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NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
REQUEST NO. 2002F110049
DATE RECEIVED: 01 11 07
DATE DUE: 01 12 07

Dear [REDACTED]

I am requesting information regarding a recent change in security zones for Naval Submarine Base Bangor and U.S. Naval submarines in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting all documents on file addressing a recent change in security zones for Naval Submarine Base Bangor and U.S. Naval submarines in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan De Fuca. The rule is part of section of 33 CFR Part 165.

The document states that "If normal notice and comment procedures were followed, this rule would not become effective soon enough to provide immediate protection to Naval assets from the threats posed by hostile entities." The interim final rule became effective on June 20, 2001. Comments on the rule are invited by the Coast Guard and must arrive before September 7, 2001 in order to be considered.

In order to provide comments on the rule change, I am requesting the following:

1. Copies of all documents and records, e-mail or other electronic records, and photos addressing the rule changes for security zones, or any other proposals for rule changes for security zones, for Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the submarines stationed there. I am requesting all information on file addressing reasons for the rule changes.
2. All records indicating the need for "immediate protection" for Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the submarines stationed there. If this information is classified, I am requesting the documents be released with classified portions of the documents "blacked out".
3. All records which might address how these threats to the base and the submarines, if carried out, might affect the environment in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan De Fuca.

4. All records regarding meetings on the rule changes, including dates of meetings, minutes of the meetings, and names of organizations and individuals in attendance.
5. All information which might indicate the involvement of anyone with the State of Washington. I am requesting all information showing the input of anyone with the State of Washington and their involvement.
6. All information which might indicate the involvement of additional agencies with the rule change, such as the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Coast Guard, Port of Seattle and the FBI. I am requesting all information showing the input of any other organizations and their involvement.
7. All information indicating violations of any security zones, or incidents regarding security zones, established for Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the submarines stationed there since 1990. This would include all "warnings", "notices of violations", "charges filed", etc.
8. All documents indicating organizations, agencies or governments which may be seen as a perceived threat to Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the submarines stationed there. I know that last summer myself and two others, in a 16 foot open boat with a 10 horsepower motor, were perceived as a security threat at over 500 yards from the USS Alabama. We were threatened with arrest if we did not leave Elliott Bay. This request is for all information which might show activists in the United States and Canada as a security threat to Naval Submarine Base Bangor and the submarines stationed there.
9. All information showing how a distance of 300 yards to the submarines could make a difference regarding threats to the security of the submarine.
10. All documents indicating why only submarines stationed in the Puget Sound region, and not other naval vessels, are protected from perceived threats and not all U.S. Naval vessels. The USS, Cole, attacked by a terrorist bombing in October 2000 and mentioned as one of the reasons for the rule change in 33 CFR Part 165, is not a submarine.
11. All documents which might indicate if the explosive potential of a Trident submarine may be one of the reasons for larger security zones. This would include discussion of larger Explosive Safety Quantity Distance (ESQD) arcs for the base and the submarines. This would include all considerations regarding the fact that Trident D-5 missiles are scheduled for deployment at Bangor next year.
12. All information regarding any environmental impacts, environmental assessments, and the Categorical Exclusion determination prepared by the Navy for this interim final rule.
13. All documents showing the size of the security zones for submarines based at Kings Bay and the security zones for the naval submarine base at Kings Bay. If security zones

are smaller at Kings Bay, I am requesting all information on file addressing the different sized security zones for the two bases and reasons for the possible greater security threat at Bangor.

For all of the requested information, I am requesting all documents, e-mail messages, electronic recordings, photos and all related types of information on record.

This concludes the information that I am requesting through this Freedom of Information Act request.

As you know, the Freedom of Information Act permits you to reduce or waive fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public". I believe this request fits that category. I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

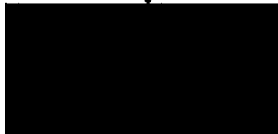
If documents are denied in part or in whole, please specify which exemptions are claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Please provide a complete itemized inventory and detailed factual justification of total or partial denial of documents. Specify the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request. For classified material denied, please include the following information: the classification rating (confidential, secret or top secret); identify the classifier; date or event for automatic declassification, classification review or down-grading; if applicable, identify the official authorizing extension of automatic declassification or review; and, if applicable, give the reason for extended classification.

I request that excised material be "blacked out" rather than "whited out" or cut out. I expect, as provided by the Freedom of Information Act, that the remaining non-exempt portions of documents will be released.

Please send all unclassified documents immediately and all classified documents at a later time after being released to avoid delays by the review process of classified material

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible and I look forward to hearing from you within 20 days as the law stipulates. It is very important that the documents are released before September 2001 in order for me to comment on the rules. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely



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