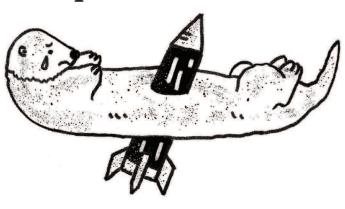




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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## The Navy Is Killing Pacific Sea Otters With Torpedoes



The U.S. Navy has killed, injured or harassed marine mammals in the North Pacific almost 12 million times over a five-year period, according to research conducted by the West Coast Action Alliance and reported by Dahr Jamail for news website Truthout.

This includes whales, dolphins, porpoises, sea lions and other marine wildlife, including endangered species like humpback whales, blue whales, gray whales, sperm whales, Steller sea lions and sea otters.

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As the Alliance noted, this does not include impacts on "endangered and threatened seabirds, fish, sea turtles or terrestrial species" due to Navy activities, which have expanded dramatically, according to the Navy's October 2015 environmental impact statement, including:

- A 778 percent increase in the number of torpedoes fired
- A 400 percent increase in air-to-surface missile exercises (including in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary)
- A 1,150 percent increase in drone aircraft
- An increase from none to 284 sonar testing events in inland waters

"It is, and has been for quite some time now, well known in the scientific community that the Navy's use of sonar can damage and kill marine life," Jamail reported.