to the arrival of personnel assigned to USS John F. Kennedy.

Ford-class aircraft carriers are the next generation of large surface combatants. USS John F. Kennedy incorporates new technologies, comprising dramatic advances in propulsion, power generation, ordnance handling, and aircraft launch systems.

The need for the Proposed Action is to provide capabilities for manning, training, and equipping combat-capable naval forces ready to deploy worldwide.

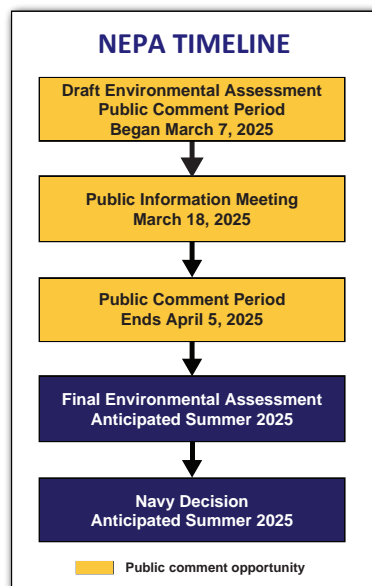
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is an integral part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which requires disclosure of potential environmental impacts to the public and encourages public involvement. The public has an important role in providing input during this process to help the Navy make more informed decisions about this Proposed Action. The Draft EA is available for public review on the Navy's website at: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CVN79NBK> and at the following Kitsap regional libraries:

Bremerton-Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr.
612 5th Street
Bremerton, WA 98337

Bremerton-Sylvan Way
1301 Sylvan Way
Bremerton, WA 98310

Port Orchard
87 Sidney Avenue
Port Orchard, WA
98366



Public Information Meeting

The Navy is holding a public meeting to provide information about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Project team members will be available at information stations to answer questions. The public may arrive at any time during the hours specified below. There will not be a formal presentation. The meeting will be held on:

March 18, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Marvin Williams Recreation Center, 725 Park Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337

How to Submit Comments

The Navy is accepting written comments on the Draft EA during the 30-day public review and comment period from **March 7 to April 5, 2025**.

Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before 11:59 p.m. PDT on April 5, 2025 to be considered in the development of the Final EA.

Submit comments in one of the following ways:

- In person at the public information meeting
- Through the project website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CVN79NBK>
- By mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic, Attn: Navy JFK Project Manager, Code EV22SM, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, Virginia 23508

Thank you for your participation!

