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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for
the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on January 16, 2020

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform routine monthly tsunami communication tests to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on Thursday, January 16, 2020, for Alaska and West Coast states.

The intended recipients of these communication tests include designated national focal points, state/territorial warning points, coastal WFOs, U.S. Coast Guard and critical military dissemination points.

Each test message will be clearly identified as such, and will be consistent with the product changes implemented by:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn18-94vtec_tsunami.pdf

Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) codes for the test messages will start with the /T fixed identifier (versus /O for operational messages). To provide additional assurance that a test message is not inadvertently distributed as an actual Warning/Advisory/Watch product, Event Tracking Numbers (ETNs) for the test messages will begin with 9 as the leading digit of the four character code.

The text products affected by routine monthly tsunami communication testing are the national tsunami products issued under the following Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers (PILs) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (IDs):

NTWC Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO ID
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Segmented Tsunami W/W/A for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUWCA	WEPA41
Public Tsunami W/W/A for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUAK1	WEAK51

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. WFOs taking part in the national monthly tsunami communications test are listed below by NWS Region:

NWS Alaska Region:

Anchorage, AK (AFC)

Juneau, AK (AJK)

NWS Western Region:

Seattle/Tacoma, WA (SEW)

Portland, OR (PQR)

Medford, OR (MFR)

Eureka, CA (EKA)

San Francisco Bay Area/Monterey, CA (MTR)

Oxnard/Los Angeles, CA (LOX)

San Diego, CA (SGX)

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