B.C. Tsunami Notification Zones

Tsunamis are rare but serious events. Some areas of coastal B.C. may be threatened in the event of a tsunami. However, it is generally accepted by scientific and technical experts that Victoria, eastern Vancouver Island, Vancouver and the lower mainland are low-risk areas.

To ensure that all B.C. communities receive appropriate tsunami messaging, that is easily understandable using provincial landmarks, Emergency Management BC has divided the province into five (5) zones for notification purposes. These zones are reflected on this map in different colours and the letters A, B, C, D and E.

All tsunami notifications prepared by the Province will refer to these five zones. Each of the five designated zones includes all islands and inlets within the location descriptive.

Notifications

- **Information**: Minor waves at most
- **Watch**: Danger level not known yet
- **Advisory**: Strong currents likely
- **Warning**: Inundating wave possible
- **Full evacuation suggested**: No action suggested
- **Stay away from the shore**: Stay alert for more information
- **Stay away from the shore**: Full evacuation suggested

National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) Breakpoint
B.C. - Washington Border

Tsunami Notification Zones

- **ZONE A** - THE NORTH COAST AND HAIDA GWAII
- **ZONE B** - THE CENTRAL COAST AND NORTHWEST VANCOUVER ISLAND COAST INCLUDING RENFREW, BELLE COULA, AND PORT HARDY
- **ZONE C** - THE OUTER WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM CAPE SCOTT TO PORT RENFREW
- **ZONE D** - THE JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT FROM JORDAN RIVER TO GREATER VICTORIA INCLUDING THE SAANICH PENINSULA
- **ZONE E** - THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA INCLUDING THE GULF ISLANDS, GREATER VANCOUVER AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT

Legend

- City
- Township
- Village
- Unincorporated Indian Reserves
- Regional District
- Rural Areas
- National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) Breakpoint
- B.C. Tsunami Notification Zones
- USA
- British Columbia, Canada
- Washington, United States of America
- Canada, USA
- Border Pass
- Strait of Georgia
- Juan de Fuca Strait
- Haro Strait
- Stuart Channel
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- Hilda Channel
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