

## ADMIRALS COVE BEACH CLUB

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Dear Congressman Larsen and Senators Cantwell and Murray:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Admirals Cove Beach Club to respectfully ask for your help and advocacy to actively oppose the US Navy's proposed drastic increases in OLF Coupeville Operations and potential APZ-1 designation over our neighborhood.

We do not purport to speak for all of our individual property owners with regard to their views, pro and con, about the OLF operations. However, the ACBC Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws charge our Board with the fiduciary duty to preserve, maintain and protect ACBC's assets, which we believe compels us to reach out to you about the disastrous effects an APZ -1 designation will have on our community.

The most prominent of those assets is the ACBC community pool, which is directly underneath the flight path of the Growler Jets as they turn from base to final to land at OLF Coupeville. The jets are no more than 200-300 feet over the pool when they do so.

It is bad enough that the noise is incredibly loud as they fly over. The harmful effects on human health of such loud noises are well documented by others who have been in contact with you about this issue. Our ancillary concern, as the guardians and stewards of the community assets, is what will happen if the APZ-1 designation is allowed to become a reality as a result of the proposed increased operations.

The pool is a genuinely unique facility, located right on the beach of Admiral's Bay in Puget Sound. It was originally constructed in the early 1960's and has been in continuous seasonal use ever since. ACBC just spent \$600,000 of our property owner's money to refurbish and upgrade the pool. The project was just completed in early August of this year.

The pool is enjoyed daily during the season by families and their children, elderly adults swimming laps both in the morning and evening, and instructors giving swimming and water ballet lessons. Our community includes approximately 600 families, a number of which are Navy families with children. The Oak Harbor High School Swim team has also recently begun using the pool for practice, since their previously used facility is no longer available.

However, if the proposed APZ-1 designation is enacted, Section 17.03.180 of the Island County Municipal Code would prohibit the pool from operating at all. This would bring an unexpected and totally unanticipated end to the decades long enjoyment of a unique and valuable community asset.

Other alternatives short of an APZ-1 designation are available to the Navy and should be explored. These are being addressed in the other numerous communications your offices are receiving about this issue. Our perspective, as we said above, is different. We owe a duty to our members to protect and preserve our community assets, and accordingly, we urgently seek your assistance in stopping the proposed APZ-1 designation.

Yours sincerely,

ACBC Board of Directors

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Egan", written in a cursive style.

Dennis Egan, President