

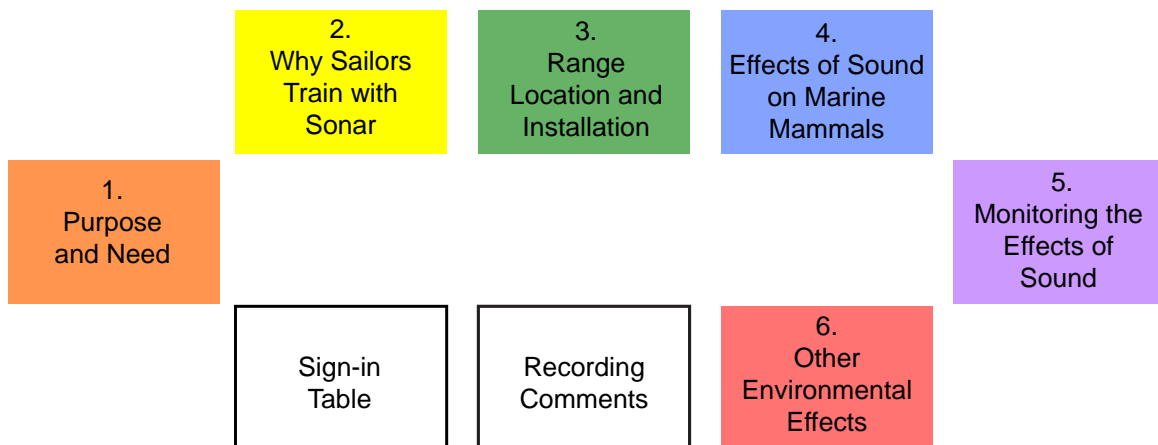


Welcome...

Thank you for coming to the US Navy's public meeting for the proposed installation and operation of an undersea warfare training range (USWTR) in Atlantic waters. The meeting today and tonight consists of two different components. The first component is an open house, which will have a series of displays containing information about the project and the accompanying environmental impact statement prepared by the Navy. During the open house, you will be able to talk to Navy representatives and ask any questions you may have about the project. Should you not be able to attend the hearing this evening, you will also be able to provide official comments on the proposed project for the record at the 'Recording Comments' table. The second component of the meeting will be a formal presentation by the Navy followed by a traditional public hearing.

The diagram below is a general layout for the six display stations at the open house, followed by a brief description of the topic covered at each station. There is also a comment table where you can submit written or oral comments about the project. All comments submitted at the open house and public hearing will become part of the official record, and will be considered in the final decision. Display stations are organized to describe the proposed project step by step - we recommend you visit each station in order.

Open House Layout



1. **Purpose and Need** (Title: Effective Anti-Submarine Training is Critical to Protecting U.S. Interests Worldwide) – Description of the training range, the aspects of training, and the main mission of anti-submarine warfare). Describes and discusses the new training range, including descriptions of what it is, why the Navy needs it, and activities that will take place on the range.
2. **Why Sailors Train with Sonar** (Title: Our Sailors Need to Train with Active Sonar) – Discussion of various aspects of sonar, such as what it is, what it is used for, and why the Navy needs to use it.
3. **Range Location and Installation** (Title: Site Selection Process Met Navy Requirements) – General information on how the Navy selected the potential range locations, equipment to be installed, and the installation schedule.
4. **Effects of Sound on Marine Mammals** (Title: Navy Used Rigorous Science to Assess Acoustic Effects) – The process the Navy used to identify the effects of USWTR sonar use may have on marine mammals.
5. **Monitoring the Effects of Sound** (Title: Potential Effects will be Monitored) – Summary of findings from evaluations of the alternative sites and describes the Navy's plans to reduce the effects on animals from sonar, including a monitoring program for the proposed range.
6. **Other Environmental Effects** (Title: Other Environmental Effects are Minimal) – Other possible effects to the sea and land environment from the installation of the range equipment, and on fishing from training on the range.

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