

Given the lack of data, level of risk and uncertainty of how the Navy's training can impact our environment, please share with us your thoughts on the following:

1. What are your socioeconomic concerns? Impacts on livelihood and subsistence resources?

Most of my friends depend on the water and life within to sustain themselves. Not only their own table but the funds for the families. It is costly to our nation to conduct war games. It has an extreme negative impact on my friends' lives.

2. What are your concerns of how the Navy trainings in May could impact your family, lifestyle, and community?

My real issue is: I have seen the best case scenario, sonar shot, guns fired. The wars are pointless, anyway. I came to AK to find a peaceful life after that. The U.S. Navy is bringing home the war. They are practicing to kill combatants and civilians. It is pointless. This is my bottom line. All I know is that what they are training for is blowing up other humans.

As a veteran and an American, I feel cheated by this stuff. Morally, ethically, as a nation, what is the point?

3. Regarding the timing, what do you think about the Navy saying they will train in the beginning of May?

When I heard that they would be conducting pointless war games during the peak of the harvest of commercial fishing, I was disgusted. It represents a gross neglect and lack of concern for the tax paying Americans and human beings that living here.

4. Regarding the location, what do you think about the Navy's location for these exercises (being so close to shore, within EFH)?

With limitless resources allotted for our military, why can't they expend more fuel to get further from our home to conduct these pointless war games? What difference does it make economically?

5. What do you think is an ideal outcome or solution? For the Navy to move their timing as the communities have requested? For the Navy to not train at all?

I deployed twice to the middle east. I was part of numerous operations that were, at best, extremely costly and, at worst, cost human lives. There is no reason to do this training here or now. There is so much training, so much money wasted. This one is not critical. They are not fooling me. This does not support global readiness. It won't make our country safer or Alaska better, or help lives of my friends. There is no need. Our country is not safer for it.