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11/14/2006 16:40	Isaacs	Larry					South Carolina		<p>I strongly urge that there be no sonar testing by the U.S. Navy along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico. The sonar used during these drills poses an imminent threat to the health of our marine mammals. It is known to have severe environmental consequences, and to harm, debilitate, and in some cases, cause the deaths of endangered species and other marine animals. Whales and other marine animals depend on hearing to follow the migratory patterns of fish and food, and deafening sonar not only debilitates them, but threatens their ability to function, and therefore survive. Sonar is proven to affect the feeding patterns of Orcas, as well as the singing of Humpback whales; an activity essential to the reproduction of this endangered species. The Navy knows the damage sonar can cause. Their own estimate states that frequencies 300 miles away from the source can maintain a decibel level of 140 dB a level 100 times more intense than the noise threshold for gray whales. While this is mostly a statment from CCL, I wholeheartedly agree with their position. These sea mammals are placed in harms way with the sonar testing.</p>