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**National Weather Service to Conduct  
Tsunami Warning Communications Test Along U.S. West Coast**

NOAA's National Weather Service will conduct a limited communications test of the tsunami warning system in the coastal areas of California, Oregon, and Washington on Wed., Sept. 21, between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

The West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, located in Palmer, Alaska, will broadcast a special test tsunami warning message, clearly labeled as a test. Upon receipt of the test message, National Weather Service offices responsible for western coastal areas will broadcast a brief message via NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards describing the purpose of the test, using the required monthly test code.

If there is excessive seismic activity on the day of the test, it will be cancelled. Officials will evaluate the success of the test and correct any problems that are identified.

Media responsible for relaying emergency information may relay the test information. The general public can participate in the test by monitoring NOAA Weather Radio and providing feedback online at <http://www.weather.gov/test/>.

NOAA Weather Radio is a direct and immediate source of weather information, including life-saving warnings, from your local National Weather Service forecast office and for civil emergency messages issued by local authorities. Radios are available through online retailers, electronic retail stores, marine supply stores and mail order catalogs. Prices vary by model and available options, and typically range between \$20 and \$80.

NOAA's National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories. NOAA's National Weather Service operates the most advanced weather and flood warning and forecast system in the world, helping to protect lives and property and enhance the national economy. Visit us online at [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) and on [Facebook](#).

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and our other [social media channels](#).

On the web:

NOAA's West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center: <http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov>

NOAA Tsunami portal: <http://www.tsunami.gov/>