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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:
Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Adoption of the U.S. Navy's Supplemental Environmental Assessment on *Explosives Handling Wharf 1 Pile Replacement Project, Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Silverdale, WA*

LOCATION: Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Silverdale, Washington

SUMMARY: The Navy will conduct a pile replacement project to restore and maintain the structural integrity of the existing explosives handling wharf (EHW-1) and ensure its continued functionality to support necessary operational requirements. The project includes the removal of 126 steel and concrete piles at EHW-1. Of the piles requiring removal, 96 are 24-in diameter hollow pre-cast concrete piles which will be removed using a pneumatic chipping hammer. The steel piles will be extracted using a vibratory hammer. All pile removal will occur from July 16 through February 15.

Based on the low intensity and limited duration of the action, as well as implementation of appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures, the Navy's action, and the National Marine Fisheries Service' issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization, will not result in significant impacts to the human environment.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting environmental assessment (EA) and supplemental EA, prepared by the Navy, is enclosed for your information. Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed SEA/FONSI, we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

for
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Enclosure

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