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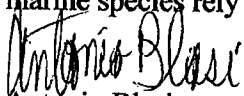
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To US Navy

Please, No AFAST

AFAST activities will be conducted from the Gulf of Maine down along the East Coast and into the Gulf of Mexico. Navy ships, submarines, and aircraft deploy high-intensity mid-frequency active (MFA) sonar and other intense acoustic devices for antisubmarine warfare and mine warfare training.

583 [ Naval high-intensity MFA sonars have now been implicated in the mass strandings and deaths of whales, dolphins and porpoises in numerous incidents around the world stretching back for five decades. There is also compelling evidence indicating that marine mammals are not the sonar's only victims. [The increasing usage of sonar, along with other human generated ocean noise such as shipping, and oil exploration and development, has drastically raised noise levels in the oceans, where many fish and other marine species rely on sound and hearing ability for survival.

  
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