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State Historic Preservation Officer

November 29, 2018

Captain Matthew L. Arny
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
3730 North Charles Porter Avenue
Oak Harbor, Washington 98278-5000

Re: Proposed Increase of EA-18G Growler Aircraft and Aircraft Operations &
Development of Support Facilities, NASWI (Log No: 102214-23-USN)

Dear Captain Arny:

As State Historic Preservation Officer I will not be signing the current Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement. Both the state and local community contend that the mitigation is not adequate for the adverse effects of the additional Growlers and their operations.

It is most unfortunate that the efforts of our Department, the Ebey's Historical Reserve Trust Board, and the local community, all of whom offered other more proportional mitigation proposals, were summarily rejected by the U.S. Navy.

These impacts from the additional Growlers will adversely affect the setting, feeling, and association of Ebey's National Historic Reserve as well as the town of Coupeville.

We had all hoped that through some form of operational mitigation or avoidance we could diminish those effects. As we are unable to reach agreement on an appropriate level of mitigation the State of Washington will not be signing the current Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Allyson Brooks', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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