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Subject: National Tsunami Warning Center Routine Communications Tests for
the West Coast and Alaska Coast to Take Place on March 26, 2026

The NWS National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) and coastal NWS Weather
Forecast Offices (WFOs) will perform a routine monthly tsunami
communication test to ensure end-to-end readiness of NWS dissemination
software and hardware on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

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.

These tests are not intended for the Public, nor should they be
transmitted by third-party services or apps to the public. They will not
appear on tsunami.gov.

Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) 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
Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product
Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Identifiers
(IDs):

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)

Fairbanks, AK (AFG)

Juneau, AK (AJK)

NWS Western Region:

Seattle/Tacoma, WA (SEW)

Portland, OR (PQR)

Medford, OR (MFR)

Eureka, CA (EKA)

Sacramento, CA (STO)

San Francisco, CA (MTR)

Los Angeles, CA (LOX)

San Diego, CA (SGX)

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