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Tsunami Warning cancelled for coastal BC areas

The tsunami warning has been cancelled for all coastal BC areas including Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, Bamfield and surrounding areas.

A magnitude 7.9 earthquake occurred at 1:31am PST 280 km off the coast of Kodiak, Alaska. A tsunami warning was issued for all coastal BC areas and the Alberni Valley Emergency Operations Centre was activated. The Tsunami Warning system was activated in the Alberni Valley to alert an evacuation order for residents within the tsunami inundation zone. The communities of Tofino, Ucluelet and Bamfield also activated their Emergency Operations Centres and conducted evacuations.

At approximately 4:30am PST, emergency operations personnel received confirmation from Emergency Management BC that the tsunami warning had been downgraded to a tsunami advisory and subsequently cancelled the Tsunami warning for all coastal BC areas.

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District would like to extend our thanks to area residents within the tsunami inundation zone for being prepared and for responding promptly to the initial evacuation order. The Regional District would also like to express our appreciation for the dedicated emergency response personnel within our communities including the Emergency Operations Centre and Emergency Social Services teams and all first responders including Police, Fire, Ambulance and Search and Rescue.

While this event did not result in a tsunami affecting our communities, this is a great reminder to review your own personal preparedness. It is important for each and every individual to prepare themselves and their families for disaster. Develop a Family Disaster Plan and a prepare a 'Grab and Go' emergency kit. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a disaster.

The ACRD website has links and information to help area residents review and improve their own emergency preparedness. <http://www.acrd.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness>