



Environmental Assessment for Homeporting of the Columbia-Class Submarine at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor



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INTRODUCTION

The United States (U.S.) Fleet Forces Command, a Command of the U.S. Navy (Navy) invites the public to review and comment on a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with homeporting of the Columbia-class submarine at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor (NBK-Bangor). This fact sheet summarizes the Proposed Action and findings of the draft environmental analysis.

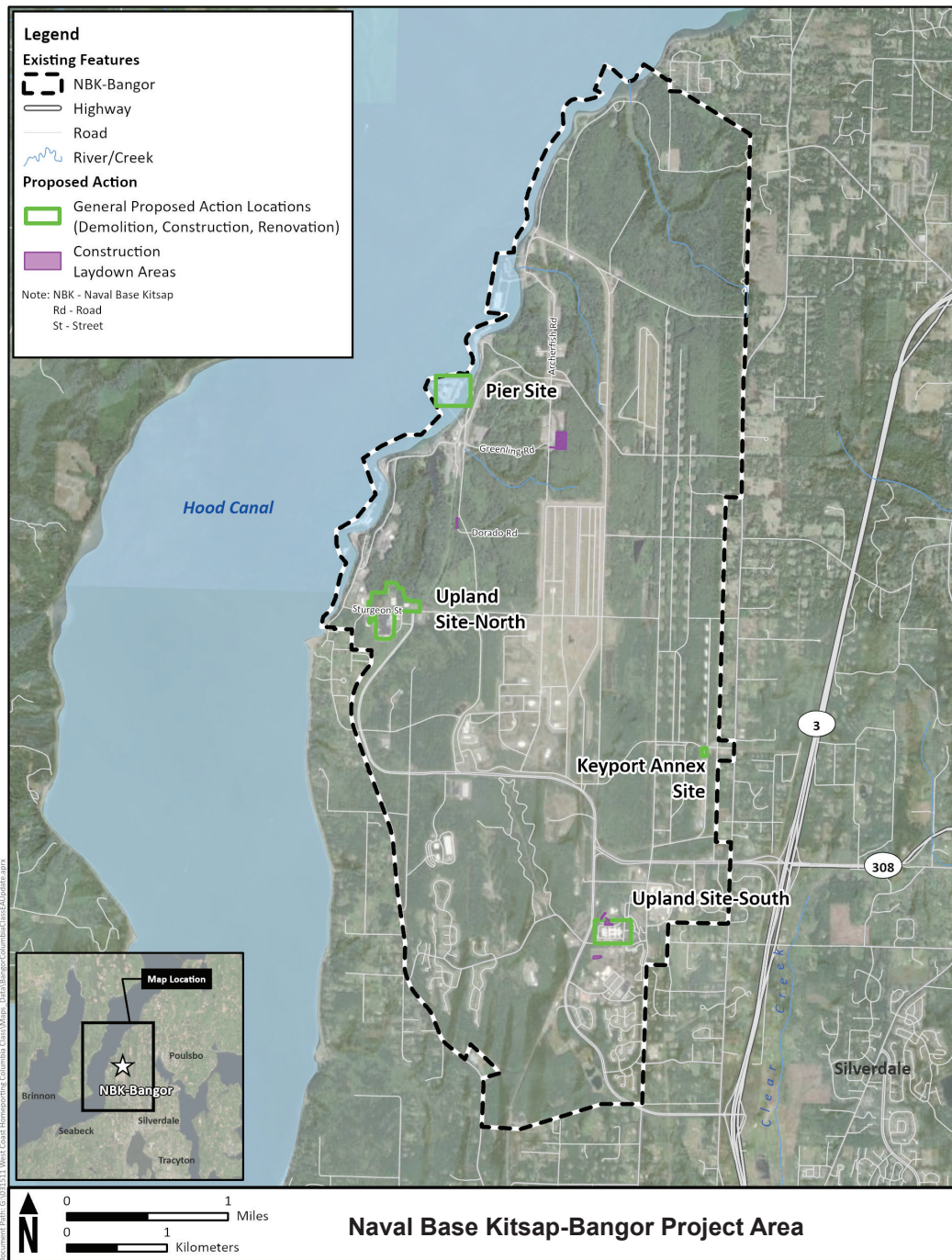
PROPOSED ACTION

The Navy proposes to replace eight Ohio-class submarines currently homeported at NBK-Bangor with up to eight Columbia-class submarines, and demolish, construct, and renovate facilities and infrastructure at three upland sites (Upland-Site North, Keyport Annex, Upland Site-South) and at the Pier Site at NBK-Bangor. The Navy would also improve stormwater infrastructure and create construction laydown and staging areas for materials and temporary parking.



PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure continuation of the Navy's sea-based strategic deterrence mission at NBK-Bangor. Updated capabilities and technology ensure the Navy can respond to current and future threats and meet national defense objectives and policies.



RESOURCE AREAS OVERVIEW





Resource Areas Analyzed in Detail

The Navy analyzed nine environmental resource areas in detail in the Draft EA. Below is a summary of the resource areas analyzed.

-  Air Quality
-  Water Resources
-  Biological Resources
-  Noise
-  Public Health and Safety
-  Traffic and Transportation
-  Socioeconomics
-  Cultural Resources
-  American Indian Traditional Resources

Resource Areas with Negligible or Non-Existent Impacts

Potential impacts to the following resource areas are negligible or non-existent so they were not analyzed in detail in the Draft EA.

-  Geological Resources
-  Land Use
-  Visual Resources
-  Utilities and Infrastructure (except Stormwater)
-  Hazardous Materials and Waste

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

AIR QUALITY

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ Construction and operations would be within NBK-Bangor's allowable air quality permit limits.
- ▶ Construction for the Proposed Action would adhere to best management practices.

WATER RESOURCES

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ There would be an increase of approximately 7 acres of impervious surface.
- ▶ Stormwater management, treatment, and discharge would comply with applicable permits.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ Consultations with regulatory agencies are ongoing.
- ▶ Not likely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.
- ▶ Stormwater upgrades and permit compliance would ensure water quality sufficient to support aquatic life.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

NOISE

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ The Navy would comply with state and local noise regulations.
- ▶ Residential neighborhoods adjacent to NBK-Bangor would experience periodic construction noise.
- ▶ Childcare, healthcare, educational facilities, and community parks on NBK-Bangor would experience periodic construction noise.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ The Proposed Action would not result in increased risks to public health and safety.
- ▶ Operations would be consistent with existing operations.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ Approximately four to five additional truck trips per workday (Monday through Friday) during the construction period.
- ▶ No increase in permanent personnel would be expected for the Proposed Action.

SOCIOECONOMICS

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ Potential for temporary beneficial impacts to employment, income, and economic activity, including tax revenue during construction.
- ▶ Some construction workers may temporarily relocate to the area, which could result in negligible to minor increases in demand for housing and public services.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

No Significant Impacts

- ▶ The Proposed Action would result in adverse effects to two eligible architectural resources and a proposed Cold War Era Historic District.
- ▶ Consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer is ongoing.
- ▶ At this time, no archaeological resources have been identified in the project area.
- ▶ At this time, no traditional cultural places or tribal sacred places have been identified in the project area.
- ▶ The Navy has invited tribes to consult under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Navy is accepting written comments on the Draft EA during the 30-day public comment period from **May 27, 2026, to June 25, 2026**. The Draft EA is available on the Navy's website, www.nepa.navy.mil/Columbia-West-Coast/ and at the following local libraries:

- Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310
- Kitsap Regional Library, Silverdale, 3650 NW Anderson Hill Road, Suite 101, Silverdale, WA 98383
- Kitsap Regional Library, Poulsbo, 700 NE Lincoln Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370
- Jefferson County Library District, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA 98339
- Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104



HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

All comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before **11:59 p.m. PDT on June 25, 2026**, to be considered in the development of the Final EA. The Navy encourages the public to visit the project website to learn more. The public may submit comments in one of the following ways:



In person at the public meeting on June 4, 2026



By mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic, Attn: Columbia-Class EA Project Manager, Code EV22JS
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Through the project website:
www.nepa.navy.mil/Columbia-West-Coast/



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