



# *Quietskies*

## *Over San Juan County*

**Update: May 26, 2016**

### **GREETINGS:**

RICK LARSEN

A letter from Congressman Rick Larsen is on the front page of the current May 24th "Islands' Weekly".

The letter is there because it's an election year for Representative Larsen but also - importantly - because the San Juan County residents (YOU!) have been writing letters, making phone calls and emails AND using the County Jet noise reporting site. It's also there because our County Council is working hard to make the Growler noise issue visible to the Navy and to our State and Federal legislators.

San Juan County has gone from being classified by the Navy as place of "No Significant Impact" - to a place where the Navy is having to acknowledge (although not formally) that there is a noise problem.

HERE'S A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR NEXT STEPS:

#### 1. USE THE JET NOISE REPORTING SITE

We must keep the pressure on our legislators. They (and the Navy) are receiving our County jet noise data monthly.

[sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/](http://sjcgis.org/aircraft-noise-reporting/)

Remember, they do read the comments. If the jets are keeping you from sleeping or enjoying full use of your property, or ??? include your experience. Surrounding counties are now looking at our Noise Map and considering creating their own as a way to refute the Navy's claim of "No Significant Impact".

#### 2. THANK REP. LARSEN FOR HIS WORK.

Write and email, or call Representative Larsen and thank him for his work.

He has asked for suggestions to lesson Growler impacts.

Here's two suggestions:

\*\*\*A. Put up Jet Blast Deflectors, immediately, for run-ups and engine testing.

Mike Welding, Public Affairs officer at NASWI, acknowledges that Ault Field at NASWI has NO jet blast deflectors.

Commercial and military airports around the world use noise deflection to protect the surrounding communities from noise and high velocity thrust. There's lots of information on Google re: Jet Blast Deflectors. Surely the home base of 82 of the noisiest jets in the world should have jet noise deflectors to mitigate the noise.

\*\*\*B. RESTORE THE PUBLICATION OF GROWLER TRAINING AT AULT FIELD AT THE NAVAL AIR BASE ON WHIDBEY ISLAND (NASWI). Send Rep. Larsen the attachment below.

Below is a clipping from the Whidbey Times News, February 27, 1991, Page A5 showing the Field Carrier Landing Practice Schedule (FCLP) for the week of February 27 - March 5, 1991. The schedule was also broadcast daily on KJTT radio 1110AM and available by calling the FCLP hotline at NASWI. Specific times were actually listed.

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### Navy Field Landing Practice

*For week of Feb. 27-March 5*

|                       | Wed.                    | Thurs.                   | Fri.                    | Sat.  | Sun.  | Mon.                    | Tues.                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Ault Field</b>     | clear                   | clear                    | 2:00 p.m.<br>4:00 p.m.  | clear | clear | 7:00 p.m.<br>10:30 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.<br>10:00 p.m. |
| <b>OLF Coupeville</b> | 7:00 p.m.<br>10:20 p.m. | 12:00 p.m.<br>10:20 p.m. | 12:00 p.m.<br>2:00 p.m. | clear | clear | 4:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.  | 7:00 p.m.<br>10:20 p.m.  |

All times listed in this schedule are subject to change due to weather, operational commitments and/or training requirements. Routine training operations, other than FCLP's, will be conducted at Ault Field. This information is also broadcast daily on radio station KJTT, 1110 AM. For current FCLP schedules, call the NAS Whidbey Weather/FCLP hotline at 257-2675.

Sounds like the Navy was trying to be a good neighbor in 1991. They need to restore this practice so that surrounding communities can regain "some" control over their homes and lives.

Thank you for all you are doing. Let's keep doing it! We are making a difference.

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