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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Public Meeting for Homeporting of the Columbia-Class Submarine at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Washington

NAVAL BASE KITSAP-BANGOR, WASHINGTON — The U.S. 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).

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 implement stormwater infrastructure and create construction laydown and staging areas for materials and temporary parking.

Public Comment Period

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

Public Meeting

The Navy invites the public to attend a public meeting to learn about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Project team members will be available at information stations to answer questions. The meeting will be held on June 4, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Silverdale, 3073 NW Bucklin Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383. The public may arrive at any time during the specified hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

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 attend the public meeting and 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
- By mail to:
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic
Attn: Columbia-Class EA, Project Manager
Code EV22JS, 6506 Hampton Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23508
- Through the project website: www.nepa.navy.mil/Columbia-West-Coast/
For additional information regarding the EA and media queries, please contact Mr. Ted Brown with U.S. Fleet Forces Command Public Affairs at 757-836-4427 or theodore.c.brown4.civ@us.navy.mil.