

13 PEGGY WATSON: I'm Peggy Watson, Kappa,
14 Kauai. I am voicing our extreme concerns with the U.S.
15 Navy plans to continue the sound testing in Hawaiian and
16 California waters. The Navy has presented this program
17 with an opportunity for the community to respond, and
18 thank you for this compliance.

19 I come as a voice for cetaceans as well as all
20 of humanity which will be affected if this program
21 ensues. I am here today to offer a bit of history that
22 will show proof that the Navy has shown in the past
23 that their beliefs in what they're testing brings to our
24 future was not correct.

25 On July 1st, 1947, my father, Lieutenant
1 Commander Robert L. Reaser served in the Navy in what
2 they called Operation Crossroads. He served on the
3 U.S.S. Burluson for the Bikini resurvey to assess the
4 damage of the atomic bomb to warships, to equipment and
5 to animals. He was given a commendation for this
6 service. It was signed, if you want to check it out, by
7 Executive Officer Captain Deaeder.

8 As an older officer, my father volunteered to
9 go to this duty because my twin and I were in high
10 school and he and mom did not need more family. The
11 Navy had promised its volunteers that they would be
12 sterile for life if they went into that theater.
13 Younger men did not want to volunteer. I have a kid
14 brother who was born in 1954 which proved that the Navy
15 had no way of knowing the effects of the testing on the
16 future. The sterility wore off.

17 Why should we believe our planet does not face
18 a clear and present danger by these tests? The Navy
19 projection that yearly 1,600 cetaceans will be deaf,

20 which I understand, and 200 will die yearly in a program
21 designed for seven years. Quick math spells 11,200 deaf
22 cetaceans and 1,400 dead ones. Cetaceans do not live
23 without sound.

24 How dare they? You the Navy. How dare they
25 design a program to kill any species that has gifted so
1 much to our planet? How dare they use our government
2 monies for this slaughter in the name of defense?

3 Thank you, the Navy, for allowing us to feel
4 this outrage and to respond with these feelings.

5 What will you do with our concerns? As
6 spokesman for the cetaceans we ask that you use the
7 funding more wisely to assist the cleaning up of our
8 oceans to make a better world for our beloved peaceful
9 cetacean community and to stop turning our beautiful
10 Hawaiian Islands and California seas as a theater for
11 war exploration. We ask that to remember, as the
12 dolphins have said, we are here. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)