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Tsunamis in the Pacific Northwest

- Distant and Local Sources
- Local Cascadia-induced tsunami
 - < 15 minutes before tsunami reaches coast
 - potential for inundation up to 60 feet



Tsunamis in the Pacific Northwest

- Many communities in tsunami inundation zones
- 31,000 WA students
 attend schools in tsunami
 inundation zones
 (Doughton and Gilbert, 2016)
- Summer tourism greatly increases coastal population

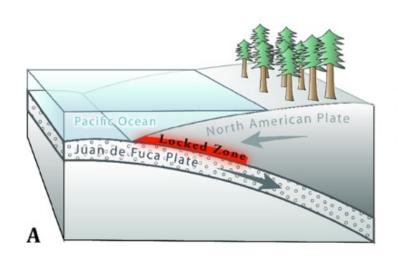


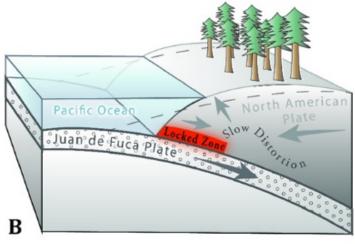
Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)

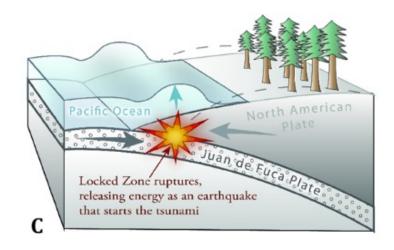
- Average interval between earthquakes: 240 years
- Average interval between large (>8.5 M_w) earthquakes: 500–600 years
- Last large CSZ earthquake: January 26, 1700

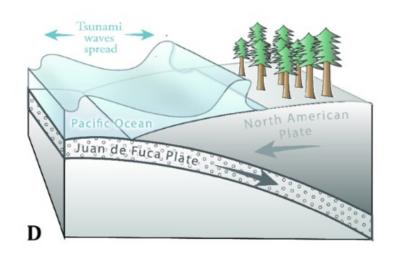


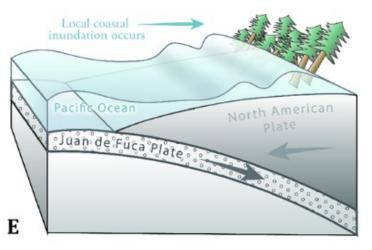
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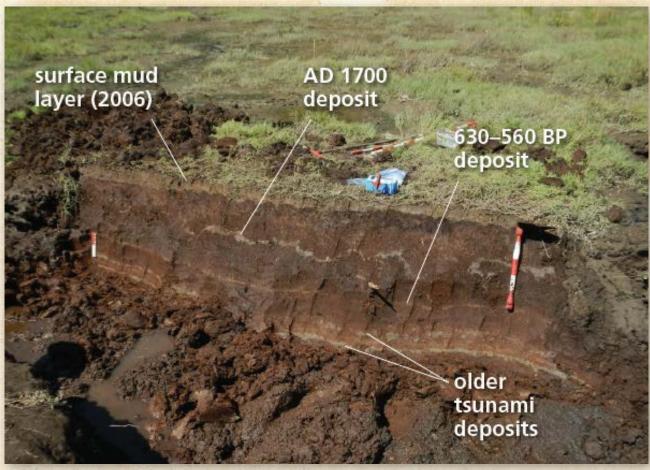




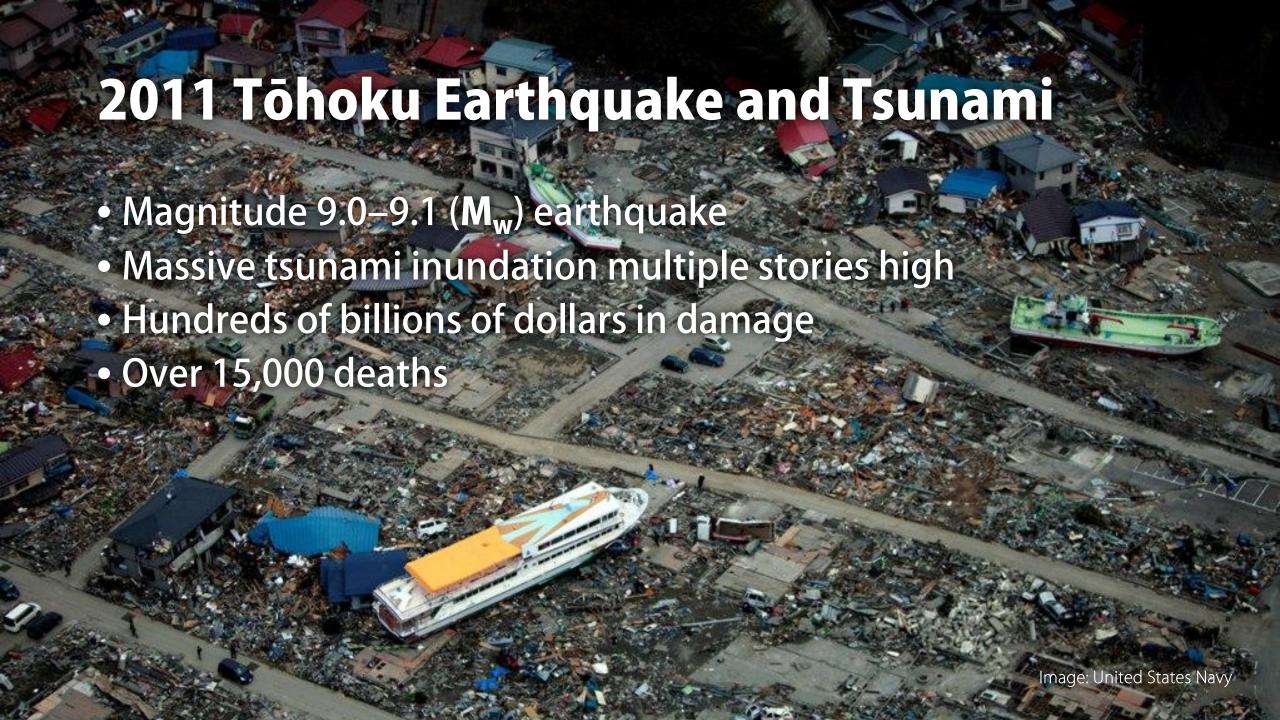
Source: DOGAMI

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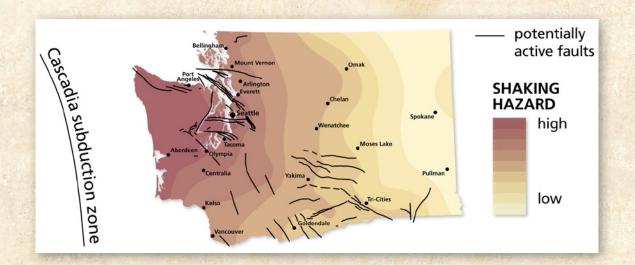


Images: Carrie Garrison-Laney (WA SeaGrant)



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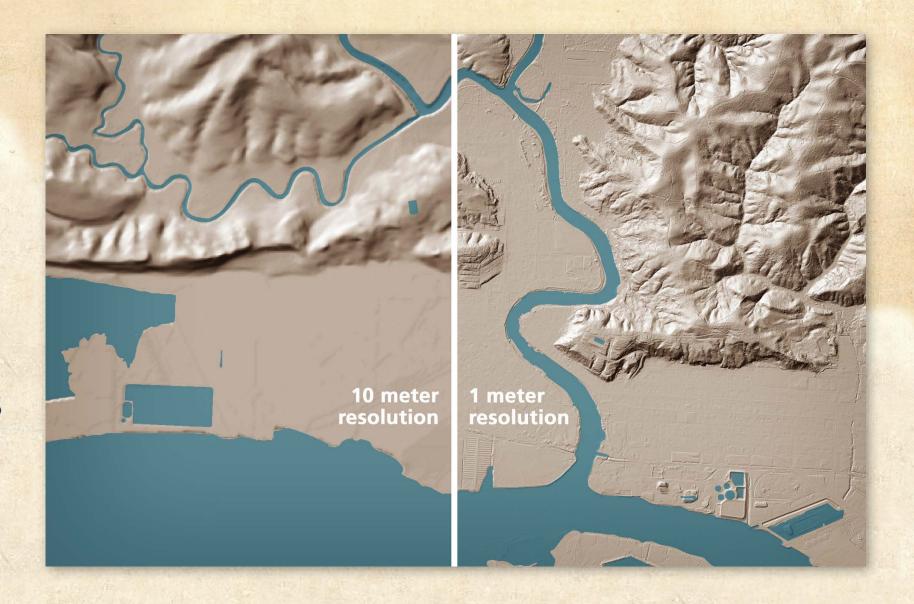
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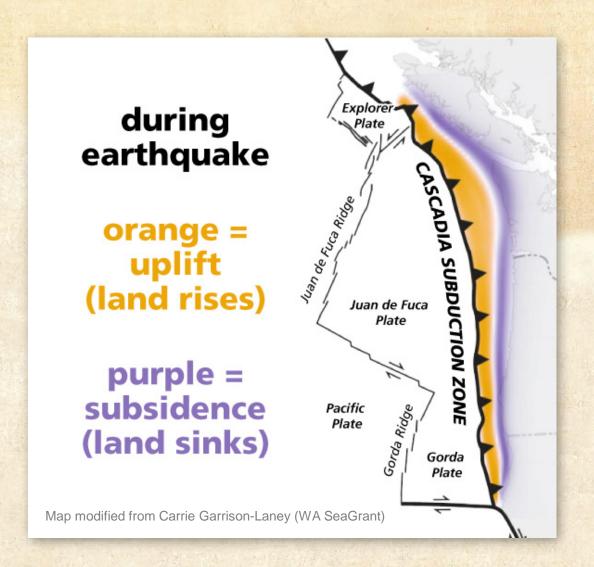
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Emergency Management Agency

University of Washington

Washington Emergency Management Division

Washington Geological Survey

County Emergency Managers

Local Officials (Police, Fire)

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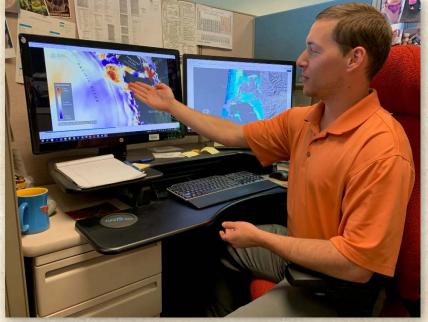
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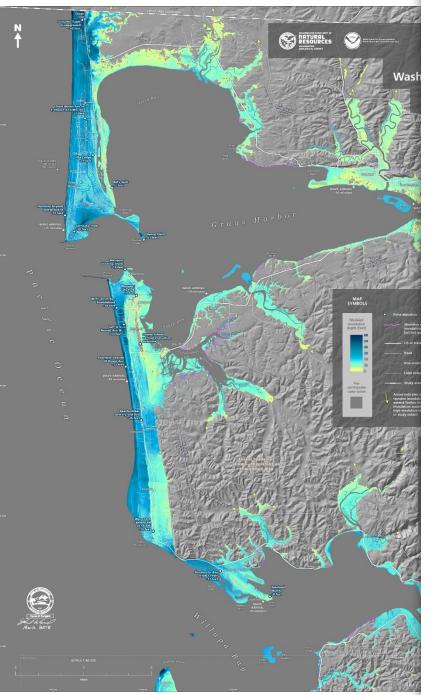


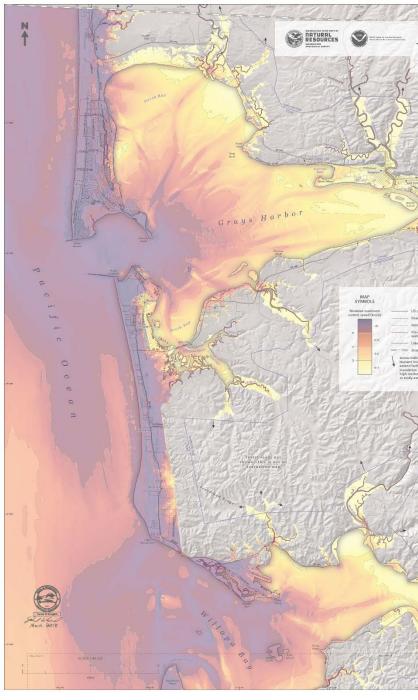
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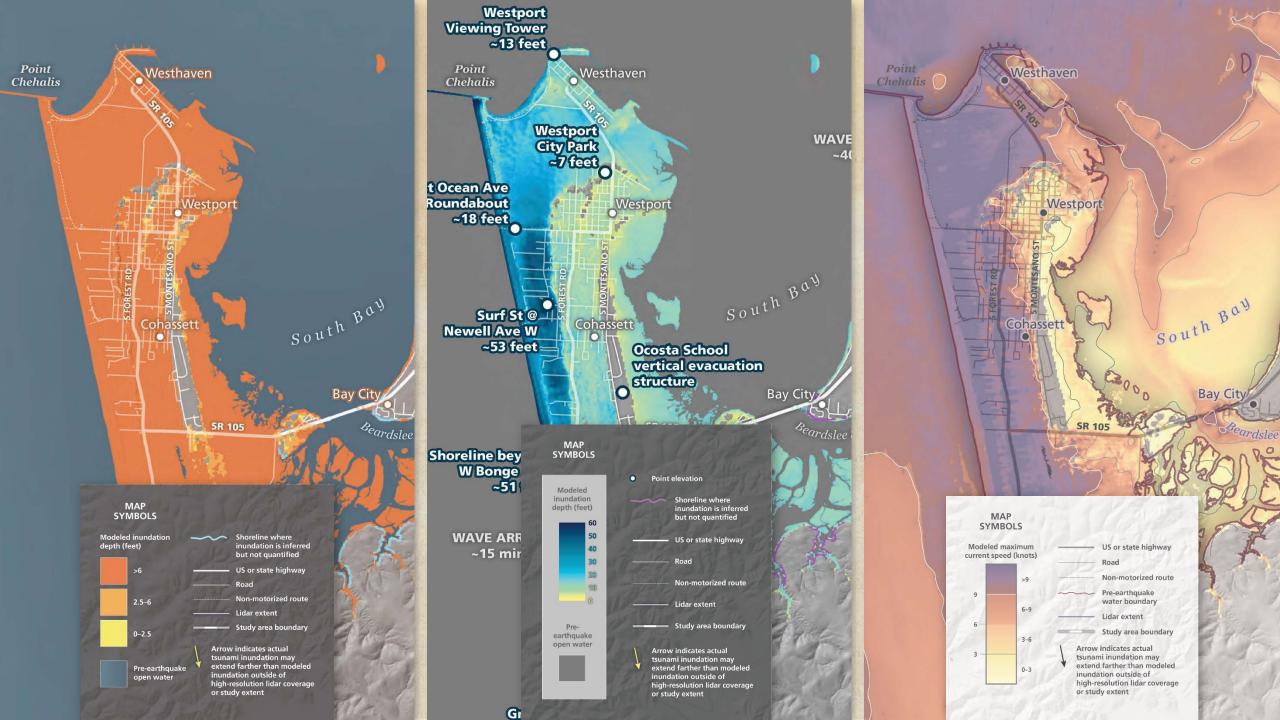
- Modeled magnitude 9.0 Cascadia-induced tsunami
- 2 inundation maps (binned / continuous data) and current velocity (speed)
- 6 coastal regions mapped thus far
- Modeling Software, ArcGIS Desktop and Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator







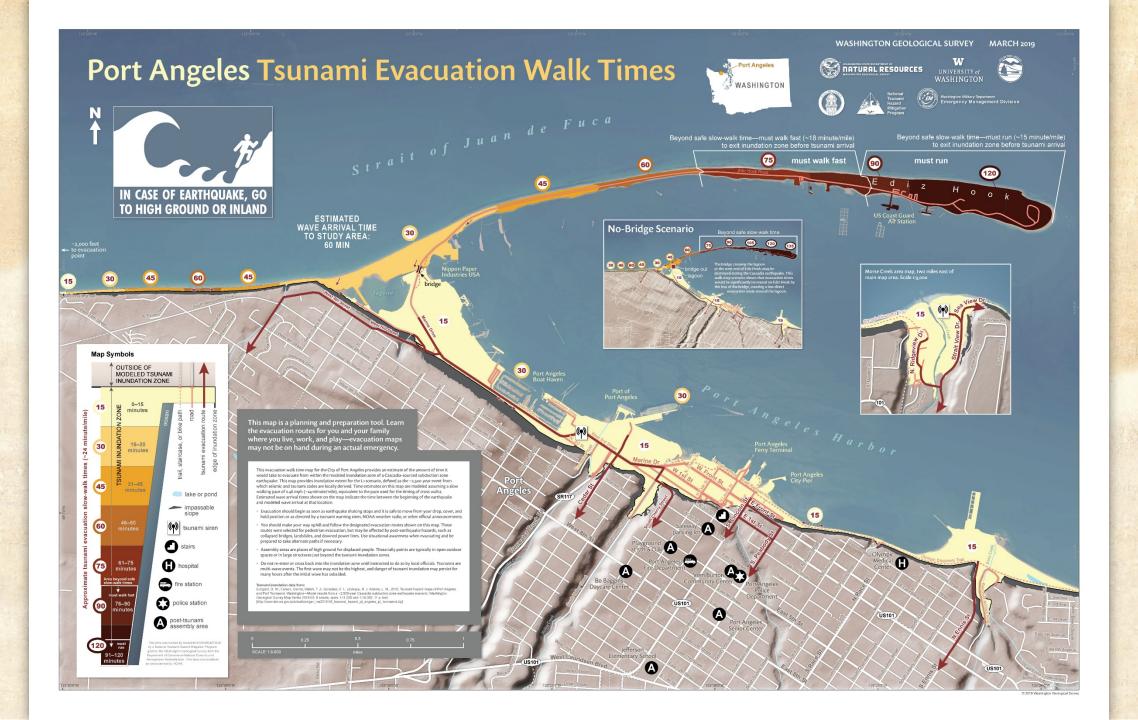


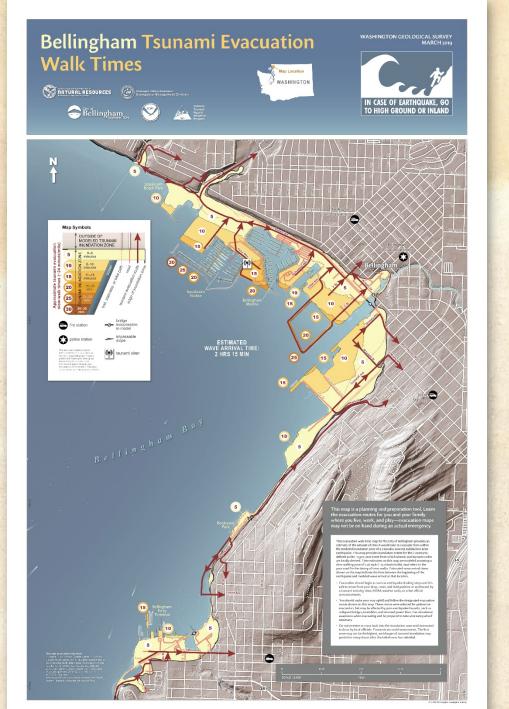


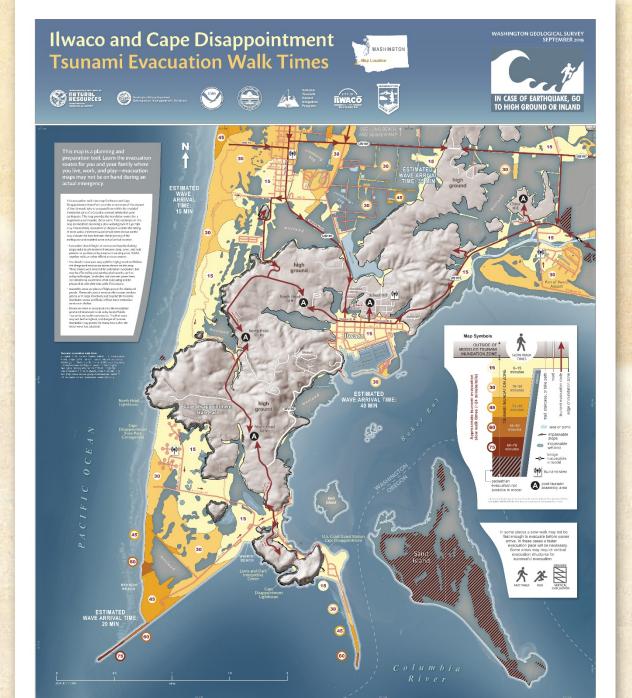
Evacuation Walk Time Modeling

- Modeled slow walk pace (~2.5 mph) to exit tsunami zone
- 10 communities mapped thus far
- Vertical evacuation structures needed for several locations
- ArcGIS Desktop, Pedestrian Evacuation Analyst Toolkit (PEAT), Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator











Community Events

- Tsunami Road Show
- Stakeholder workgroup meetings ~10 times per year
- Presentations on request to various community groups



- Tsunami science
- Tsunami history
- Tsunami resources



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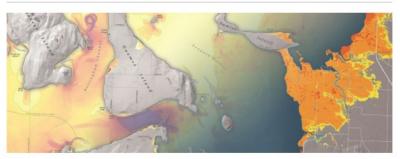
Geologic Hazard Maps

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Emergency Preparedness

Tsunamis





Tsunamis have hit Washington in the past, and they will happen again in the future. Click on the icons below to learn about how and where tsunamis occur, how to recognize a tsunami, how to evacuate before a tsunami arrives, and what geologists at the Washington Geological Survey are doing to learn more about these natural hazards.



Understanding tsunamis



Tsunamis in Washington



Tsunami hazard maps





Historical tsunamis worldwide

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LINKS

For more information about tsunamis and emergency preparation:

 Washington Emergency Management



Information on preparation for emergencies and disasters in our state

 National Tsunami Warning Center



The US site that monitors for tsunamis and issues warnings



Website Maps and Graphics







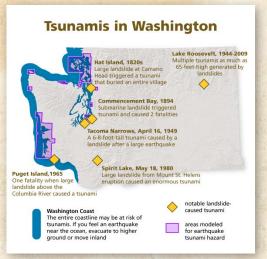


1.3 mph

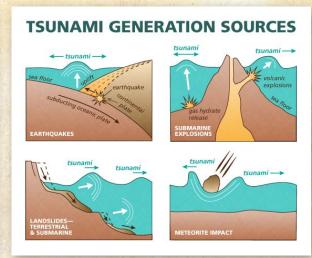
2.5 mph

3.4 mph

6 mph





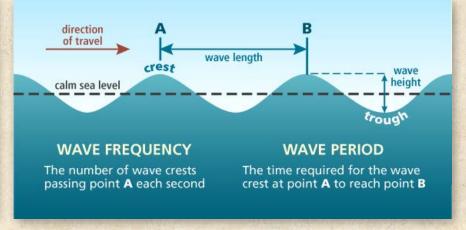


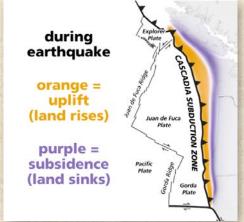


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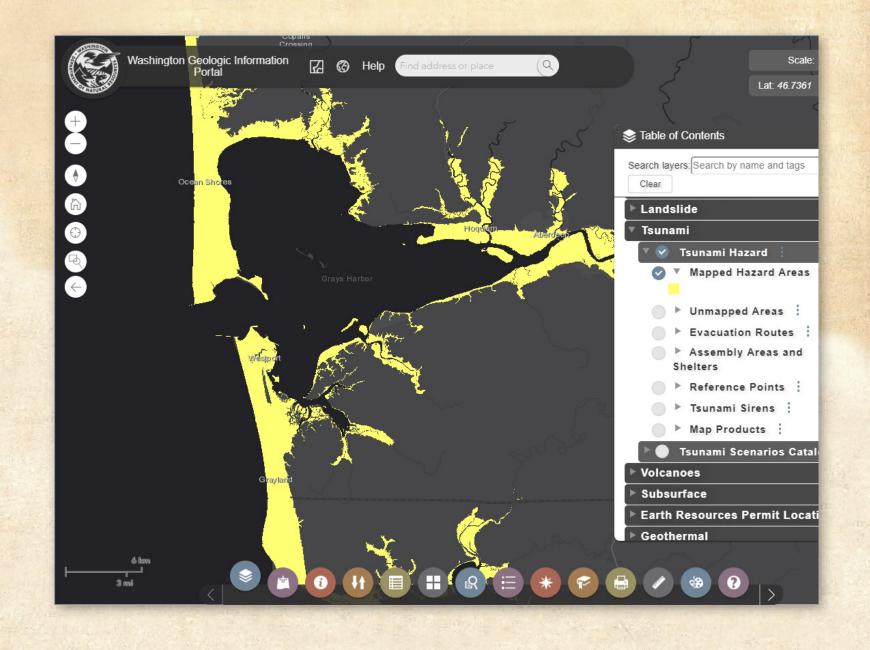


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Washington Geologic Information Portal

- Publication and data downloads
- Tsunami hazard areas
- Evacuation routes
- Assembly areas
- Tsunami sirens



Amplitude and Velocity Simulations

- 9 simulations
- Wave amplitude (peaks and troughs)
- Current velocity (speed)
- YouTube and direct MP4 download
- Modeling Software (M.O.S.T.)— NetCDF files, ArcGIS Pro, Adobe After Effects and Illustrator
- More in the next month





Tsunami wave simulation

for Washington State from a hypothetical magnitude 9.0 earthquake (L1) scenario on the Cascadia subduction zone





National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program



Link to tsunami simulations: https://bit.ly/2BxfXqM

