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NAVY TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR KINETIC HYDROPOWER SYSTEM (KHPS) PROJECT

SILVERDALE, Wash. — The U.S. Navy announces an opportunity for the public to learn and comment at an open house on a proposed tidal energy kinetic hydropower system (KHPS) demonstration project in Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, offshore of Marrowstone Island.

The KHPS demonstration would provide environmental and operational information to help better understand the operating capabilities and environmental effects of tidal kinetic hydropower systems.

Public comments will help the Navy to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the installation, one year operation, and removal of the KHPS turbines, turbine foundation, power cable, monitoring equipment, and onshore facilities.

This EA is being developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The public is encouraged to attend an open house to learn more about the proposed KHPS demonstration project and to comment on environmental aspects to be addressed in the EA.

Two open houses will be held:

Date: **Wednesday, July 15, 2009**
Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Chimacum Elementary School Library
91 W Valley Rd.
Chimacum, WA 98325

Date: **Thursday, July 16, 2009**
Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Voyager Middle School Multipurpose Room
11711 4th Ave W
Everett, WA 98204

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The Navy will consider comments on environmental aspects to be considered in the EA through August 1, 2009. Written comments may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- At the **open house**
- Online at **www.nps-khps.net**
- E-mail to **peter.havens@navy.mil**
- Mail to:

NPS-KHPS
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
Attn: Peter Havens
1101 Tautog Circle
Silverdale, WA 98315

Additional information related to the EA is available on the project web site: **www.nps-khps.net**

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY: If you are interested in attending a media opportunity, or for further information, please contact Sheila Murray, Environmental Public Affairs Officer, (360) 396-4981 or (360) 340-5398.