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Naval Facilities Engineering Command - Southwest
Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager – EV21.CS
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the use of sonar in the Navy's Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Study Area. According to the Navy's own draft Environmental Impact Statement, sonar training and testing might unintentionally harm marine mammals 2.8million times over a five year period.

Hearing is extremely critical to the dolphins, whales and orcas which would be affected by this training. Hearing allows these mammals to better navigate their ocean habitat. The sonar training in these waters could potentially deafen several thousand marine animals. I would like to request that the Navy reconsider the use of sonar in these training activities.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any other assistance to you, please feel free to contact me or my staff at 808-586-6130.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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Cc: Ms. Irene Lopez