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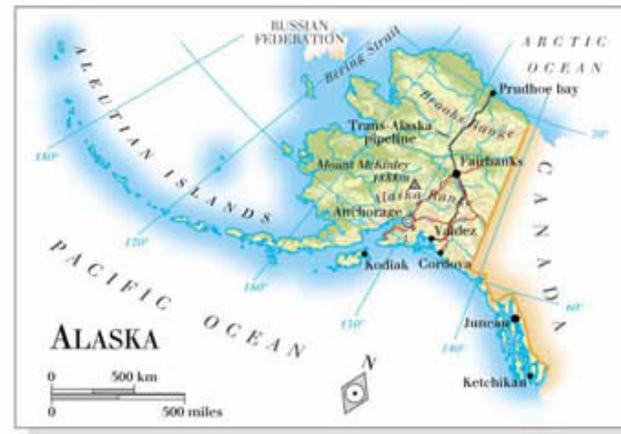
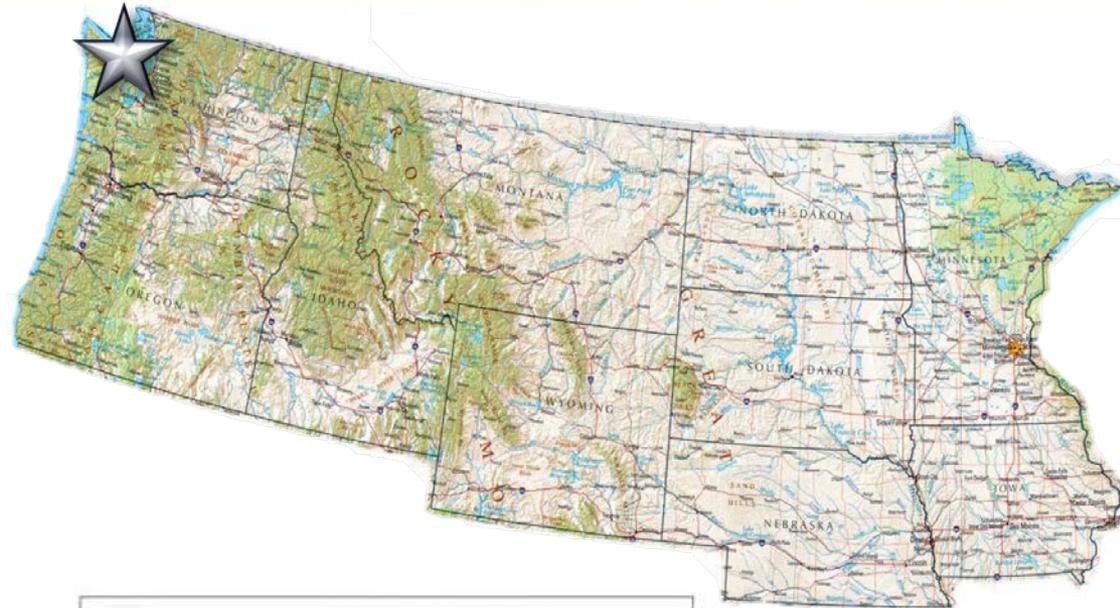
Washington State Parks Commission

**Commander, Navy Region Northwest
Naval Special Warfare Group Three**

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Northwest Area of Responsibility

- 11 States
- Navy's third-largest fleet concentration area
- Puget Sound Navy presence since 1841
- 4 major installations, 16 Navy Operational Support Centers, 79 sites
- 46 miles of installation shoreline
- 200+ supported commands, all states
- 79,328 Acres (Navy owned)
- Socioeconomically infuses \$10.7+ billion annually



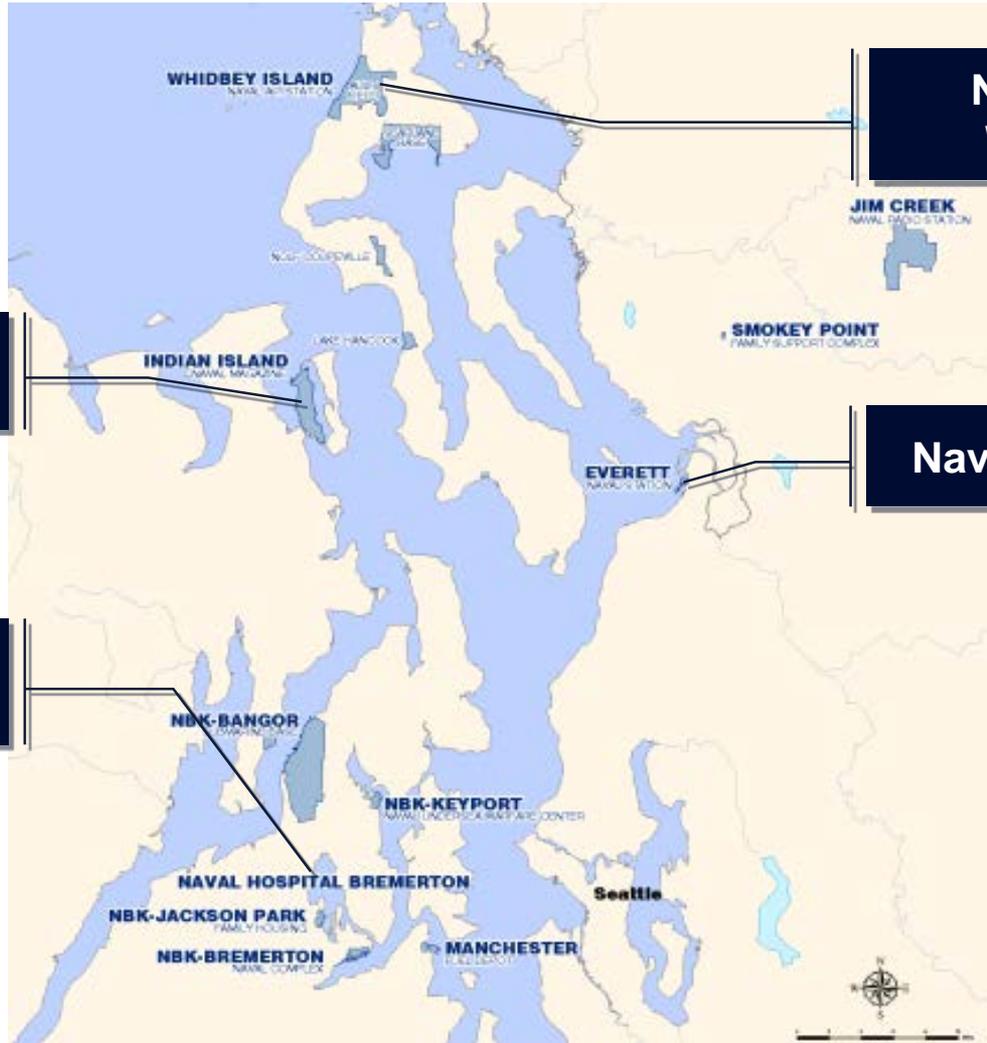
Major Installations



NAVMAG
Indian Island



Naval Base
Kitsap



Naval Air Station
Whidbey Island



Naval Station
Everett



Operational Capabilities



CVN Aircraft Carrier



P-3C Orion



P-8 Poseidon



EA-18 Growler



MH-60 Search and Rescue



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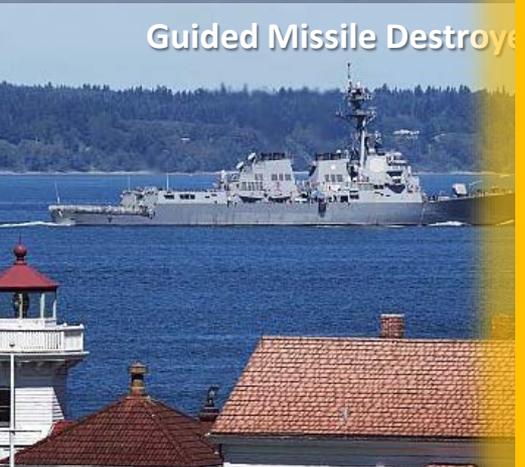
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Special Operations Training

- Navy Special Operations (NSO) has conducted cold water training in the Pacific Northwest since the early 1980s.
- Chosen for the regions unique environment of cold water, extreme tidal changes, multi-variant currents, low visibility, complex underwater terrain, climate and rigorous land terrain.
- Provides NSO an advanced training environment to be ready for mission tasking.



What your Navy requests:

Right-of-Entry Agreements to certain State Park locations

- Training on a not-to-interfere basis with the public's use and enjoyment of the park.
- Allows Special Operations personnel to hone valuable skills in a safe and controlled manner using optimal Puget Sound and coastal locations.
- Purpose: Train Navy Special Operators to be undetected.

Help our Warriors stay Silent and Invisible

Why Washington State Parks?

- “Navigating the unknown” training diversity, complexity
- Multiple locations provide diverse, realistic training scenarios and improved mission preparation
- Variety of locations accommodates seasonal changes, evolving skillsets, and any site-specific restrictions
- Multiple training areas facilitate minimal public interaction
- Proven record of valuable training, with no impact to the public, environment or parks visitation

State Park Training Activities

Insertion, Extraction



Diver/Swimmer



Over the Beach



**Special
Reconnaissance**



High Angle Climbing



Deception Pass ONLY

Myth	Fact
<i>Tourists and children will be traumatized.</i>	The Navy has never had a complaint. The training happens predominantly after hours with small teams accompanied by safety observers.
<i>Simulated munitions may be used in the parks.</i>	Navy Special Operations training in the parks do not involve weapons.
<i>The training isn't necessary.</i>	It is absolutely necessary, as it specifically prepares personnel to deploy for mission tasking.
<i>This training can be done on military bases.</i>	Military bases have limited diversity and access, not allowing for a diverse range of realistic training.
<i>The training is dangerous to the public.</i>	The training will not impact, nor harm the public. All activities are coordinated with Park Rangers. Safety Observers and support staff accompany and supervise trainees. Does not interfere with public use of parks.
<i>The environment will be harmed.</i>	Training has little to no impact on the environment. Leaving "no trace" is paramount to this training. The training team will depart all training areas with NO evidence of their presence.

Myth	Fact
<p><i>The public will encounter the trainees.</i></p>	<p>Facilitator and safety personnel accompany up to 8-person trainee groups on water and on land. Safety personnel in civilian clothes would be first to interact with the public, if at all. Trainees are graded by their ability to remain undetected during training.</p>
<p><i>This training will interfere with park activities.</i></p>	<p>Training facilitators coordinate activities with property managers in advance to avoid interference. Training also typically occurs during low-usage periods. Facilitators also coordinate with local law enforcement on all training to ensure their awareness.</p>
<p><i>The Navy assumes no liability for their actions.</i></p>	<p>The Navy remains one of the biggest contributors to environmental stewardship efforts in the region. When mistakes are made, the Navy makes things right.</p>
<p><i>The public, including the tribes, were not involved in the process.</i></p>	<p>The Navy exceeded all public-outreach requirements, hosting six public meetings, and by participating in this very forum. The Navy also consulted all affected tribes as part of its ongoing government-to-government responsibilities.</p>

In Summary

- Naval Special Operations is requesting the use of 29 Washington State parks.
- Time-proven, no/low impact to the area.
- Not requesting State Parks to close for this training.
- Instructors will coordinate with Park Rangers prior to the training event and pay public rates for use.
- Trainees will ALWAYS be observed by instructors and will NOT interfere with public's use of state parks.
- Although unlikely, if trainees are seen in the field, all personnel will depart in order to cause no disruption.