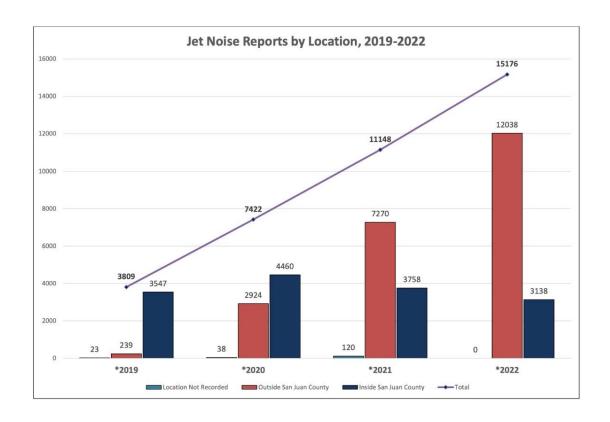


# January, 2023

## **2022 Jet Noise Report**

Since 2015 jet noise reports by residents of the Salish Sea region are increasing. With the addition of 36 more Growlers in 2019, the region has been bombarded.

The number of noise reports in 2022 exceeded 2021 by 36%.



Reports from outside San Juan County increased by a startling 67% compared to last year.

Reports within San Juan County were 14% lower. But in December, the reports were 36% higher than the previous year. In fact the December reports from San Juan County were almost as high as outside the County.

For the full report with charts see here.



### A few of the Comments

**MOUNT VERNON:** I'm wearing noise canceling over the ear headphones and I still can't hear what people are saying because of the jet flying overhead. This is a level of noise that should not be

allowed in populated areas.

**GREENBANK, WHIDBEY ISLAND:** The planes are flying OUT of pattern tonight over Greenbank and are flying very low. This is the 2nd night in a row. Why?

**CAMA BEACH:** Reporting for a Guest staying in the CAMA Beach State Park cabins. They did not have the link. They were very upset over the jets. Could not sleep and will not be back.

**FORKS:** out of nowhere, activity stopping roar and house shaking rumble, then the pilot circled back again but higher. Very disturbing especially when reading about Ukraine war. Sounded like war overhead here.

**DECATUR ISLAND:** Wow, made my windows vibrate. Have video.

**PORT TOWNSEND:** The noise from Whidbey island station has been horrendous over the Quimper Peninsula Port Townsend Discovery Bay area for weeks now

**SE LOPEZ:** 9:45am - 12:15pm and beyond. Roaring in the 75 - 85 decibel range

**CAMANO:** Really loud. Shaking house and windows on Camano Island. Flying low, heading east.

**ANACORTES:** Sinister rumbling, shaking thunder hitting and shuddering the south side of my Anacortes home- 5-6 pm and ongoing so far. Disquieting, disturbing and unacceptable - for a land at peace as always.

**OAK HARBOR:** Piercing metallic very loud warplane noise-making communication with my patients in Oak Harbor medical clinic very

difficult. Find myself needing to stop repeatedly and wait for enough quiet to proceed.



#### We Need Accurate Location

When you report Jet Noise on the website we need to know where the noise was heard.

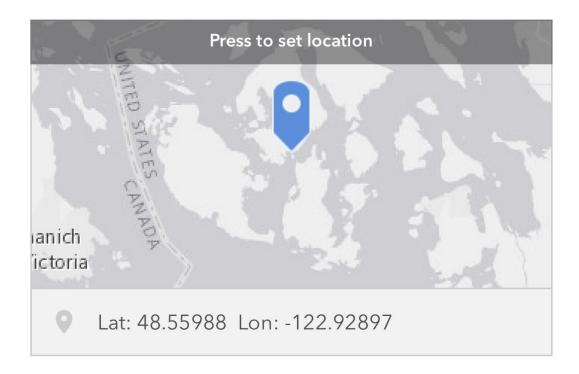
It's used for mapping to understand which communities are impacted, how it changes over time and for health research. Elected officials look at the impacts on their district.

A few percent of the reports have no location or locations that don't make sense. Many reports in the water?? Seattle??

One cause is how the website map works. When you go to the website the blue arrow is sitting in the middle of the map (see below). If you don't point to your location it will use that spot as the report location. We know there aren't many people at that spot on Shaw Island.

## Location

Turn on Device Location to automatically locate or select location on the map.



### **How to Set Your Location**

## Click in the box "Press to set location."

- You can type in the address (your address is **not** stored, only the Lat/Lon coordinates).
- Or you can have your device to "Use current location." You may need to allow location on your privacy settings.
- Another way is to use the mouse (or finger) to move the map around and then click on your location.

Some people take notes when they hear the Growlers and report to the website once a week. That's OK. If you are reporting when at your grandmother's house in Seattle be sure to enter the location where the noise was heard.

One way to help us figure out discrepancies is to add your location in the Comments, eg Oak Harbor or south Lopez.

If you need help email us here.

Thank You from Quiet Skies and Sound Defense Alliance.

## **Report Jet Noise**

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For hints on reporting look here

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