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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest Attention: NWTT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager 3730 N. Charles Porter Avenue, Building 385 Oak Harbor, WA 98278-3500

RE: Opposition to Sonar Testing Off the Coast of Mendocino County

Dear NWTT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager:

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors believes that sonar and explosive testing off the Mendocino Coast is detrimental to fauna of the oceanic ecosystem on which we rely. This fragile ecosystem supports migrating whales and a wide variety of sea life and is a key economic source for our county and must not be damaged in any way. We do not want this testing in our coastal waters and believe that all coastal waters should be off limits to this type of testing. Mitigations must be in place to limit possible harm to marine life.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts to keep our country safe while considering environmental impacts.

Sincerely,

Carre Brown, Chair

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: Honorable Jared Huffman, United States House of Representatives