



## **Growler Noise Study Debunked**

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U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer recently announced that he has secured a \$2 million amendment to the 2017 Department of Defense's \$582.7 billion Appropriations Bill for "research that would help lower engine noise on Super Hornets and Growler aircraft that are used in current military operations."

Save The Olympic Peninsula questions this action as it is not only a very weak effort, it is simply not a good idea. Any sound improvement that could have been accomplished for that amount of money would have been achieved long ago.

In addition, the Navy has already spent millions of dollars on a study and has taken the position that any measures to reduce sound would

reduce efficiency, speed, and probably combat capabilities. As noted in the Navy's own "Final Jet Engine Noise Report", published in 2009, "Increased engine performance is derived from higher cycle temperatures and pressures, which produces higher jet velocities resulting in increased noise."

"The American public is smart enough to know that yet another study of an aircraft that costs us \$68 million per machine is just a ruse in an election year," said Dr. Beverly Goldie, President of Save The Olympic Peninsula.

STOP has long maintained that the jet noise impacting our forests and residential neighborhoods would be alleviated if the Navy's attack jet training took place at the military training facility in Mountain Home Idaho, rather than on the Olympic Peninsula.