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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for
the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on April 13, 2023 in
Conjunction with the PACIFEX23 Tsunami Exercise

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami
communication test in conjunction with the PACIFEX23 exercise to ensure
end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination software and hardware on
Thursday, April 13, 2023.

The PACIFEX23 Participant Handbook can be found here:

<https://tsunami.gov/exercises/Pacifex23.pdf>

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.

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, the 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 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 for West Coast/BC/Alaska	TSUAK1	WEAK51

Routine tsunami communications testing will continue monthly. WFOs participating 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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