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MEMORANDUM

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Subj: Talking Points for KRCC and Kitsap County on Puget Sound Regional Council Consideration of Military Installations as Regional Centers.

- Naval Base Kitsap fully supports the efforts by Kitsap County, KRCC member jurisdictions, and PSRC to update the Centers Framework to ensure the military installations are accounted for when identifying regional centers and to ensure our employment numbers, traffic demands, and other local land use planning needs are addressed in the Regional and local planning policies.
- The Navy needs well planned communities with affordable housing, good transportation networks and services just like any other large employer.
- The Regional Centers framework needs to account for those non-traditional centers which may be outside local jurisdiction land use planning such as military installations which may have substantial job creation potential, housing demands, and require traffic improvements or infrastructure.
- Examples of NBK military installations with large populations that live, work, and shop in the community include Silverdale where Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Bangor is located and the City of Bremerton where NBK Bremerton is located. The Pierce County proposed language would provide recognition and support for these areas.
- Naval Base Kitsap would like PSRC and the local jurisdictions to recognize the importance of the transportation and land use planning around military installations to ensure the readiness and sustainment of our missions at NBK which in turn supports the very large employment and economic benefit Navy payroll and contracting plays in the local, regional and state economy.

Talking Points for KRCC and Kitsap County on Military Installations

- As NBK stated at the PSRC Centers Military Discussion on 21 SEPT, the military impacts the local communities housing, transportation, and economy. The military cannot fund the local community improvements needed to sustain our growing population that lives and works in the jurisdictions. We recognize that our rapid changes in employment numbers and populations can put stresses on the planning process and we appreciate the excellent work Kitsap County has done to address these changes and continued growth.
- New Regional Growth Centers should address the regional growth caused by economic and population growth from military installations that directly affects the local community. PSRC needs to consider the geographic equities or disparities of the region. Centers in rural areas may be slower to develop but may provide an important resource to that area. Likewise military installations were in many cases located in rural areas to avoid land use conflict but do rely on adjacent centers for support, housing, and transportation networks.
- GMA requires jurisdictions to develop land use that is compatible with military installations so although jurisdictions do not directly control the growth or populations and jobs in these areas the planning needs to ensure compatibility. As a major employment and population center it is imperative that the framework account for the military installations and associated employees that directly affect the local community's housing, transportation, and economy. Though the installation is contained within a fenceline under federal jurisdiction the operations, commuter and freight routes, housing needs and associated economic impact occur outside of the fenceline.
- The economic analysis for many Navy installations supports that they are major economic drivers, not only for local jurisdictions, but also on a Regional and statewide scale. Moreover, many of these installations also have national defense and strategic importance. Given the size of many of the installations, the region needs to ensure there is adequate transportation infrastructure to ensure not only the viability of the base but of those living/working around the installation.
- Land use can impact the military's ability to operate in and around the installation as can the military impact the surrounding land uses. As such coordination and continued collaboration to address the potential impacts is critical to the viability of both the community and the military. Given the benefits provided to the region and state by these installations, the framework should help ensure military installations and their local communities are a region priority.