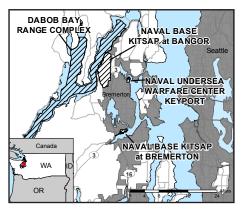


NAVAL BASE KITSAP WITH NAVAL MAGAZINE INDIAN ISLAND

The Dabob Bay Range Complex is a critical research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) site for underwater systems such as torpedoes, unmanned undersea vehicles, and ship systems. Naval Magazine Indian Island supports bulk container and ordinance loading.



Located in the Hood Canal on the Puget Sound, the range complex is part of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport, a component of Naval Base (NB) Kitsap. The pristine and undeveloped deep water environments of Dabob Bay and the Hood Canal allows the Navy to perform sensitive acoustical testing. Naval Magazine Indian Island is a deep water port in Port Townsend Bay. As technology and military equipment advance and become quieter, an undisturbed environment becomes more important to the Navy's missions.

The Navy is partnering with Washington Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson Land Trust, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and The Trust for Public Land to preserve areas within the Puget Sound region and protect the Navy's RDT&E mission, military operating areas (MOAs), and transit routes. The partners acquire lands and the Navy purchases an easement to preserve undeveloped shoreline beaches and other habitat within the Dabob Bay Natural Area and throughout Hood Canal for mission protection and conservation. Many REPI projects will keep existing working forest and agricultural land from being converted in the future. The partnership will prevent incompatible development pressures and increase activities to protect the Navy's sensitive acoustical testing and operations in Hood Canal MOAs.

As one of the least developed and most ecologically important estuaries in the Puget Sound, this area is vital for productive and diverse salmonids, native Olympia oyster beds, and other keystone fish and mammal species. Through REPI, Dabob Bay, Hood Canal, and Port Townsend Bay will remain compatible with the Navy's mission while minimizing coastal impacts and protecting water quality.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Supports habitat connectivity and provides habitat for notable species
- Supports regional planning efforts and provides economic benefits
- Preserves forest and agricultural lands
- Protects resources important to indigenous tribes

MILITARY

- Preserves sensitive test capacity through the buffering of noise-sensitive areas
- Protects important MOAs and ranges and enhances security
- Reduces electromagnetic interference
- Provides a unique deep-water port critical to the Pacific command





NB Kitsap tests new generation of weapons, sensors and undersea vehicles (top). The surrounding habitat is also home to threatened species like the Southern Resident Killer Whales (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Great Peninsula Conservancy
- Jefferson County
- Jefferson Land Trust
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Pope Resources
- State of Washington
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Northwest Watershed Institute
- The Trust for Public Land
- U.S. Forest Service
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Parks
- Washington State Salmon Recovery Board
- Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
- Waterman Mitigation Partner

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2013 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	179	19,063	\$73.8 million
Other (e.g., Sikes Act, IGSA)	_	_	\$11.0 million
TOTAL	179	19,063	\$84.8 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding