

Indonesian tsunami causes wave of Oregon coast fears

To measure how far the effects of the tsunami disaster in Indonesia have resonated, Oregon coast residents needed only to look at the Pacific Ocean.

A measurable tsunami was recorded along the West Coast in the days following the Dec. 26 earthquake in the Indian Ocean.

It was only 6 to 10 inches along Southern California and less than that along the Oregon coast, but measurable nonetheless, said Michael Murphy, Curry County Emergency Services coordinator.

“We were able to determine that the tsunami did get into the Pacific Ocean,” he said.

The quake not only set off a series of destructive waves that devastated eight countries ringing the Indian Ocean, it set off a number of calls and questions to local authorities.

Murphy said that he received a few calls. Brookings Fire Chief Bill Sharp and Police Chief Chris Wallace also fielded inquiries about tsunami information.

In 1995, the Oregon Legislature passed a bill that set in motion an earthquake and tsunami plan that not only identified hazard zones and established emergency procedures, it prohibited certain types of development in those hazard zones.

Schools, hospitals and police and fire stations can no longer be built in what are known as inundation zones. Gold Beach High School could not be built at its present location.

In fact, much of Gold Beach is in an inundation zone. Brookings is a little different because of its topography.

“Brookings itself is sitting on a shelf about 120 feet high,” said Sharp. “We feel Brookings would be safe from a tsunami. An earthquake is something else, though.”

The subduction zone at the convergence of the Juan de Fuca, Pacific and North American plates, just off the Oregon coast, is eerily similar to the geological structure that caused the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami.



nam. (See “Illinois Valley News” article on Jan. 5).

That subduction zone, along with the earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California in the 1980s and 1990s, led to Oregon’s concern and planning for similar catastrophes.

According to a 1999 study by the Oregon Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries, a magnitude 8.5 earthquake along the Oregon coast could result in approximately 5,000 deaths and \$12 billion in damage.

The worst-case scenario in the Brookings-Harbor

area is that the port and oceanfront areas would sustain damage. Evacuation zones include all of the Port of Brookings Harbor, the entire length of Oceanview Drive and the residential areas immediately adjacent to the cliffs in Brookings.

It’s also anticipated that the areas along both banks of the Chetco River would be affected.

Port Director Russ Crabtree said that the port, like the rest of the Curry County, has its own tsunami emergency procedures. He said port personnel are directed to secure utilities,

evacuate the beaches and businesses, contact boat owners and move out boats if time permits.

Harbor residents would assemble at the Brookings-Harbor Shopping Center.

The Brookings Harbor School District complex serves as the Brookings assembly area. The schools are centrally located and well above the evacuation zone, Sharp said.

The schools provide another valuable asset, Sharp said. The recently constructed buildings at all three campuses are the only structures on the south coast built to current seismic standards, he said.

In case of a tsunami, as much warning as possible would be provided by radio announcements, three-minute siren blasts from the Brookings and Harbor fire stations, and contact from emergency services staff.

Sharp said that the ground shaking would be the best warning signal to head for high ground if you live in an evacuation zone. He added that having a plan

is vital.

“When it comes to an emergency, you don’t have time to stop and think,” he said. “You have to do it.

“Unfortunately there could be a wave if there is an earthquake in our zone. People need to be prepared for that situation,” he added.

Unlike the Indian Ocean, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration has an extensive tsunami warning system in the Pacific. It is designed to provide warning to North America for distant tsunamis.

The system measures Pacific earthquakes weekly and issues notices. Most don’t generate a ripple, Murphy said.

But that won’t always be the case.

“One of these days it isn’t going to be a small wave,” Murphy said. “People are beginning to believe a tsunami is real.

“It’s unfortunate that it has to take 150,000 lives to make people realize the threat is real.”

-Curry Coastal Pilot

School fund gains bucks from DSL

Josephine County has received December’s allocation of \$412,314 as its share of \$20,123,675 in earnings of the Common School Fund (CSF), disbursed by the Oregon Dept. of State Lands (DSL).

The money is for kindergarten through 12th-grade public school classes. December’s allocation, said DSL, is three times as much as the June distribution, which was \$6.7 million.

Disbursements to the counties is based on the 4 to 20-years-old population.

Josephine County has 17,218 in that category, and thus received \$412,314.

Other disbursements include Jackson County (44,761) \$1,071,879; Douglas County (23,444) \$561,406; and Curry County (3,786) \$90,662.

The largest amount is \$3,468,251 for Multnomah County (144,832).

DSL said that recovery of the stock market during 2003 boosted the CSF value by 21 percent, from \$665 million to \$805 million.

The State Land Board follows a sliding-scale distribution policy based on the annual change in value of the fund. As the annual change in CSF value rises, the distribution increases to a maximum of 5 percent when the fund value increases 11 percent or more in a year.

As a result, during 2003-05 state budget period, the total distribution to schools will be \$53.5 million. The December allocation is the first of the higher distributions. An identical amount will be sent in June.

With a value of \$902 million in November, the fund could continue to distribute higher amounts through the next fiscal year, said DSL.

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