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SUBJECT: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications
Tests for the West Coast and Alaska Coast to take place on
February 13, 2020

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS
Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) will perform routine monthly
tsunami communication tests to ensure end-to-end readiness of
NWS dissemination software and hardware on Thursday, February
13, 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

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 (ETN) 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 AWIPS Product Identifiers (PIL) and World
Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers (ID):

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	TSUAK1	WEAK51

for West Coast/BC/Alaska

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, CA (MTR)
Los Angeles, CA (LOX)
San Diego, CA (SGX)

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