# New Tsunami Hazard Information for Tillamook County

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# Tillamook 911 Center

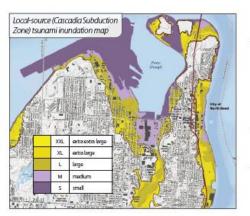
## January 13, 2015



Check <u>www.oregontsunami.org</u> for new educational and hazard information

- 7 preparedness steps (animation and bulleted list)
- Tsunami evacuation maps
- Evacuation map viewer
- New maritime guidance brochure (boaters page)
- New Cascadia earthquake comic book (OEM) <u>http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/plans\_train/Earthquake/Without\_W</u> <u>arning%20resized.pdf</u>
- New lodging facility video (OEM) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adSVWaDmbHE&feature=youtu.be</u>
- Links to many more resources.

## **INUNDATION AND EVACUATION MAP PRODUCTS**





imum local source (yellow) maximum distant source (orange)



Combine the maximum tsunami scenario from each map.

**Inundation Maps (TIMs)** – 7 inundations whole coast

- 5 Local CSZ "Tsunami T-Shirt Scenarios" (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
  - MHHW Tide
  - Coseismic subsidence taken into account
  - Maps include wave time series, inundated building exposure, and wave elevation profiles
- 2 Distant Alaska Scenarios
  - Alaska 1964
  - Alaska Max

## **Evacuation Brochures** – 2 inundations in towns

- XXI
- Alaska Max
- Routes, preparedness information

Evacuation Mapper 2 inundations whole coast

- XXL + Alaska Max on Google type base maps
- www.oregontsunami.org



## Www.oregontsunami.org We cannot prevent a tsunami but we can prepare for one.

## **Oregon Tsunami Clearinghouse**



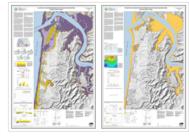
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Evacuation Zone Map Viewer Evacuation Brochures Frontpage **Regulatory Maps** Resource Library

### Is your family prepared for disaster?



#### **Tsunami Evacuation Zone** Map Viewer Search by address or coastal area. web map | iPhone app | Android app

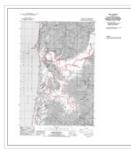


#### **Tsunami Inundation Maps** (TIM Series)

Maps incorporating all the best tsunami science available today. Fact Sheet



**Tsunami Evacuation** Brochures For coastal communities. Fact Sheet



### **Tsunami Regulatory Maps**

Official maps for implementation of ORS 455.446 and 455.447.



Warnings via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) About Wireless Emergency Alerts



### **Coastal Residents**

What to watch for and how to prepare. More »

### Visitors

What to do before and after you get to the coast. More »

#### Kids & Teachers

Learn through activities and games, More »

Tsunami news around the web

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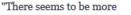
#### Eastern Australia a tsunami

ABC Science Online Goff and colleague Catharine Chagué-Goff scoured the scientific literature, historical newspaper reports, historical records and other tsunami databases, to arrive at their estimate of the number of tsunamis that have reached Australia since ....

#### Scientists to place Swiss lake spyghana.com

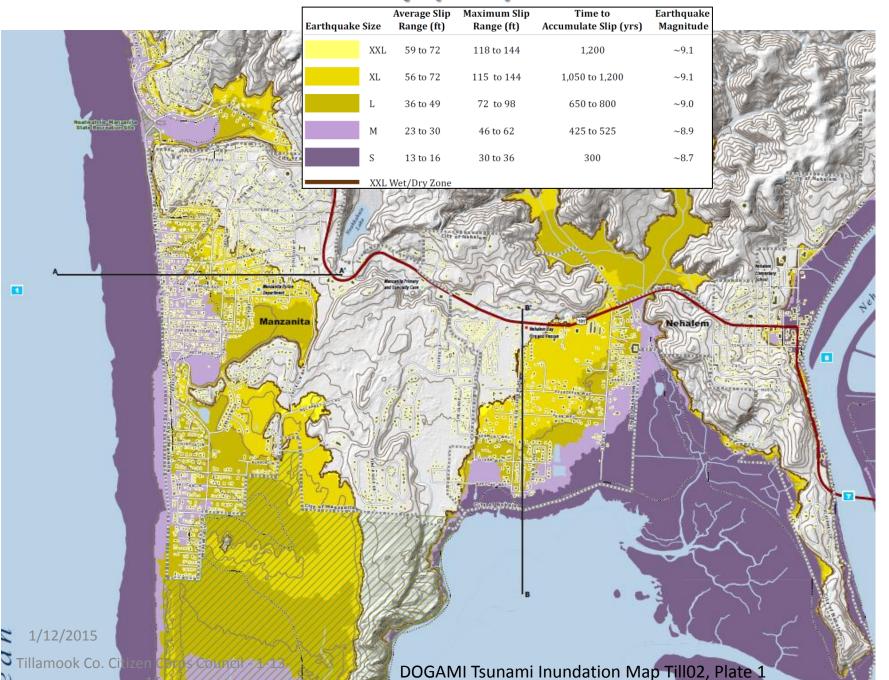
"So, actually, we can predict to a certain degree what sort of earthquake is required to trigger which kinds of slopes, and because our numerical codes then allow us to calculate the resulting tsunami wave, we are somehow able to say which areas will ...

Mind the Gap: New evidence Fox News

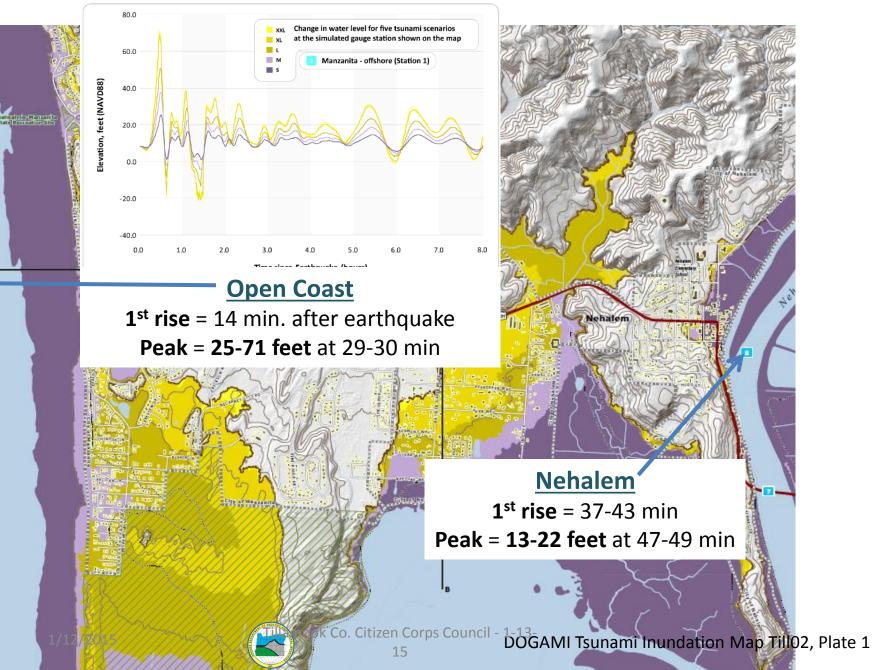




## Tsunami Inundation Map (TIM) - Local Cascadia Tsunamis

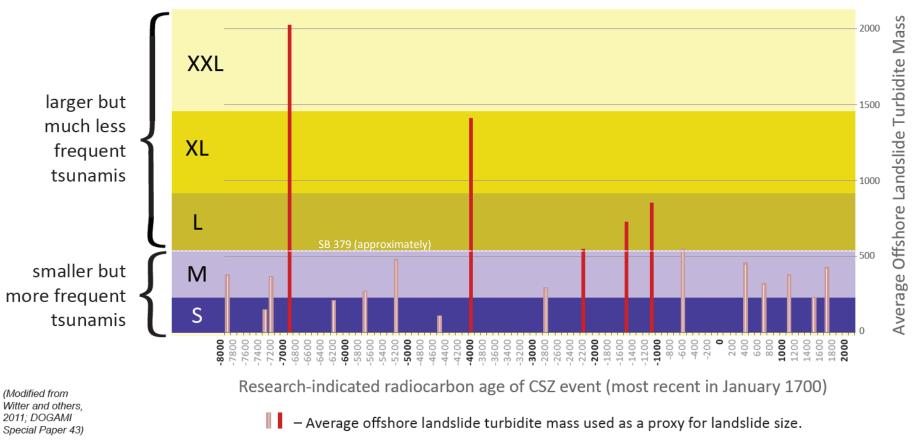


## Tsunami Inundation Map (TIM) - Local Cascadia Tsunamis



## **Qualitative Explanation of Cascadia Tsunami Scenarios** shown on published tsunami inundation maps (TIMs)

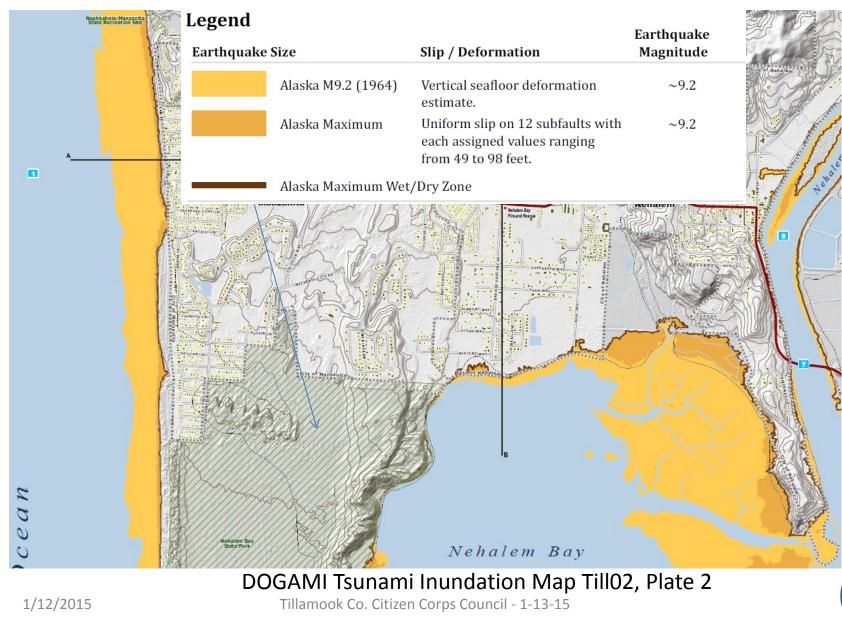
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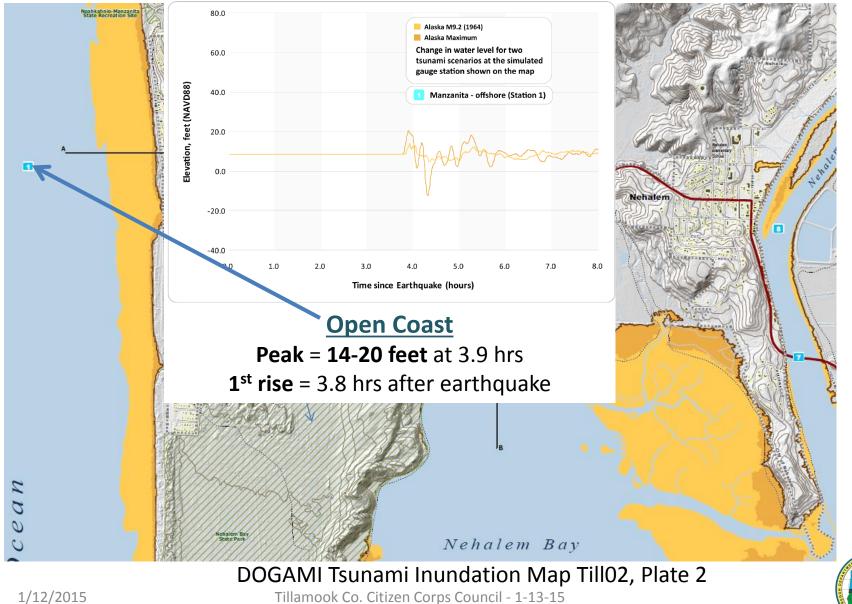


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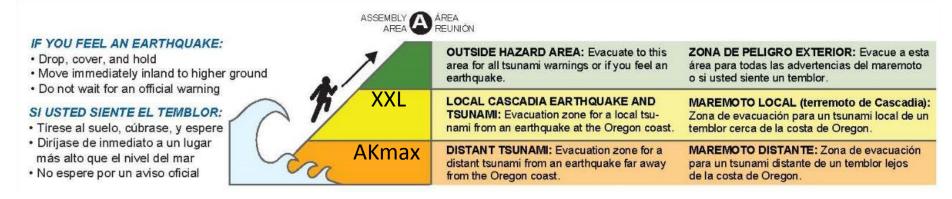


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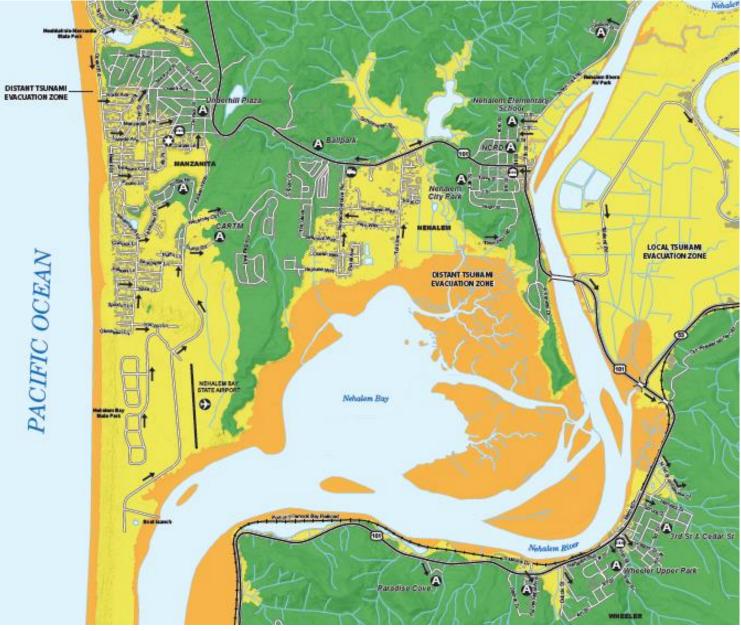
# Tsunami Evacuation Map Brochure Explanation



- GREEN = outside of <u>both</u> local + distant tsunami inundation
- YELLOW = outside of <u>only</u> distant tsunami inundation



# Manzanita-Nehalem Tsunami Evacuation Map





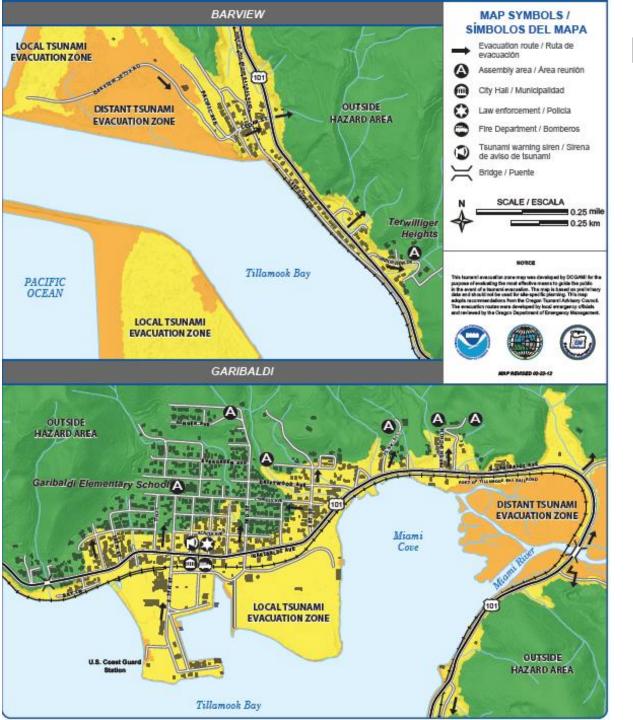
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# Rockaway Beach Tsunami Evacuation Map

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# Barview-Garibaldi Tsunami Evacuation Map

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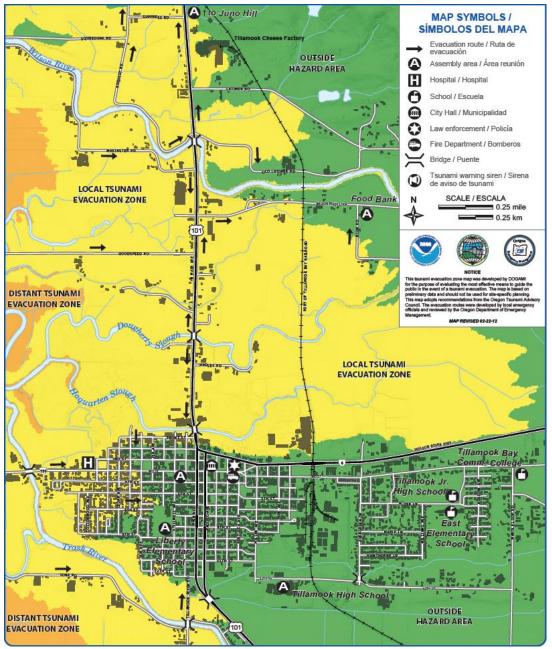




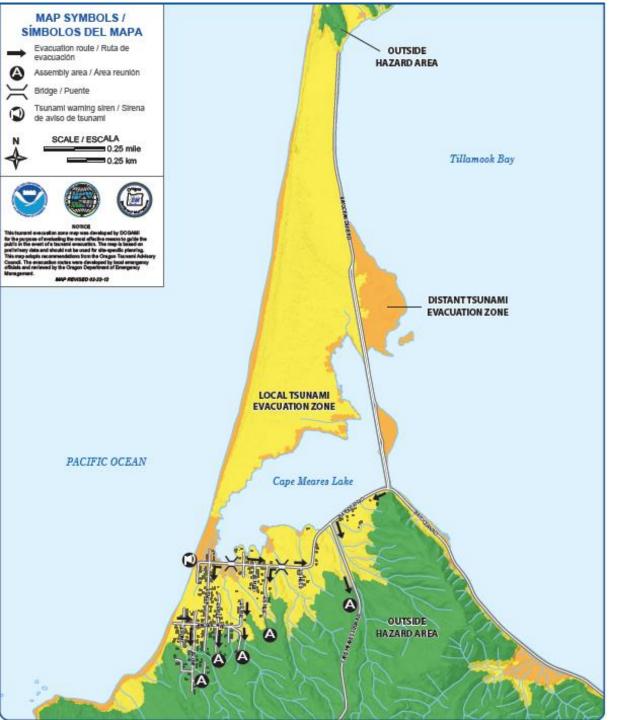
# Bay City Tsunami Evacuation Map



## **Tillamook Tsunami Evacuation Map**







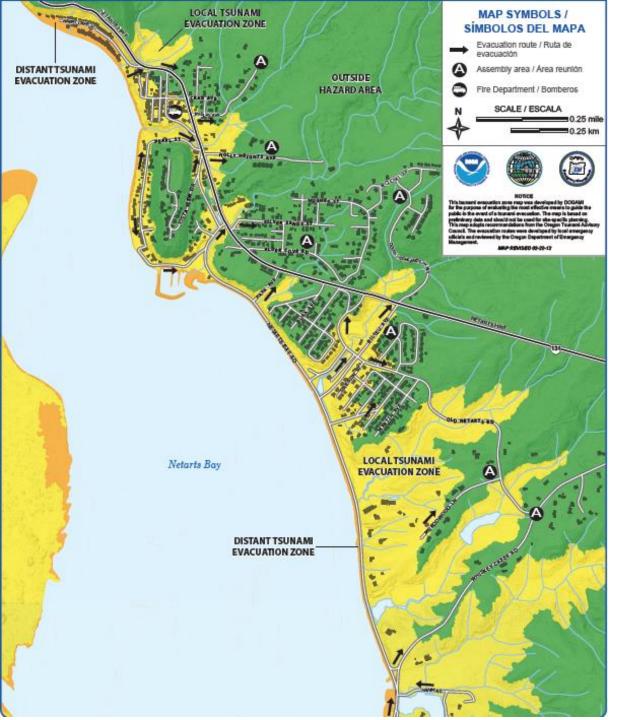
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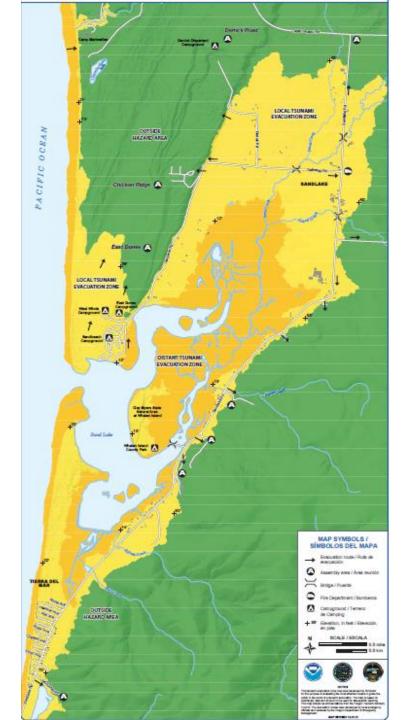
# Oceanside Tsunami Evacuation Map





# Netarts Tsunami Evacuation Map





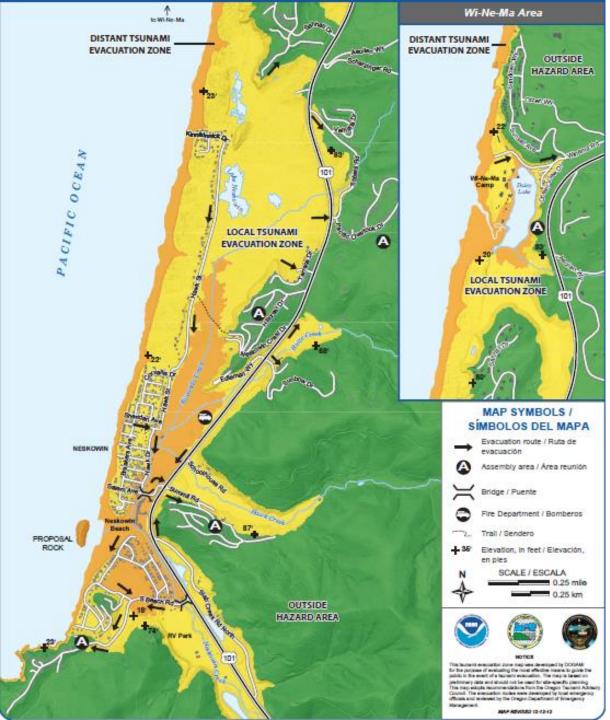
Sand Lake and Tierra del Mar Tsunami Evacuation Map





# Pacific City Tsunami Evacuation Map



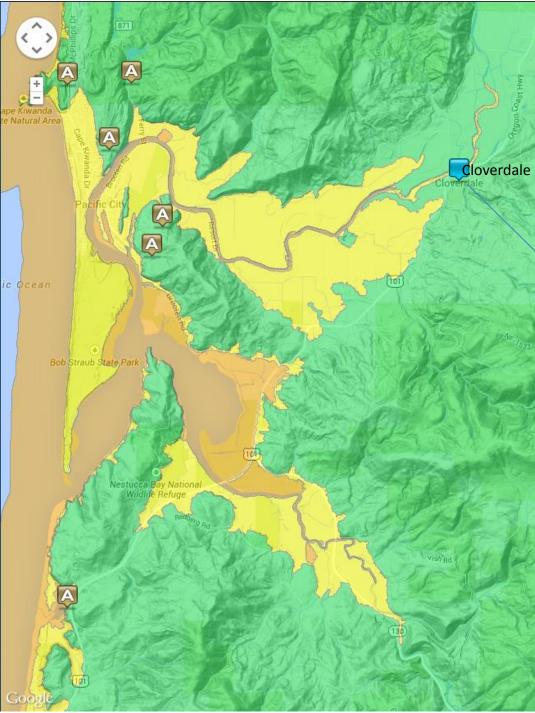


# Neskowin Tsunami Evacuation Map

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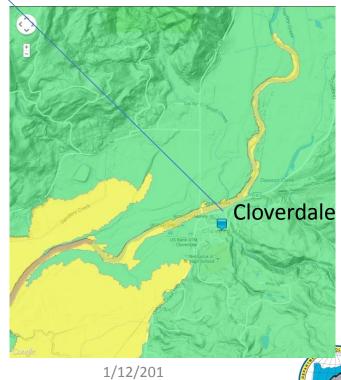
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Cloverdale-upper Nestucca River is outside published evacuation maps so must <u>use map viewer</u>

## WWW.oregontsunami.org





### DOGAMI



### Charrette

**GIS Modeling** 

## Northern Oregon coastal communities face great tsunami risk

- Tsunami arrival time is in the tens of minutes
- Shaking can last 5 minutes
- Timely evacuation is important for survival
- Evacuation by automobile will be virtually impossible in many cases

# Pedestrian evacuation analysis

is necessary to provide information to city officials and emergency managers



# DOGAMI is Developing a <u>New Approach</u> to Pedestrian Tsunami Evacuation Modeling

**<u>Old approach</u>**: Pick a walking speed and calculate time to safety

ORIGINAL PAPER

Anisotropic path modeling to assess pedestrianevacuation potential from Cascadia-related tsunamis in the US Pacific Northwest

Nathan J. Wood · Mathew C. Schmidtlein

<u>New approach</u>: Determine minimum walking speed to safety <u>Project Areas</u>:

- 1. Cannon Beach (early 2015)
- 2. Seaside-Gearhart (early 2015)
- 3. Warrenton (summer 2015)
- 4. Rockaway Beach (2016)



# OEM WAYFINDING GRANTS (from NTHMP)

- 1. "You are Here" Tsunami evacuation map signs
- 2. Interpretive trail signage
- 3. <u>Creative and innovative wayfinding</u> (markers on roads/walkways, etc)

## DEADLINES:

January 9, 2015 – Announcement of project support money.

- <u>February 13, 2015</u> Project Proposals due to OEM (Email to Althea Rizzo althea.rizzo@state.or.us)
- February 27, 2015 Contact Approved projects personnel
- March 31, 2015 Deadline for any signed agreements between OEM and Community/Organization
- May 1, 2015 Progress Report due to OEM (No more than 1 page)
- July 1, 2015 Progress Report due to OEM (No more than 1 page)
- Drop Dead Date: July 31, 2015 all projects must be completed.
- August 31, 2015 all invoices MUST be submitted to OEM for reimbursement



# SUMMARY OF NEW MARITIME GUIDANCE

# **Distant Tsunamis**

 <u>Warning</u>: NOAA broadcasts

- ≥ 4 hours to take action
- <u>Offshore</u>: go to ><u>30 fathoms;</u> Guidance during event: <u>USCG</u>

## • <u>Tied to dock</u>:

- Check with local officials
- Explore options in advance (e.g. go upriver? Out to sea?)
- <u>On Land</u>:
  - Go to evacuation site
  - Wait until local officials say it is safe to return.
     Tillamook Co.

# Local Tsunamis

- <u>Warning</u>:
  - Ground shaking
  - Ocean roar
  - Water receding or surging
- 10 minutes to take action
- <u>Offshore</u>: go to ><u>100 fathoms;</u> Guidance during event: <u>USCG</u>
- Tied to dock or on land:
  - Go to evacuation site
  - Wait until <u>local officials</u> say it is safe to return.
- Plan to be out to sea for days with nearby ports out of commission (fuel, food, etc.).



### WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT TSUNAMIS

#### **Tsunami Dangers**

A tsunami is a series of waves, usually caused by an earthquake beneath the sea floor. As tsunamis enter shallow water near land, they increase in height and can cause great loss of life and property damage. For boaters, tsunami dangers also include:

- Sudden water-level fluctuations
- · Grounding of vessels as water level suddenly drops
- Capsizing from incoming surges (bores), complex coastal waves, and surges hitting grounded boats
- Strong and unpredictable currents that can change direction quickly
- Eddies/whirlpools
- Drag on large-keeled boats
- · Collision with other boats, docks, and debris

### **Tsunami Types and Warnings**

LOCAL TSUNAMIS are caused by great earthquakes near the Oregon coast and will strike in 10 to 30 minutes. The earthquake is the warning for a local tsunami. Be alert for natural warning signs:

- Onshore
  - Strong ground shaking for minutes
  - Loud ocean roar
  - · Water receding unusually far, exposing the sea floor
  - Water surging onshore faster than any tide
- Offshore
  - You may feel the earthquake through the hull of your boat
  - You could see a rapid and extreme shift in currents and simultaneous changes in wind wave heights

Smaller **DISTANT TSUNAMIS** are caused by great earthquakes far away from the Oregon coast and will strike four hours or more after the earthquake. Be alert for warning statements and natural warning signs:

- Sign up to receive notifications from the National Tsunami Warning Center, which issues two types of warnings for Oregon boaters:
  - Advisories: Peak tsunami wave heights of 1 to 3 feet are expected, indicating strong and dangerous currents can be produced in harbors
- Warnings: Tsunami wave heights could exceed 3 feet, indicating very strong, dangerous currents and inundation of dry land is anticipated
- Contact your harbormaster or emergency services office to find out what notifications you can sign up for locally
- Listen for warnings from sirens or announcements from airplanes and from the media
- Heed natural warnings such as a loud ocean roar or rapid changes in sea level or currents

#### **Tsunamis Can Trick You**

- The first surge may not be the last or the largest
- It is not unusual for tsunami surges to continue for 12 hours
- Dangerous currents can persist in harbors for 60 hours or more
- The National Tsunami Warning Center forecasts how long
  dangerous conditions persist

### WHAT TO DO TO PREPARE

Are you prepared for a great earthquake and tsunami to strike, rendering ports, fuel supplies, and other infrastructure inaccessible?

For more information on how to better prepare, check with:

- · Harbor masters and port captains
- US Coast Guard contacts
- · State and local emergency managers
- National Tsunami Warning Center: www.wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov
- Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
  - download evacuation maps:
- www.oregontsunami.org
- National Weather Service sign up for alerts: www.weather.gov/emailupdates/
- Weather Forecast Offices
  - Medford www.wrh.noaa.gov/mfr/
  - Portland www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/
- Oregon Emergency Management: www.oregon.gov/OMD/0EM/
- NOAA: www.tsunami.gov
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.ready.gov/tsunamis
- Centers for Disease Control: www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/tsunamis
- Red Cross: www.redcross.org



## TSUNAMI WHAT OREGON BOAT OWNERS

### NEED TO KNOW

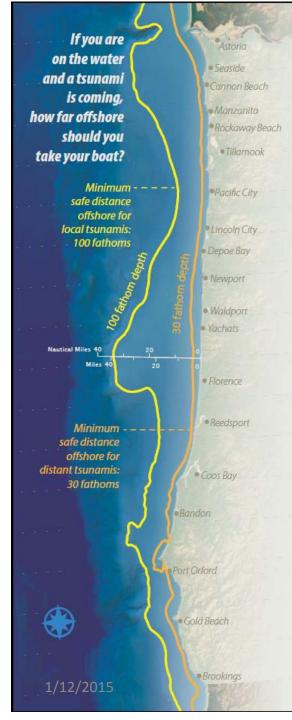


Port of Brookings, Ore., following wave surges from the March 11, 2011 tsunami off the coast of Japan. Photo: Jamie Francis/The Oregonian



Marina damage near Chetco River, Ore., following wave surges from the March 11, 2011 tsunami off the coast of Japan. Photo: U.S. Coast Guard





### WHAT TO DO WHEN A TSUNAMI STRIKES

What to do depends on what type of tsunami occurred and where you are

### **Distant Tsunamis**

You generally have at least 4 hours after the distant earthquake to take action.

#### If you are on the water

 Check with the US Coast Guard (USCG) before taking any action. If advised that offshore evacuation is an option and this option looks practical for your vessel, proceed to a staging area greater than 30 fathoms (180 ft). If conditions do not permit, dock your boat and get out of the tsunami evacuation zone.

### If you are on land or tied up at the dock

- Your choices are to a) evacuate out to sea beyond 30 fathoms,
  b) leave your vessel and evacuate out of the distant tsunami inundation zone, or c) go upriver. DO YOUR HOMEWORK before the event to understand how practical these options are for the largest distant tsunamis that might strike your area. Check with local authorities and www.oregontsunami.org for information.
- Check with local authorities before taking any action. Most distant tsunamis are small enough that it is safer to keep your boat docked. Congestion in the waterway or among those trying to pull boats out with trailers can create serious problems. Sea and weather conditions may be more dangerous than the tsunami! Get yourself out of the tsunami evacuation zone.

### After the tsunami

- If in an offshore staging area, check with the USCG for guidance before leaving the staging area; conserve fuel by drifting until you know what actions you need to take.
- If in an onshore assembly area, check with local authorities for guidance before returning to the inundation zone.

### BROADCASTS DURING A TSUNAMI EVENT

USCG will issue Urgent Marine Information Broadcasts on CH 16, and additional information will be available from NOAA Weather Radio.

### Local Tsunamis

You have only ~10 minutes to take action, so have a plan ahead of time that includes a quick way to release commercial fishing gear so your boat is not dragged down by currents; have least 3 days of food, fuel, and water.

### If you are on the water

- At less than 100 fathoms (600 ft): (1) Stop commercial fishing operations immediately, (2) free the vessel from any bottom attachment (cut lines if necessary), and (3) if you can beach or dock your boat and evacuate on foot within 10 minutes of a natural warning, then this is your best chance. If that is not possible, head to greater than 100 fathoms, keeping in mind the following:
  - · Proceed as perpendicular to shore as possible.
  - Sail directly into wind waves, keeping in mind that wind waves opposed by tsunami currents will be greatly amplified.
  - Maintain as much separation as possible from other vessels.
  - · Synchronize movements with other vessels to avoid collisions.
- At greater than 100 fathoms: If you are in deep water but not quite 100 fathoms, head to deeper water. If you are already at greater than 100 fathoms, then you are relatively safe from tsunamis, but deeper water is safer from tsunami currents and the amplification of wind waves by those currents.

### If you are on land or tied up at dock

• Evacuate out of the tsunami evacuation zone. You don't have time to save your boat and could die if you try to do so.

### After the tsunami

- If in an offshore staging area, check with the USCG for guidance before leaving the staging area; conserve fuel by drifting until you know what actions you need to take.
- If in an onshore assembly area, check with local authorities for guidance before returning to the inundation zone.
- Do not return to local ports until you have firm guidance from USCG and local authorities.
  - Local ports will sustain heavy damage from a local tsunami and may not be safe for days, weeks or months.
  - If at sea, check to see if you can reach an undamaged port with your current fuel supply and watch for floating debris or survivors that may have been washed out on debris.
  - If at sea, consider checking with USCG about your role in response and recovery.