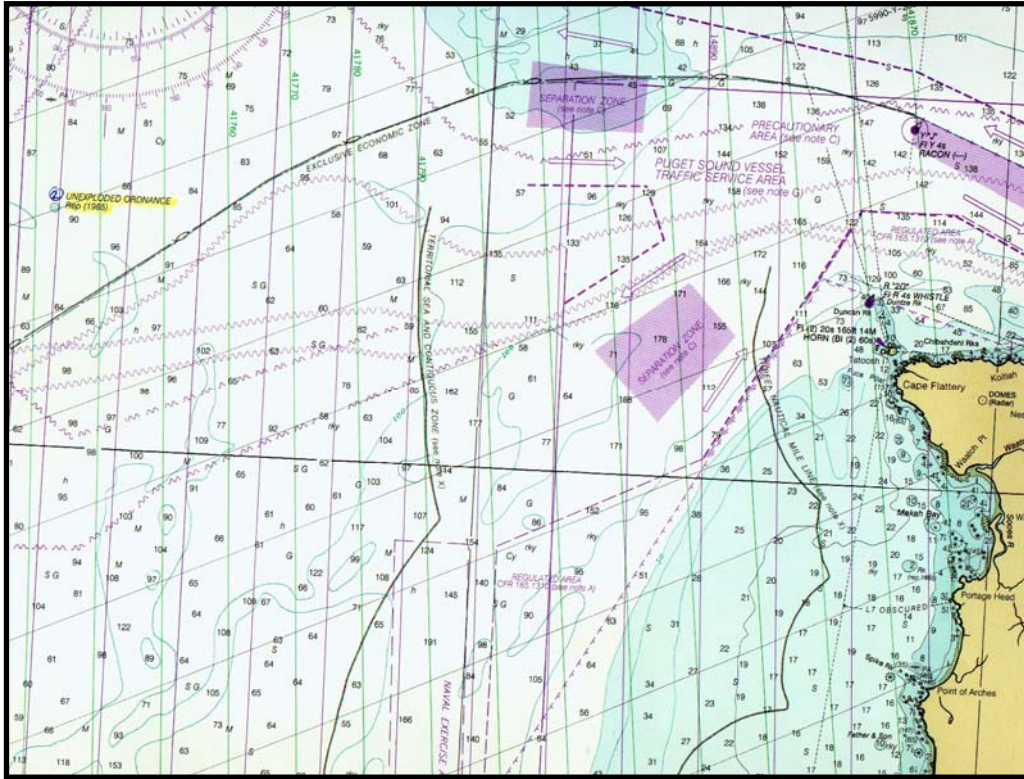


# SITE FACT SHEET

## Offshore Unexploded Ordnance and Wrecks *Site 23*



**Description:** Site 23 consists of eight offshore unexploded ordnance or bomb locations, 22 to 40 nautical miles from the shoreline, at a depth of approximately 380 to 535 feet; the wreck of the submarine USS *Bugara*, 3.8 miles from the Tatoosh Island lighthouse; the wreck of an F6F-3 Hellcat, BuNo 41892, 30 miles from Cape Flattery; and the wreck of an FG-1D Corsair, BuNo 88161, 1/4 mile north of Neah Bay. On May 20, 1945, Hellcat BuNo 41892 went down due to pilot error. On September 19, 1948, Corsair BuNo 88161 went down due to fuel system failure. The submarine USS *Bugara* sank on June 1, 1972 while being towed to its intended disposal site.

**Community Impacts:** Possible unexploded ordnance; possible contamination from fuel and unknown types of ordnance and/or ammunitions.

**Investigations and Actions to Date:** Review of historical documentation and nautical charts (2004). The Makah Environmental Restoration Team met with the U.S. Navy in August 2006 to discuss the desirability and feasibility of removal options.

**Planned Activities:** Continue discussions with the U.S. Navy and NOAA to develop action plan to address potential hazards.