

# **TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE**





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22 Aug 08

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe  
The Honorable Frances Charles  
2851 Lower Elwha Road  
Port Angeles, WA 98363

Dear Ms Charles:

SUBJECT: NEW MISSION REQUIREMENTS AND FACILITY CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS FOR NAVAL BASE KITSAP AT BANGOR

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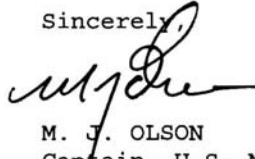
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M. J. OLSON  
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## **Major Projects at the Naval Base Kitsap Bangor Waterfront**

- **Port Security Barrier (PSB) relocation**

This project would realign the existing configuration of the floating fence, known as the Port Security Barrier. The realignment would continue to be within the Bangor Restricted Area and will not move water-ward from the existing alignment.

- **Security Enclave**

This project would install a landside fence system starting south of the Delta Pier and extending north of the Explosives Handling Wharf. The fence system will consist of a double fence with lighting, sensors, clear zones, access gates and a patrol road.

- **Land-Water Interface**

This project would connect the waterborne Port Security Barriers with the landside Security Enclave, crossing the intertidal zone. Two designs have been conceptualized - one that install posts in the intertidal zone and has a fencing system that rides up and down on the posts with the tide, and a second concept that installs posts and has fixed horizontal wires to deter intruders.

- **Swimmer Interdiction Security System (SISS)**

This project would provide the ability to interdict swimmers in a discretionally manner. The preferred action utilizes up to 20 California sea lions and bottlenose dolphins. The animals can locate swimmers and attach a tethered cuff to the swimmers; the tether line would be passed to security forces to remove the swimmer from the water. The animals would reside in enclosed pools which would be connected to an existing pier at Bangor. The animals and personnel would train and deploy along the waterfront.

- **Transit Protection System Final Operational Capability (TPS FOC)**

This project would increase security for submarines when they are on the surface and outside the Port Security Barrier. The area includes the waters of Hood Canal to Dabob Bay, and to areas of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The proposed action utilizes 12 escort vessels to provide this security. These vessels include 240' Offshore Supply Vessels, 87' Coast Guard cutters and smaller high-speed security craft. The proposed action includes construction of a permanent moorage/maintenance/fueling facility, and support facilities for the crews. The Magnetic Silencing Facility (MSF) is envisioned to be demolished and the permanent moorage facility constructed on the MSF site. Consideration is being given to supplying fuel via barge.

- **Mooring IX536 installation**

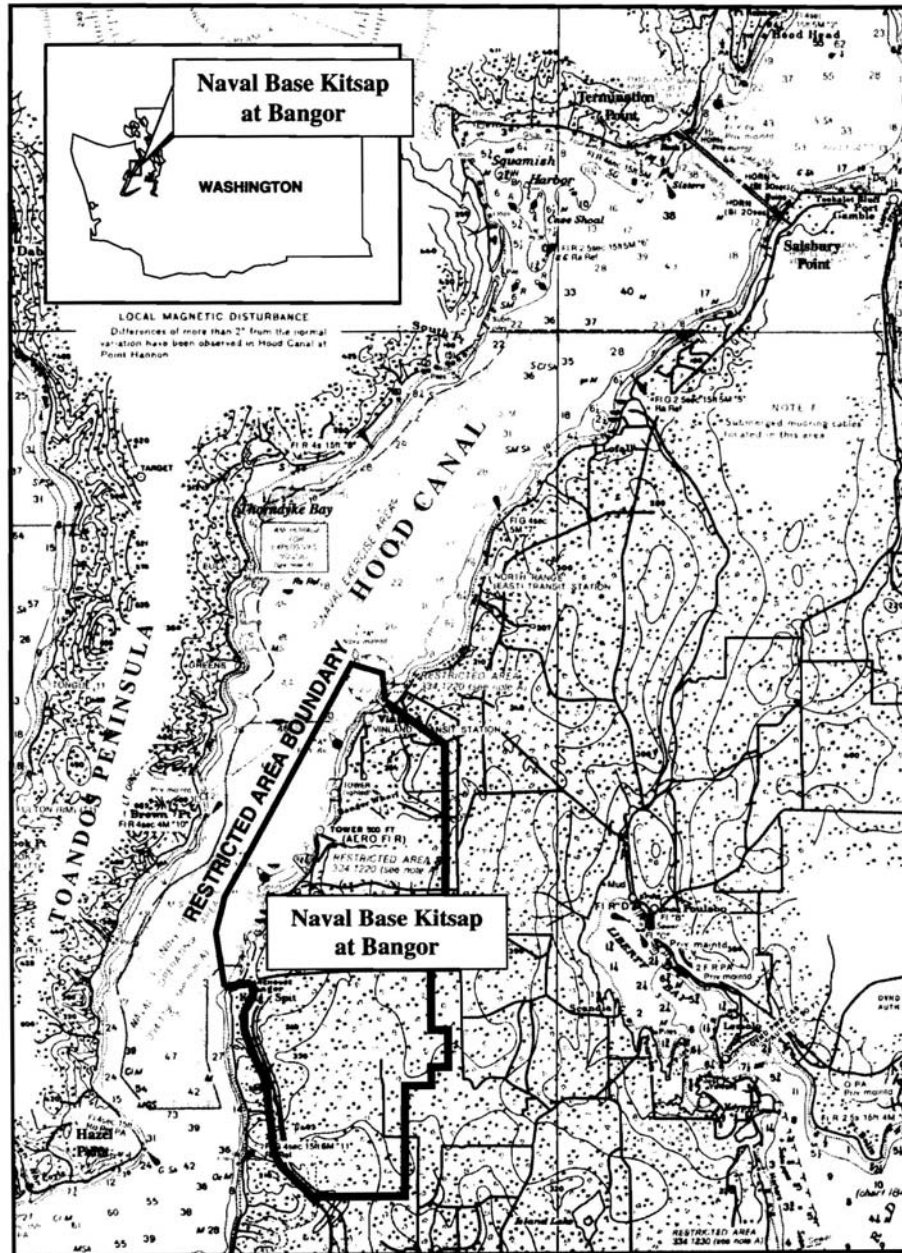
This project would install a single point mooring for Naval Undersea Warfare Center IX536 barge. The barge will be located slightly northeast of the Keyport/Bangor docks. The mooring will be placed so the swing radius of the barge is in waters greater than 30 feet in depth (of Mean Higher High Water).

- **Seawall repair by Sealion Road**

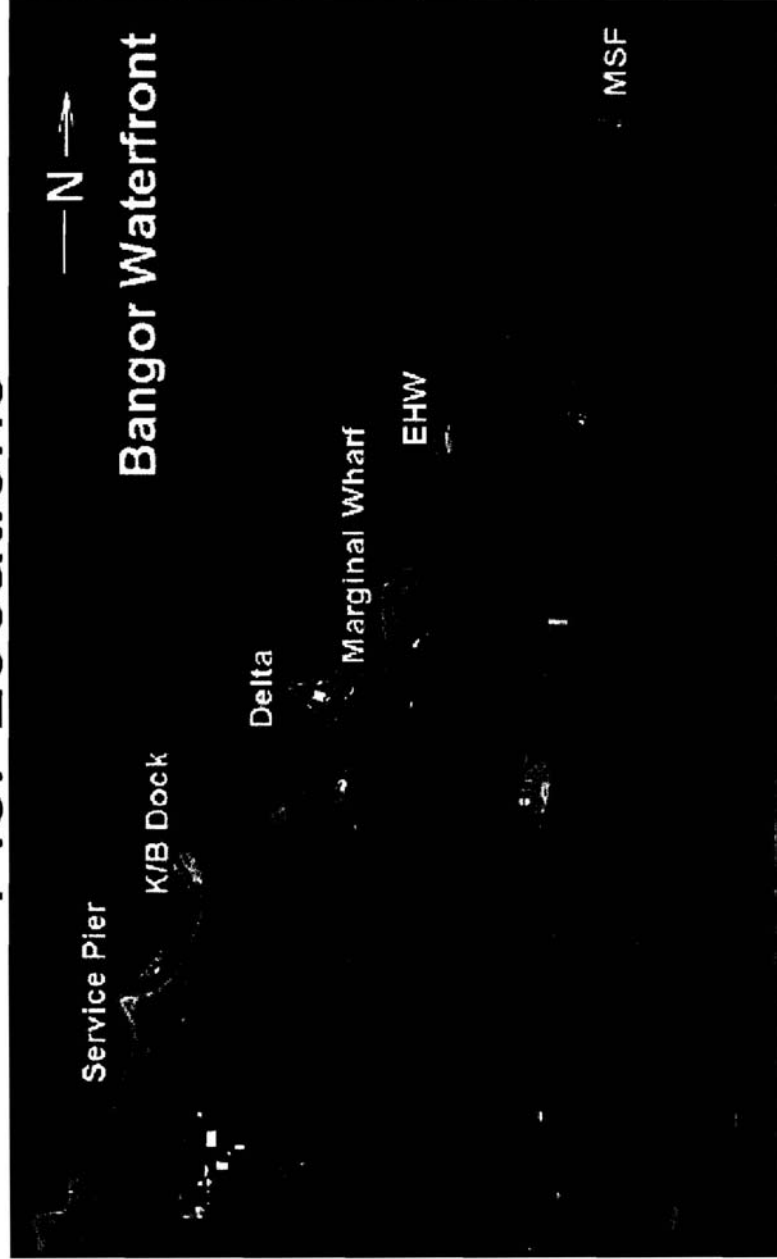
This project repairs the seawall near Devils Hole. The wall is currently unstable. The proposed design is to install rip-rap along approximately 200 feet of seawall. The riprap will extend approximately five feet into the intertidal area. At the culvert headwall, the culvert will be extended approximately ten feet.

- **Revegetation between Delta Pier and Marginal Wharf**

This project will remove alder trees and replace them with western red cedar. The alders will be high-stumped to provide slope stabilization until the conifers become established. The project will also install storm drain features.



# Pier Locations





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Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
The Honorable W. Ron Allen  
1033 Old Blyn Highway  
Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Mr. Allen:

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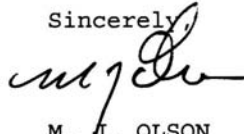
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The Honorable Ron Charles  
31912 Little Boston Road NE  
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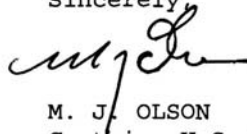
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Skokomish Tribal Nation  
The Honorable Denise LeClair  
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Dear Ms LeClair:

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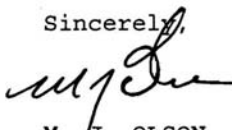
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PO BOX 498  
Suquamish, WA 98392

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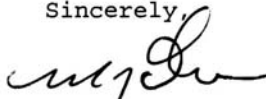
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## Point No Point Treaty Council

Port Gamble S'Klallam • Jamestown S'Klallam

November 6, 2008

Captain Mark J. Olson  
Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap  
120 South Dewey Street, Bldg. 443  
Bremerton, WA 98414-5020

Dear Captain Olson,

Thank you for the informative presentation on several scheduled modifications to the Bangor Base. We certainly appreciate the Navy's willingness to keep our Tribes informed of upcoming projects on a government to government basis. Naval activities associated with the Bangor facility have always been of interest to the Hood Canal Tribes, particularly those in and around the marine and shore interface that have the potential to impact our fishing community. Although our interest is primarily due to the proximity of the Base and its' associated marine traffic to commercial fisheries, we are of course also concerned about the potential environmental impact of Naval activities on the near shore marine habitats, because of our salmon recovery efforts and our mutual agreement for intertidal shellfish harvest privileges on the Base.

We appreciate the Navy's willingness to listen to Tribal concerns and to try and incorporate those concerns into the final project parameters now under consideration. We were especially pleased to learn that the Navy has modified their original plan for the Swimmer Interdiction Security System to include a water filtration system for the marine mammal enclosure that will dispose of fecal waste in an environmentally safe manner, and protect the Tribal beach shellfisheries from fecal pollution.

We are hopeful that the lines of communication will remain open as these scheduled projects come to fruition. As you heard in the meeting, we are particularly interested in the progress of the scheduled Seawall Repair by Sealion Road. While the repairs envisioned by the Navy are intended to address an immediate problem, we hope the Navy will consider a more long-term solution that "softens" the marine/shore interface and minimizes scouring of beach material.

We are also interested in the progress on the Land-Water Interface that will eventually split the Tribal beach shellfish harvesting in half. As we understand it, the part of the beach likely to be removed from Tribal access will be the northern portion. While this part of the Tribal beach may not be as productive as the southern beach area, it non-the-less represents a future shellfish enhancement opportunity that may be lost. We would greatly appreciate it if the Navy would continue to consider an alternate beach that may be made available for Tribal use in the future, as the south end Land-Water Interface is completed.

Finally, while we do not envision any significant problems associated with the full implementation of the Transit Protection System, unforeseen conflicts between fishers and Transit vessels may crop up. Advance notice to fishers of approaching Transit System vessels, even if only by a few hours, may greatly reduce potential conflicts while maintaining necessary security levels. We urge you to investigate this possibility further and incorporate it into Transit System operations, to the extent feasible.

Again, we appreciate the Navy's adherence to our government to government protocols and look forward to a continued productive relationship into the future.

Sincerely,



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W. Ron Allen, Chairman  
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