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**Subject:** Tsunami Advisory

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center has issued a Tsunami Advisory for the entire West Coast, including Humboldt County. The first waves are expected to arrive in Humboldt Bay at approximately 1:30 p.m. Although no significant coastal flooding is expected to be produced by these waves, some areas could experience dangerous currents and surges (particularly in bays and harbors) due to this tsunami. Citizens are advised to remember the following:

- Stay off the beaches and out of the harbors and marinas from 1:00 p.m. until tomorrow.
- Significant, widespread coastal flooding is **not** expected to occur. The impact of this tsunami will be stronger than normal currents and possible higher than normal surges along the beaches.

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- There will be a strong outgoing tidal current at the same time the tsunami arrives. The combined affect could produce very strong currents in harbors and bays.
- A Tsunami event is a series of waves that can last for several hours. The first wave is usually not the strongest.
- Remember: the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center has only issued a Tsunami Advisory for the North Coast - not a Tsunami Warning.

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