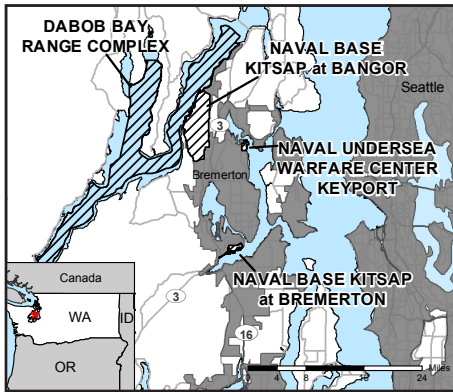




NAVAL BASE KITSAP WITH NAVAL MAGAZINE INDIAN ISLAND

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.



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 nature of Dabob Bay and Hood Canal allows the Navy to perform sensitive acoustical testing. Further north, in the Port Townsend Bay, Naval Magazine Indian Island's deep water port is the only active harbor for the U.S. Pacific Command that supports both bulk container and individual ordnance loading.

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 the Washington Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and The Trust for Public Land to preserve areas of within the Puget Sound region and protect the Navy's RDT&E mission and military operating areas (MOAs). The partners will acquire lands and the Navy will purchase 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. The partnership will prevent development pressures and increased boating 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. Washington state will also transfer timberlands into natural area management.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

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

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 base also uses goats for an environmentally-friendly method of clearing brush (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 2023 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	175	18,843	\$69.7 million
Other (e.g., Sikes Act, IGSA)	-	-	\$11.0 million
TOTAL	175	18,843	\$80.7 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding