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3/14/2008 8:20	81	<p>* Specific precautions must be taken to protect the federally endangered North Atlantic right whale, humpback whale and manatee. The cumulative impacts on these species as a result of increased shipping traffic from the SPA port expansion, as well as from sonar must be addressed. The impacts to birds from sonar and land based infrastructure in critical habitats such as the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge and Bird Key-Stono Heritage Preserve must be evaluated and mitigated. The Navy must fully evaluate and address the impacts to sea turtles as a result of navigation and communication interference caused by sonar. The offshore waters of South Carolina support an economically valuable shrimp industry, as well as habitat for snapper, grouper, wahoo, red drum and migratory pelagic fish. Impacts on these and other species like the federally endangered shortnose sturgeon must be fully evaluated by the Navy. The cumulative impacts of the Navy's proposal in addition to other proposed projects on the coast of South Carolina must be considered. This assessment must include the proposed SPA port expansion, the current port operations and current Navy operations.</p> <p>The DEIS for this project lacked substantive mitigation proposals for the significant impacts resulting from the</p>	Stephanie	Beard	[REDACTED]	Mount Pleasant	South Carolina	[REDACTED]

