

State lauds Gearhart's adoption of tsunami rules

Gearhart became one of three coastal communities recently to adopt land-use regulations addressing its tsunami risk.

Along with Rockaway Beach and Port Orford, there are now seven communities on the Oregon Coast with tsunami hazard overlay zones, according to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The three cities used federal grant money to complete the process.

DLCD is using \$530,000 from two federal grants to work with 11 coastal communities in preparing for a local Cascadia tsunami.

The project, which began in August 2017, has resulted in more detailed pedestrian tsunami evacuation maps, comprehensive evacuation planning, and innovative land use strategies tailored to each participating community's tsunami risk.

The tsunami hazard overlay zones focus on two main approaches: prohibiting critical and essential facilities from being built within the riskiest areas and incorporating evacuation improvements as a requirement of new land divisions within the tsunami zone.

The provisions do not apply to existing development or to single-family homes on existing lots or parcels.

Gearhart's tsunami hazard overlay zone goes into effect next month.

"Public safety is always our No. 1 concern and emergency preparedness has been one of the city's top priorities since I took office," Gearhart Mayor Matt Brown said. "I'm very proud of the work our planning commission and our city council has ac-

complished with the help of DLCD to lead the way on the North Oregon Coast and help mitigate the threat of natural disasters."

Coos County, Reedsport, Florence, and North Bend have adopted tsunami hazard overlay zones.

Tillamook County, Lincoln City, Newport, and Waldport currently are working with DLCD on the tsunami resilience grant project, due to be completed in June 2020.

Clatsop County's proposed tsunami hazard overlay, which runs between Warrenton and Gearhart as well as other unincorporated coastal areas, will be considered at a public hearing Sept. 23.

The state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries developed an evacuation plan and maps for Warrenton five years ago.

Copies are available at City Hall and can be found on The Columbia Press' website, www.thecolumbiapress.com.



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Busy Buoy 10

Anglers make the most of Hammond Marina's fish-gutting station during the Buoy 10 Chinook salmon fishery, which ended Tuesday. The coho season continues through Dec. 31.

In both photos, a woman struggles to get her large catch on the marina's trophy board.

The Chinook run was expected to be about 340,000, a little better than last year's actual return. More than 900,000 coho are forecast to enter the Columbia River during the season.

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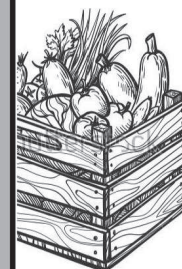
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