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This letter is written to you to express my concern of the proposed Naval Sonar Training Range off North Carolina. The area in which the range would go is one in which I fish regularly. No one knows exactly how this Sonar Rage will affect HMS species, inshore species and the live bottom. The Navy Environmental Impact Study is **unsatisfactory**. The Range would have a negative impact on the commercial, charter/headboat, dive boat and recreational fisherman. As a charter boat captain I have witnessed a complete shutdown of HMS when the Navy has been conducting Sonar testing from ships in our area . The range will pose a threat to migrating mammals, This area is also the migration route of the endangered Wright Whale.

If the range is build it will be devastating to my business, and also to economy of Eastern North Carolina. This charter captain is opposed to this Naval Sonar Training Range.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Captain. Stephen Draughon