January, 2014 NTHMP Warning Coordination Subcommittee Meeting

# Agenda

- Introductions
- 2013-Action Item Review
- EAS Activation for Advisories Update
- TWC Products
- Post-warning survey
- Exercises
- WCS Strategic Plan Tasks
- TWS training
- TWC IT Mod.
- Meteotsunamis
- USCG
- PR/VI Procedures
- New Action Items

# Action Item Review

# EAS Activation for Advisories

# **Tsunami Products**

- International and PTWC Domestic Products
- Translating threat to EMOs
- WFO Auto-activation of EAS
- NOAA Social Sci. Recs.
- Complex Coastline Team Recs.
- Spanish Messages
- Forecast Point update

# **PTWC Product Update**



National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program Annual Meeting, January 28-31, 2014, Menlo Park, CA



### PTWC International and Domestic Products Update

#### Charles S. McCreery Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center January 28, 2014

# **Upcoming Product Changes**

- New Domestic Product for American Samoa March 2014
- New Domestic Product for Guam and CNMI August 2014
- Enhanced International Product for the PTWS October 2014
- Revised Domestic Product for Hawaii Late-2014
- Enhanced International Products for the CARIBE-EWS Mid-2015

## Why a Domestic Am. Samoa Product?

- American Samoa is currently covered by PTWC's international product for the PTWS, but
- The September 2009 Samoa tsunami disaster demonstrated a need for a special product for American Samoa with more customized information
- The enhanced products for the PTWS coming in October 2014 will no longer provide alert levels, only a forecast of expected tsunami amplitudes

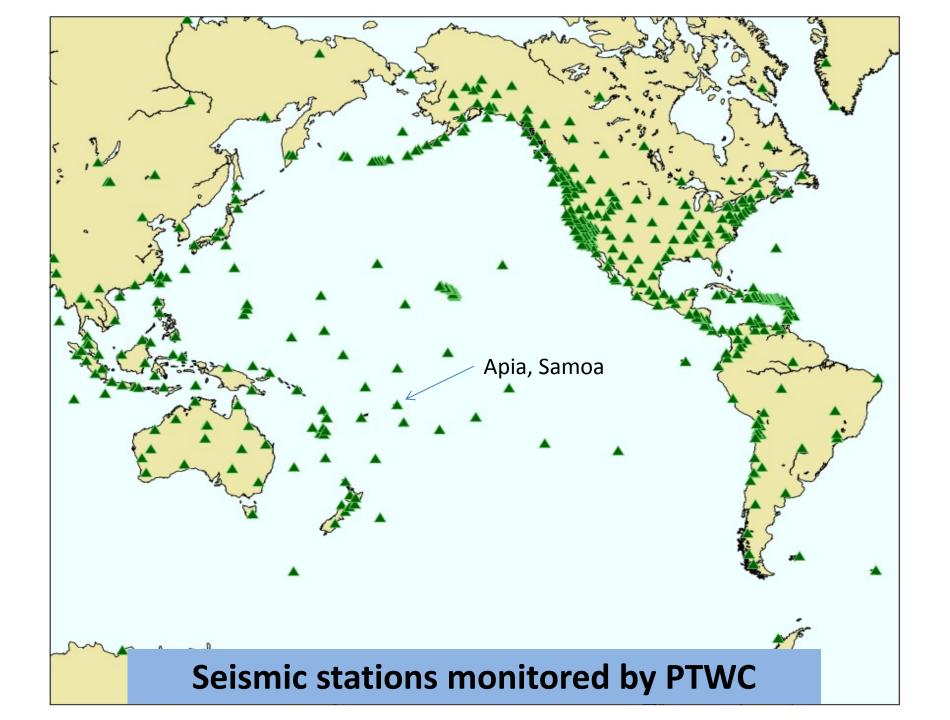
# **Challenges with an Am. Samoa Product**

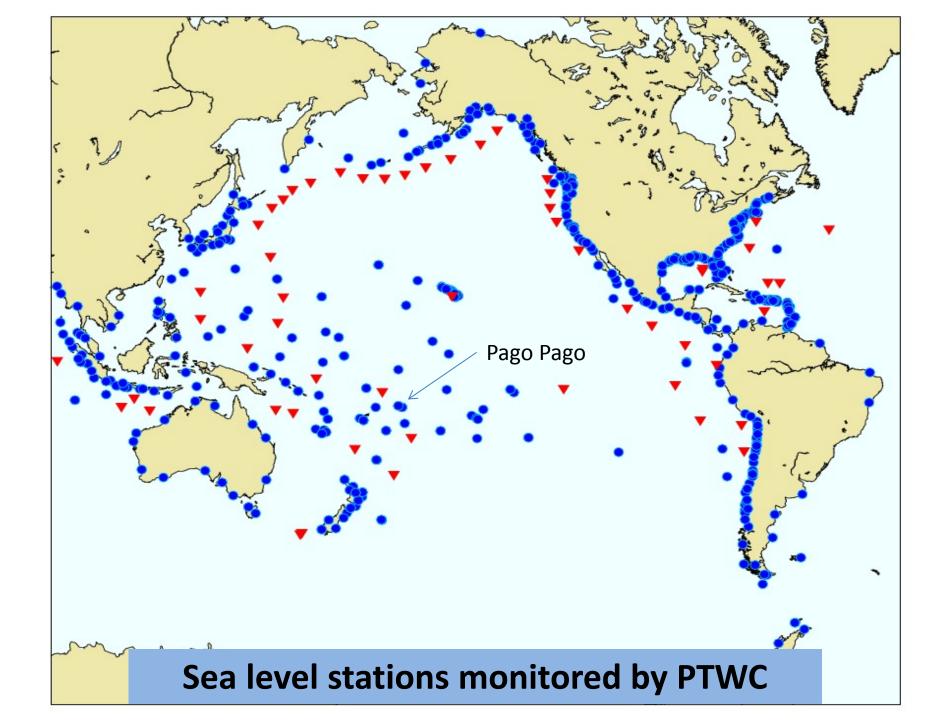
### **Evaluating the Local Tsunami Threat**

- Sparse seismic data no stations in Am. Samoa
- Sparse sea level network
- Complex local tsunami threat with curving subduction zone
   no simple criteria for warning

### Evaluating the Distant Tsunami Threat

- Less density of seismic stations in the southern Pacific
- Source zones far from denser continental networks
- Fewer deep-ocean sea level gauges

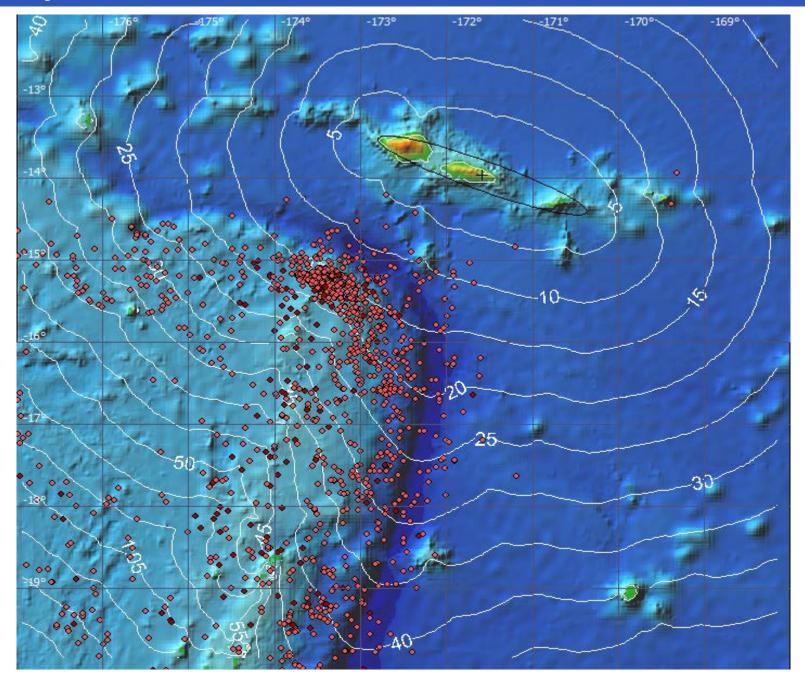




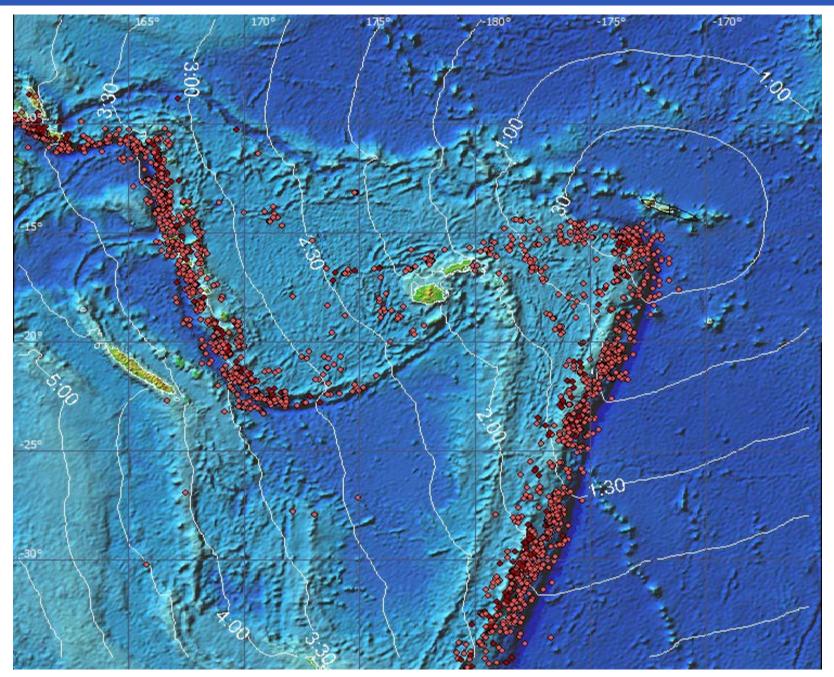
## Samoan Tsunami Hazard

- Local Tsunamis (10-min lead time, largest waves)
  - Northernmost Tonga Trench
- Regional Tsunamis (1-3 hours lead time)
   Tonga Fiji Vanuatu
- Distant Tsunamis (several hours lead time but more potential sources)
  - Central America South America
  - Marianas Japan Kuril Kamchatka
  - Aleutian Islands Alaska

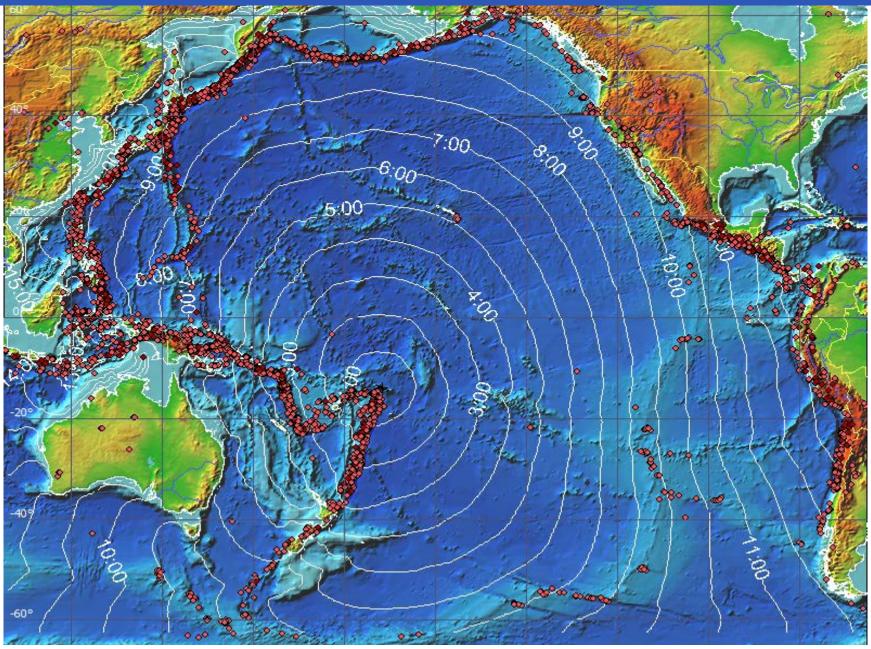
#### **Nearby Seismic Zones and Tsunami Travel Times to Samoa**

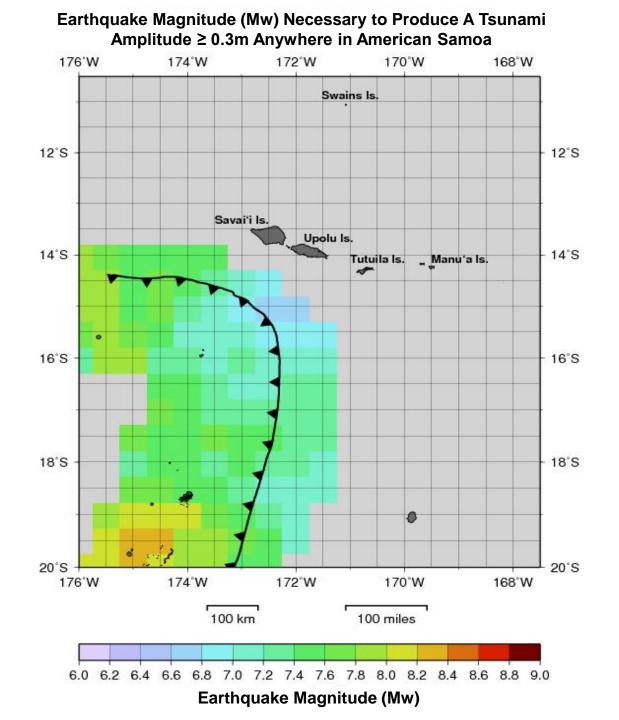


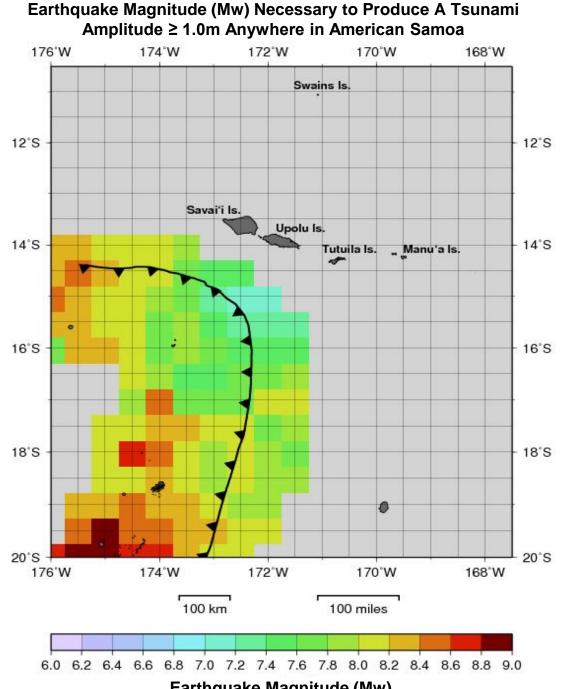
#### **Regional Seismic Zones and Tsunami Travel Times to Samoa**



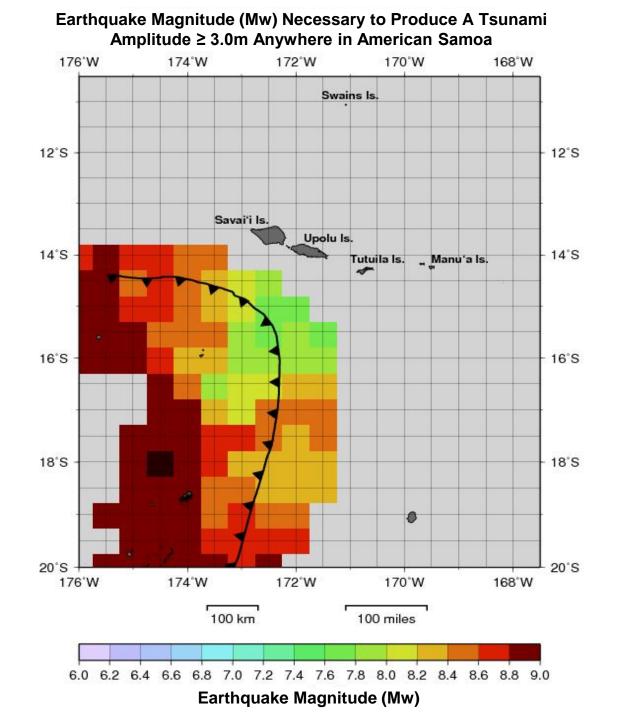
#### Pacific Seismic Zones and Tsunami Travel Times to Samoa







Earthquake Magnitude (Mw)



## **Benefits of a Domestic Product**

- 4 Levels of Alert
  - Information No Threat
  - Watch Potential Threat
  - Advisory Marine Threat
  - Warning Inundation Threat
- Information on smaller non-threat "felt" events
- Expected Arrival Times at many more locations around American Samoa
- Tailored Instructions for the Public
- Potential to Subdivide Threat to Islands / Coasts
- Easier to Accommodate Changes

# **Text Product Structure / Content**

- Based upon Recommendations of NWS Tsunami Products Tiger Team and Social Science Study
- Aligned with NTWC Products
- Section Headers with Bulleted Content
  - AUDIENCE
  - EVALUATION
  - IMPACTS
  - RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
  - FORECASTS
  - OBSERVATIONS
  - PRELIMINARY EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS
  - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NEXT UPDATE

## **Domestic Product for Guam/CNMI**

- Expected Implementation in August 2014
- Similar Threats Local, Regional, Distant
- Similar Criteria and Procedures
- Similar Format and Content

# PTWC Enhanced International Product for the PTWS

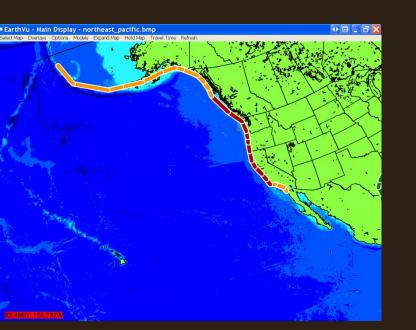
- Implementation in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014
- Advice provided to countries of the UNESCO/IOC Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System
- Covers the Pacific Ocean and Marginal Seas
- Forecast Amplitudes replace Watch/Warning Alert Levels
- Includes Text and Graphical Products
  - Standard WMO Text Product
  - 3 Maps
  - Table of forecast statistics
  - Kml file



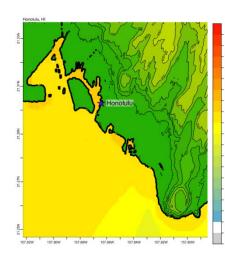
PTWC/ITIC American Samoa Outreach Visit January 23-26, 2012

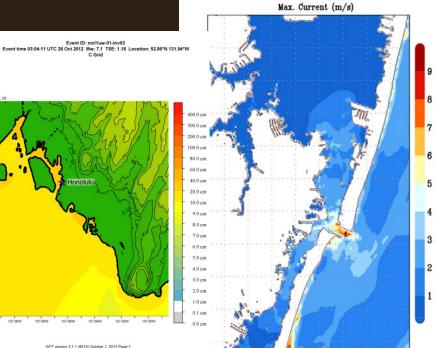


### **Thank You**

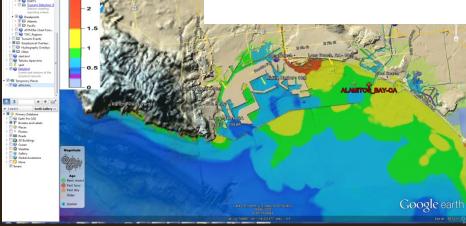


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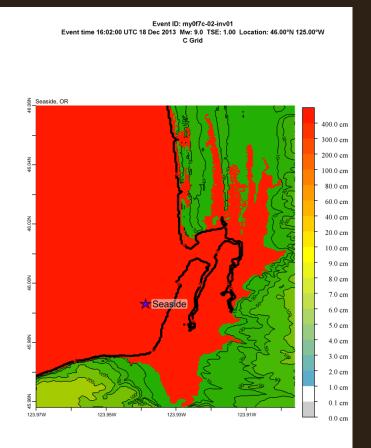


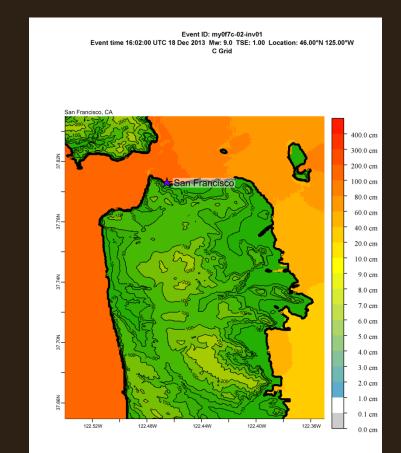


75.14W 75.13W 75.12W 75.11W 75.1W 75.09W 75.08W 75.07W



• Should these two cases have the same alert level?





- Need way to better translate threat to EMOs
  - New level of alert?
    - <.3m No danger</li>
    - .3m-1m Advisory
    - 1m-3m Warning
    - >3m Major Warning???
  - No Alert level?
- Other Ideas?
  - Refine impact response
  - Refine spatial response

- Action:
  - Related to Complex Coast Team mission
  - Dependent on advances through super computer center
  - Assuming the products shown today are available a few years down the line, how do we want alerts delivered?
  - Task Team???

# **NWR/EAS Activation at WFOs**

# NOAA Social Science Study

Recommendations to improve TWC products

# Recommendations for Tsunami Warning Center Message Products

#### Chris E. Gregg East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN USA

Annual NTHMP Meeting, Warning Coordination Subcommittee Meeting, USGS Western Region, Menlo Park, CA January 29, 2013

Funding: NWS Award: NA10NWS4670015

# NWS Project Goal & Objectives

### Goal:

• Use social science to improve TWC message products

### **Objectives**:

- A. evaluate current warning products using focus group input (2011)
- B. develop a tsunami Warning Message Metric (WMM) from the warning systems literature (2012)
- C. revise prototype messages (2012-2014)

# Current Work 1-2

### **Current Work:**

 working with NTWC & PTWC to agree on message: – format, content & specificity

domestic messages only

# Current Work 2-2

#### **Synthesizing messages across TWCs involves:**

- 1. agreement on standard format/structure for
  - Section Headers
  - Forecasts & Observations of Tsunami Activity
- 2. Content and specificity of:
  - Impacts and Recommended Actions
  - Additional information and next updates
- 3. Tailored versus regional territorial products
  - Tailoring is good (adds to personalization and belief)
  - but still requires consistency
  - e.g., for Hawaii: Rec Actions = refer to the Hawaii telephone book for emergency information...
- 4. Evaluation of text only messages as appropriate for text to speech
- 5. Consistency in growing Translations

## Current Message Prototype Structure

Description	New Message Prototype Headers
1. Standard	WMO Header
	Audience and Message Number
	Source
	Time/Date stamp
	message headerTsunami Warning Now in Effect
2. Standard	Audience
3. Standard	Update *
(BLUF: Bottom Line Up Front)	Evaluation
4. Standard, but specific	Impacts
	Recommended Actions
5. Forecasted *	Forecasts of Tsunami Activity
6. Observed **	Observations of Tsunami Activity
	Preliminary *** Earthquake Parameters
7. Standard	Additional Information and Next Update

- \* Updates and "Observed" only for 2<sup>nd</sup> and later messages
- \*\* provide forecast arrival times in Message Number 1?
- \*\*\* when does it cease to be Preliminary? Add language about uncertainty, esp. M >7.9?

# Some Current Specific Changes 1-3

- Clearly distinguished differences in <u>Impacts</u> & <u>Recommended Actions</u> for alert areas:
  - 1. Tsunami Advisory Areas
  - 2. Tsunami Warning Areas
  - 3. Both Tsunami Warning and Tsunami Advisory Areas
- Need to consider for Watch and Both Watch and Advisory Areas?
  - e.g., PTWC language for Watch area: "prepare in case upgraded to Advisory"

#### Some Current Specific Changes 2-3

- Reporting of "Forecasted" and "Observed" wave heights (content & format)
  - 1. First message(s).....*Forecasted* only because no *Observations* available
  - 2. Middle messages......Forecasted and Observed (?)
  - 3. Last message.....Observed only?
- for 2 & 3, specify reason(s) why Forecasted and Observed Heights may be different.
  - e.g., the locations may be different
- Report Forecasts of tsunami Activity as:
  - 1. a range 2-10 ft
  - 2. rather than: 6 ft (+- 4 ft)
  - 3. ft and m?

#### Some Current Specific Changes- 3-3

#### • Evaluation:

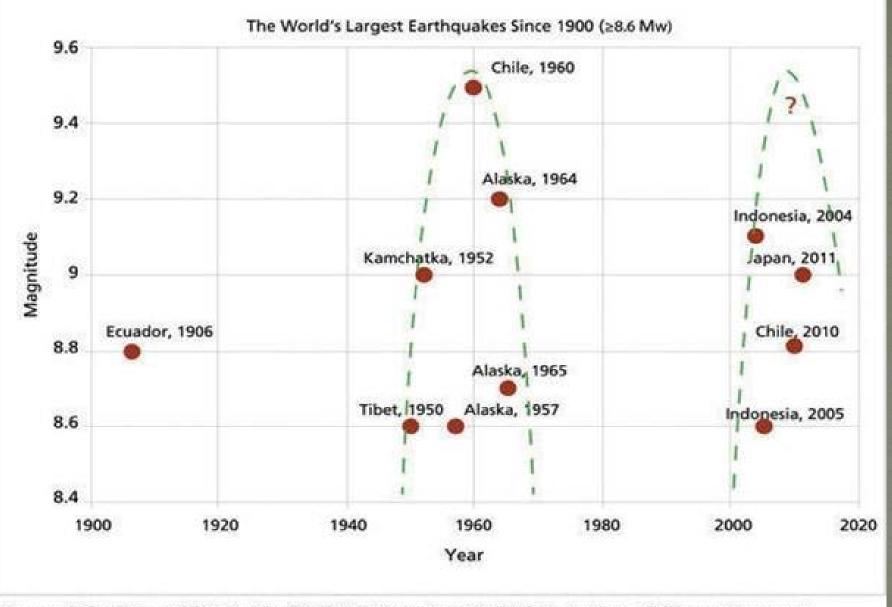
- THE <u>FOLLOWING</u> WARNING/ADVISORY AREAS ARE IDENTIFIED BECAUSE AN EARTHQUAKE WITH A PRELIMINARY MAGNITUDE OF 7.7 OCCURRED NEAR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AT 0903 PST ON FEBRUARY 03 2013.
- Observations of Tsunami Activity
  - THE PRESENCE OF A TSUNAMI IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS OF TSUNAMI WAVES ?
  - Or stronger: WE KNOW A TSUNAMI HAS OCCURRED BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS OF TSUNAMI ACTIVITY
    - Must balance this language in time with main stream media and informal reports of tsunami (video and photo, blogs...)
- Additional Information and Next Update :
  - BE ALERT TO AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY OFFICIALS BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE MORE DETAILED OR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR YOUR LOCATION.
  - Added language about

#### Complex coast team update

#### The coastline is complex....

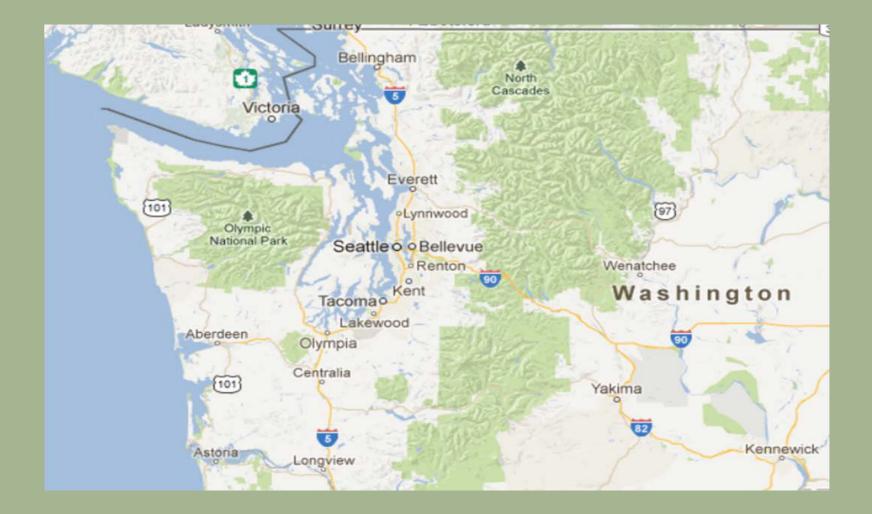
John Schelling (Washington EM), Paul Whitmore (NTWC), cindi preller (TPM AR), Erv Petty (Alaska EM), Sam Albanese (WCM Anchorage), Joel Curtis (WCM Juneau), Teron Moore (BC), Anne McCarthy (BC weather), Ted Beuhner (WCM Seattle)

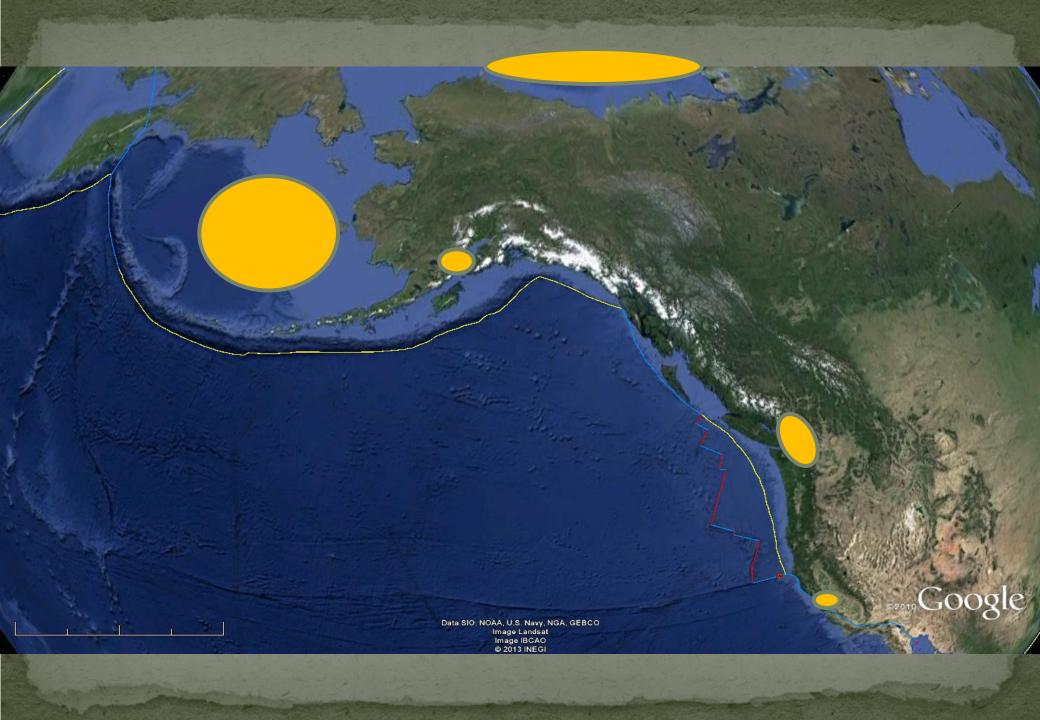
outliers: Tyree Wilde (WCM Portland), Althea Rizzo (Oregon EM), Jeff Lorens (WR), Kevin Miller (CA EM)



Source: Bufe, C.G., and D.M. Perkins (2005). "Evidence for a Global Seismic-Moment Release Sequence", Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, Vol. 95, pp. 833-843.

#### **Which** Washington Coast?





THIS MESSAGE IS UPDATED WITH NEW OBSERVATIONS.

... THE TSUNAMI WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT...

... THE TSUNAMI ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT...

WARNINGS/ADVISORIES/WATCHES

TSUNAMI WARNING IN EFFECT FOR...

- \* ALEUTIAN ISLANDS ATTU TO NIKOLSKI INCLUDING PRIBILOF ISLANDS.
- \* BRITISH COLUMBIA OUTER WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.
- \* WASHINGTON OUTER COAST FROM NEAY BAY TO THE OREGON/WASHINGTON BORDER.
- \* OREGON OREGON/WASHINGTON BORDER TO THE CALIFORNIA OREGON BORDER.
- \* CALIFORNIA THE CALIFORNIA/OREGON BORDER TO SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH/WHICH IS 60 MILES SE OF L.A./.

TSUNAMI ADVISORY IN EFFECT FOR...

- \* ALEUTIAN ISLANDS NIKOLSKI TO UNIMAK PASS /WHICH IS 80 MILES NE OF DUTCH HARBOR/.
- \* SOUTH ALASKA AND ALASKA PENINSULA PACIFIC COASTS FROM UNIMAK PASS /WHICH IS 80 MILES NE OF DUTCH HARBOR/ TO CAPE SUCLKING /WHICH IS 75 MILES SE OF CORDOVA/ INCLUDING COOK INLET.
- \* SOUTHEAST ALASKA OUTER COASTS FROM CAPE SUCKLING /WHICH IS 75 MILES SE OF CORDOVA/ TO THE ALASKA/BRITISH COLUMBIA BORDER.
- \* BRITISH COLUMBIA NORTH COAST AND HAIDA GWAII... CENTRAL COAST AND NORTHEAST VANCOUVER ISLAND COAST... AND JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT.
- \* WASHINGTON THE JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT AND COLUMBIA RIVER ESTUARY.
- \* OREGON COLUMBIA RIVER ESTUARY.
- \* CALIFORNIA SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH/WHICH IS 60 MILES SE OF L.A./ TO THE MEXICO/CALIFORNIA BORDER AND SAN FRANCISCO BAY.
- \* FOR OTHER US AND CANADIAN PACIFIC COASTS IN NORTH AMERICA -THIS IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

IMPACTS FOR TSUNAMI WARNING AREAS

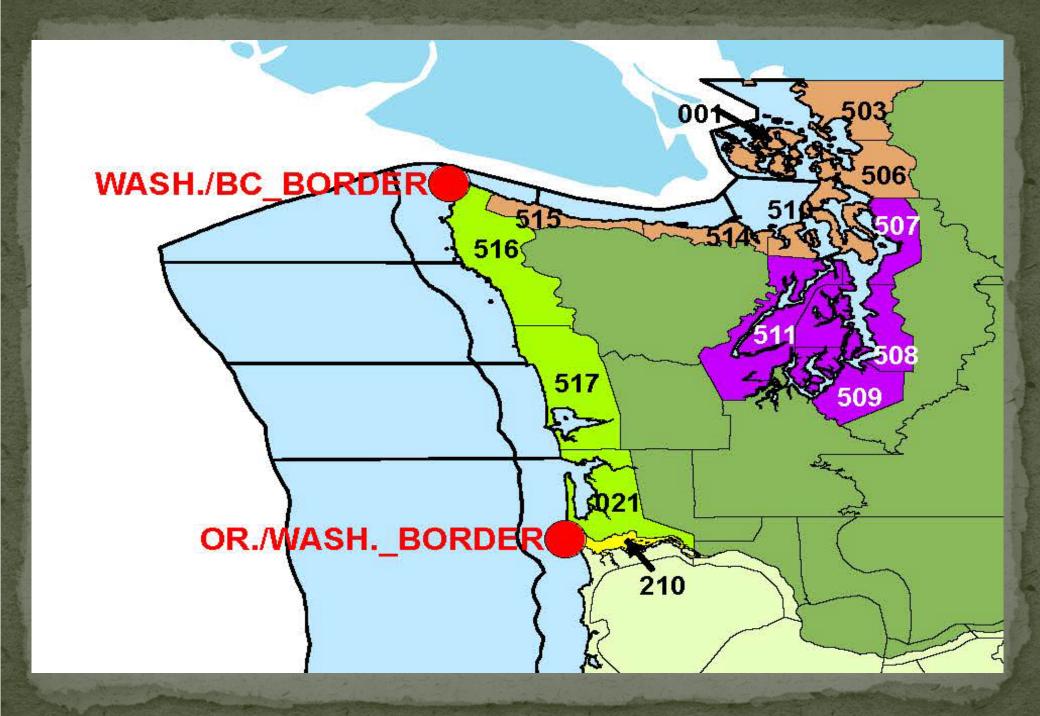
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\* WIDESPREAD DANGEROUS COASTAL FLOODING ACCOMPANIED BY POWERFUL

#### southeast alaska



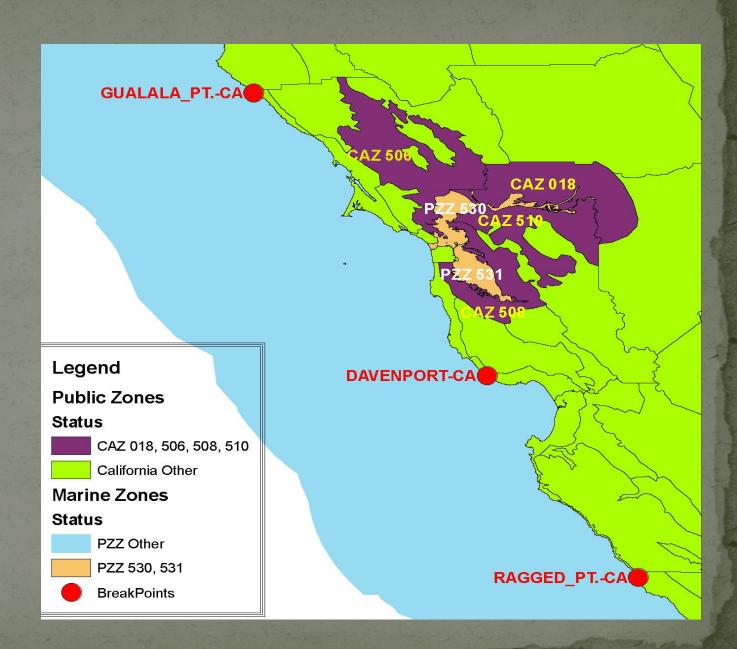




## oregon

British Columbia - the North Coast and <u>Haida Gwaii</u>	BCZ 110, 911, and 921	Using Canadian pseudo-codes
British Columbia - the Central Coast and Northeast Vancouver Is.	BCZ 912, 922, 210, 220, and 122	Using Canadian pseudo-codes
British Columbia - the Outer West Coast of Vancouver Island	BCZ 121, 150, and 141	Using Canadian pseudo-codes
British Columbia - the Juan de Fuca Strait	BCZ 142 and 160	Using Canadian pseudo-codes
British Columbia - the Strait of Georgia	BCZ 280, 260, 250, 230, and 130	Using Canadian pseudo-codes
Washington - the Juan de Fuca Strait	WAZ 001, 503, 506, 510, 514, and 515	
Washington - Puget Sound	WAZ 507, 508, 509, and 511	
Washington - Outer coast	WAZ 021, 516, and 517	
Washington - Columbia River Estuary	PZZ 210	Note that for both Oregon and Washington the public zones cover both outer coast and the estuary. Using the Marine Zone is one solution.
Oregon - Columbia River Estuary	PZZ 210	ditto

## california



#### concerns

- Breakpoints in water bodies
- Breakpoints in centers of population
- Breakpoints on international and state borders
- Differences in notification levels and who hears it
- Where does the outer vs. inner water bodies start / end
- Inside side water north vs. south
- Education for over-warning
- EAS activation
- FIPS codes

## Complex coast team update

- Next steps...

## Spanish Messages

Convert from Experimental to Production?

#### • Extend to Pacific?

BOLETIN INFORMATIVO SISMICO DE TSUNAMI ESPANOL NWS WEST COAST/ALASKA TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER PALMER AK 650 PM AST MON JUN 3 2013

...ESTE ES UN BOLETIN INFORMATIVO DE TSUNAMI...

EVALUACION

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\* HA OCURRIDO UN TERREMOTO - NO HAY PELIGRO DE TSUNAMI.

PARAMETROS PRELIMINARES DEL TERREMOTO

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\* MAGNITUD 4.4

\* TIEMPO ORIGEN 1844 EDT JUN 03 2013

1844 AST JUN 03 2013

1744 CDT JUN 03 2013

2244 UTC JUN 03 2013

\* COORDENADAS 19.1 NORTE 67.3 OESTE

\* PROFUNDIDAD 1 MILLAS

\* LOCALIZACION 65 MILLAS N DE MAYAGUEZ PUERTO RICO

90 MILLAS NW DE SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO

## Forecast point Update

 Based on input from last meeting, list of sites included in standard NTWC text messages increased as in Pacifex14 examples

ALASKA

•	SAND POINT	1157 AKDT MAR 27	48 HRS	13.5FT+/- 4.0	11.6FT	
•	KODIAK	1213 AKDT MAR 27	24 HRS	3.2FT +/- 1.0	4.5FT	
•	UNALASKA	1215 AKDT MAR 27	20 HRS	2.3FT +/-0.7	1.4FT	RENAMED
•	COLD BAY	1232 AKDT MAR 27	20 HRS	2.4FT +/-0.7		
•	SEWARD	1239 AKDT MAR 27	15 HRS	2.0FT +/-0.6	3.2FT	
•	ADAK	1240 AKDT MAR 27	15 HRS	1.5FT +/-0.5	0.9FT	
•	ELFIN COVE	1240 AKDT MAR 27	15 HRS	1.5FT +/-0.5	1.3FT	
•	YAKUTAT	1248 AKDT MAR 27	20 HRS	2.3FT +/-0.7	1.7FT	
•	SITKA	1248 AKDT MAR 27	30 HRS	3.6FT +/-1.1	3.7FT	
•	VALDEZ	1258 AKDT MAR 27	12 HRS	1.2FT +/-0.4		
•	CORDOVA	1308 AKDT MAR 27		Less than 1 FT	0.9FT	
•	SHEMYA	1323 AKDT MAR 27		Less than 1 FT	0.3FT	
•	HOMER	1332 AKDT MAR 27	20 HRS	2.5FT +/-0.8		
•	SAINT PAUL	1333 AKDT MAR 27		Less than 1 FT		
•	CRAIG	1351 AKDT MAR 27			2.8FT	NEW
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• \* BRITISH COLUMBIA

•	LANGARA	1400	PDT MAR 27	20 HRS	1.3FT + / - 0.4
•	TOFINO	1527	PDT MAR 27	20 HRS	2.6FT +/- 0.8

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#### • \* WASHINGTON

•	NEAH BAY	1540	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	1.6FT +/- 0.5		
•	LONG BEACH	1538	PDT MAR	27	24 HRS	3.5FT +/- 1.2		NEW
•	MOCLIPS	1541	PDT MAR	27	30 HRS	4.0FT +/- 1.3		NEW
•	WESTPORT	1556	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	1.9FT +/- 0.6		
•	PORT ANGELES	1610	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	1.3FT +/- 0.4		NEW
•	PORT TOWNSEND	1637	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.0FT +/- 0.6		NEW
•								
•	* OREGON							
•	PORT ORFORD	1542	PDT MAR	27	36 HRS	4.5FT +/- 1.4	4.9FT	NEW
•	CHARLESTON	1547	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.2FT +/- 0.6		
•	SEASIDE	1548	PDT MAR	27	36 HRS	4.6FT +/- 1.4		
•	NEWPORT	1552	PDT MAR	27	36 HRS	4.8FT +/- 1.5		NEW
•	BROOKINGS	1554	PDT MAR	27	30 HRS	4.2FT +/- 1.4		NEW

#### • Puget Sound left out

#### • \* CALIFORNIA

•	CRESCENT CITY	1606	PDT MAR	27	40 HRS	5.4FT +/- 1.6	
•	FORT BRAGG	1602	PDT MAR	27	24 HRS	3.1FT +/- 0.9	NEW
•	MONTEREY	1632	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.5FT +/- 0.8	NEW
•	SAN FRANCISCO	1702	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.4FT +/- 0.7	
•	PORT SAN LUIS	1656	PDT MAR	27	30 HRS	3.7FT +/- 1.1	NEW
•	SANTA BARBARA	1718	PDT MAR	27	15 HRS	2.1FT +/- 0.6	
•	LOS ANGELES HARB	1735	PDT MAR	27	15 HRS	1.8FT +/- 0.5	RENAMED
•	NEWPORT BEACH	1733	PDT MAR	27	15 HRS	1.6FT +/- 0.5	NEW
•	LA JOLLA	1746	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.8FT +/- 0.8	
•	OCEANSIDE	1738	PDT MAR	27	20 HRS	2.6FT +/- 0.8	NEW

## **Post-Warning Survey**

- Washington EMD has implemented survey Thanks John!
- Link to survey

#### Exercises

- CaribeWave14 1000UTC March 26, 2014
- Lantex14 1400UTC March 26, 2014
- Pacifex14 1850UTC March 27, 2014
- Alaska Shield March 27, 2014
  - Link to Plans
- PacWave Plans
- EAS/NWR Test Plans
- 2015 Exercises
  - Pacific Wednesday March 25, 2015?
  - Atlantic Wednesday March 25, 2015?

#### WCS Task Prioritization

# **TWS Training Opportunities**

<u>COMET courses</u>

- Update?

• ITIC/FEMA course

Recent offerings

- NTWC TWS training not offered last 2 years

   Start again?
- TWC/ITIC remote visits?
- Others?

# TWS Training Opportunities

Course	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Tsunamis	697	1825	1377	1539	5438
Tsunami Warning System	503	673	457	315	1948
Comm.Tsun ami Prep.		993	1795	437	3225
Tsunami Strike! Pac		863	445	458	1766
Tsunami Strike! Carib.			1054	792	1846
Total					14223

## TWC IT Mod. Project

• Status

## **NWS Satisfaction Survey**

- Tsunami Warnings ~28K samples
  Category 2012 2013
  Ease of Understanding 84 87
  Timeliness 87 91
  Accuracy 79 77
- Same overall rating (86) as Tornado Warning Satisfaction
- Hurricane Warnings received 88 in 2012 and 90 in 2013.

## Meteotsunami Alerts

#### • East Coast:

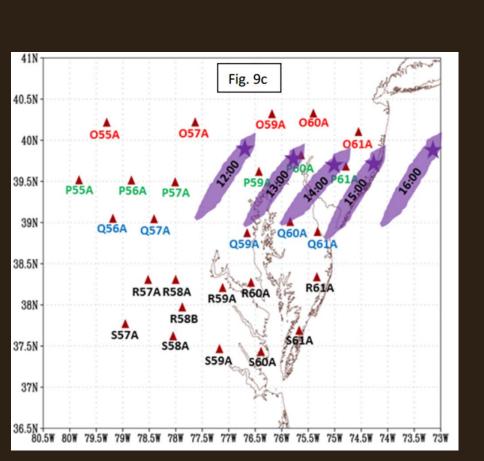
- 1992 Daytona Beach, FL dozens injured
- 2008 Boothbay, ME some damage
- 2013 East Coast 2 injured, some damage
- NOAA Meteotsunami alert grant
- Threat is historically greater than traditional tsunamis for east coast

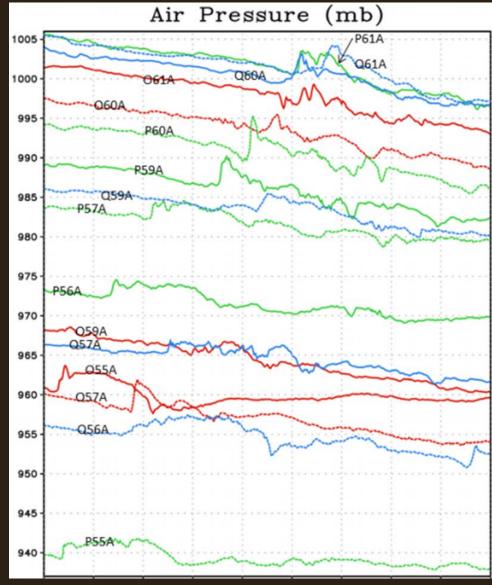
#### • NESEC request:

- ...From an emergency management stand point, it is critical that we know a tsunami or tsunami-like wave is coming, regardless of whether it is caused by an earthquake, landslide, weather event, or other phenomena..."
- ...we are requesting that you consider enhancing and expanding WCATWC capability to report any tsunami or tsunami-like wave, regardless of cause..."

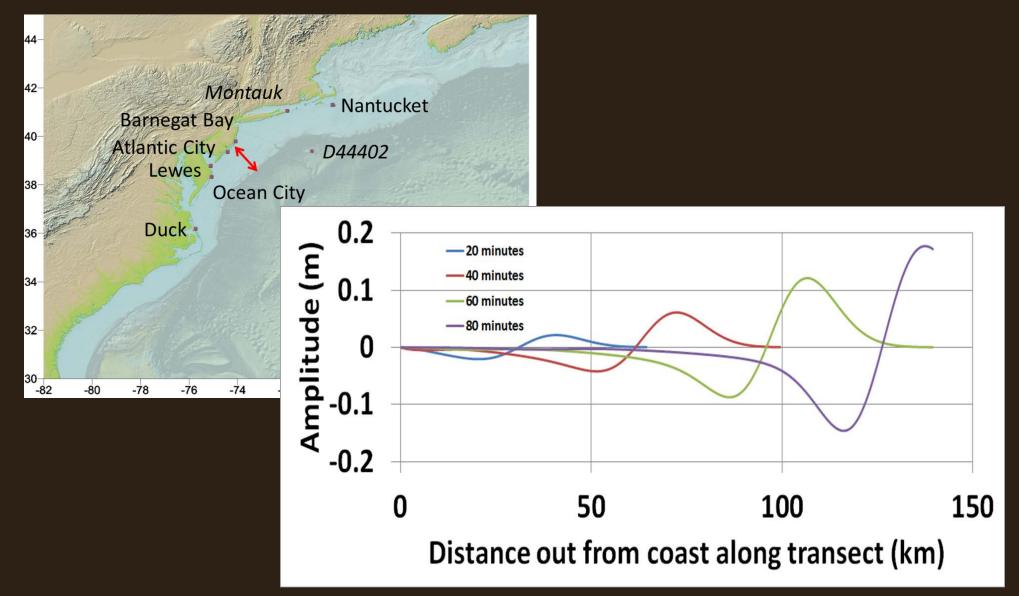
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#### June 13, 2013 Event

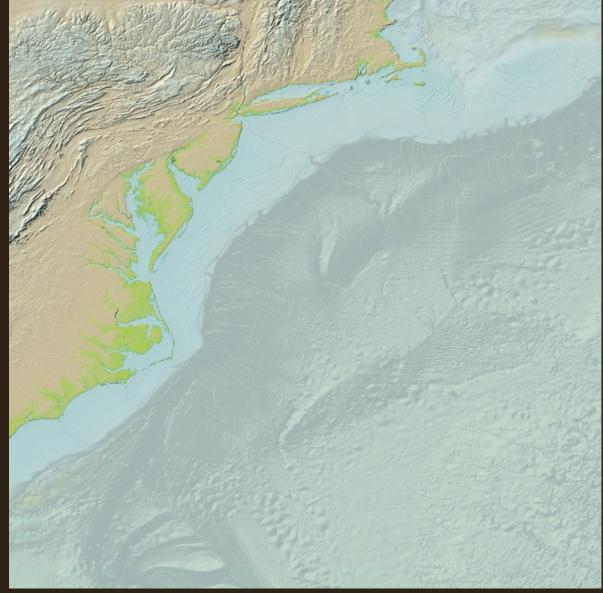




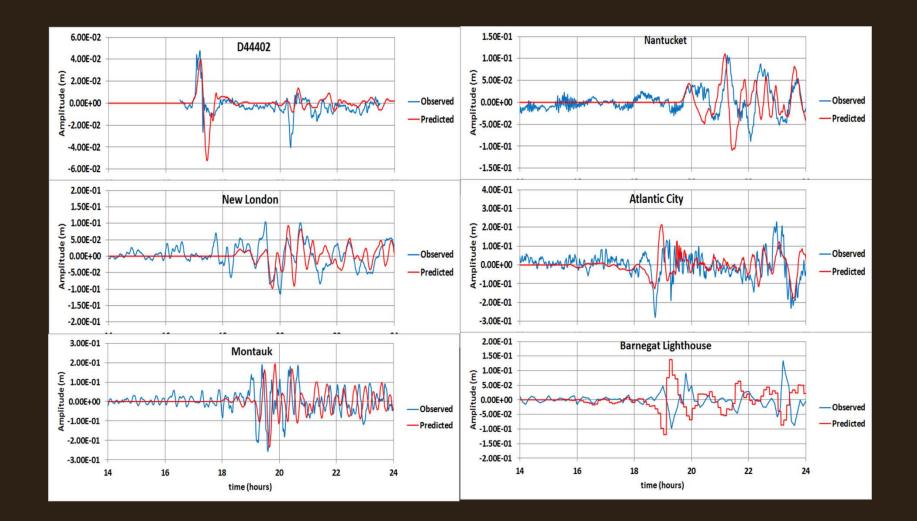
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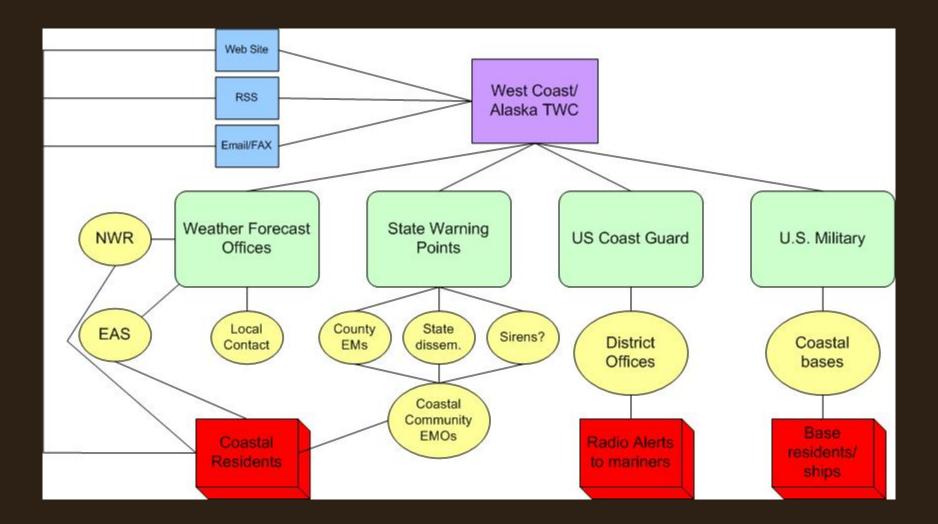
#### • Brainstorming:

- How do we proceed?
- MT Forecast Examples from Med.
- What type of alert?
  - Warning?
  - Advisory?...

#### - Based on what phenomena?

- Weather forecast?
- Observed air pressure?
- Tsunami Observations?
  - DART/Tide Gage/HF Radar

## Inclusion of USCG in WCS



## **PR/VI** Procedures

- Present warning threshold 6.5
  - Different than other similar tectonic regions
- 6.4 event in 1/2014 ALMOST triggered warning
- Should PR/VI warning threshold be raised to the level of other areas?

## **PR/VI** Procedures

- Background statistics:
  - 0.75% of US/Canada events 6.5-7.0 trigger significant tsunamis historically (>0.5m)
  - Worldwide since 1980, ~2% have triggered significant tsunamis in this mag. Range
    - Higher apparently due to Indonesia stats.
  - In PR/VI AOR, since 1900 6 quakes have occurred and none have triggered observable tsunamis.
- Raise threshold?

## **New Actions**

- EAS Activation for Advisories?
- Products
  - Action to better threat to response?
  - Implement Social Science recs.?
  - Complex Coast recs.?
  - Extend Spanish Messages?
- Establish date and scenario for 2015 Exercises
- Prioritize Strat. Plan tasks?
- Training?
- Meteotsunami alerts?
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