

Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ)
Catastrophic Earthquake and Tsunami Functional Exercise 2016

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## Cascadia Topics

- About your presenter
- What is the Cascadia Rising Exercise?
- How do we know it will be a big one?
- What are the likely impacts?
- How can you prepare for the exercise (and the event)?
- Credits, links, resources

Q&A throughout



#### What is the Exercise?

#### Simulated regional response to a 9.0 magnitude earthquake

- Epicenter 95 mi W of Eugene, OR
- Loss/damage based on scientific models (90% confidence level)

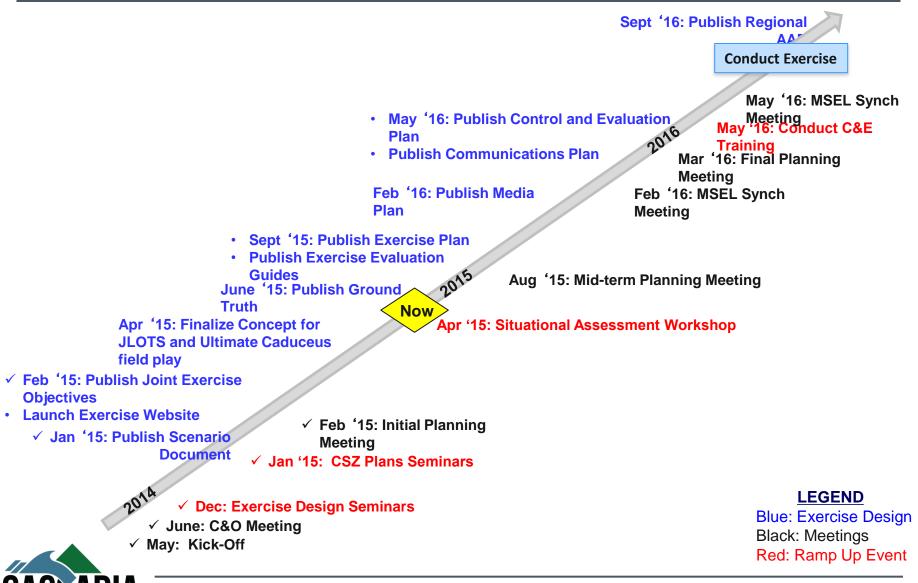
#### Four day, 24-hours/day (Tue-Fri, June 7-10, 2016)

- Largest simulated emergency exercise in Pacific NW
  - Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Private, Amateur, MARS, SHARES, NGO
  - Does not include 'secondary effects'
- "Injects" (surprise field problems)
- Provide EOC to EOC voice / data links
- Relay critical messages to the public (no TV or internet)

MARS / Amateur Radio - only communications in early phases?

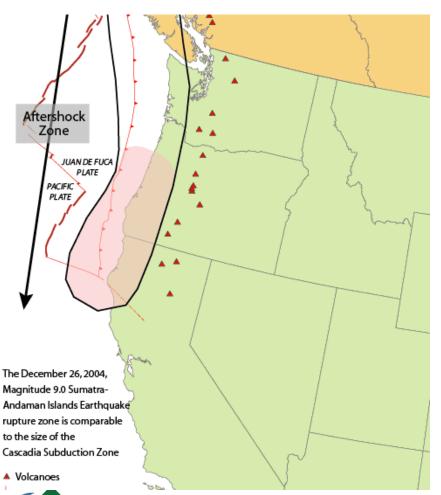


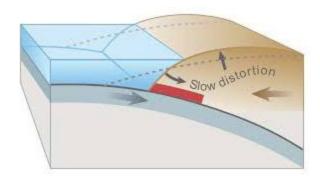
#### What is the schedule?

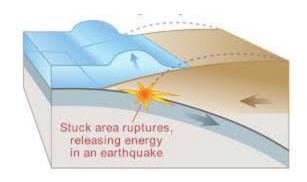


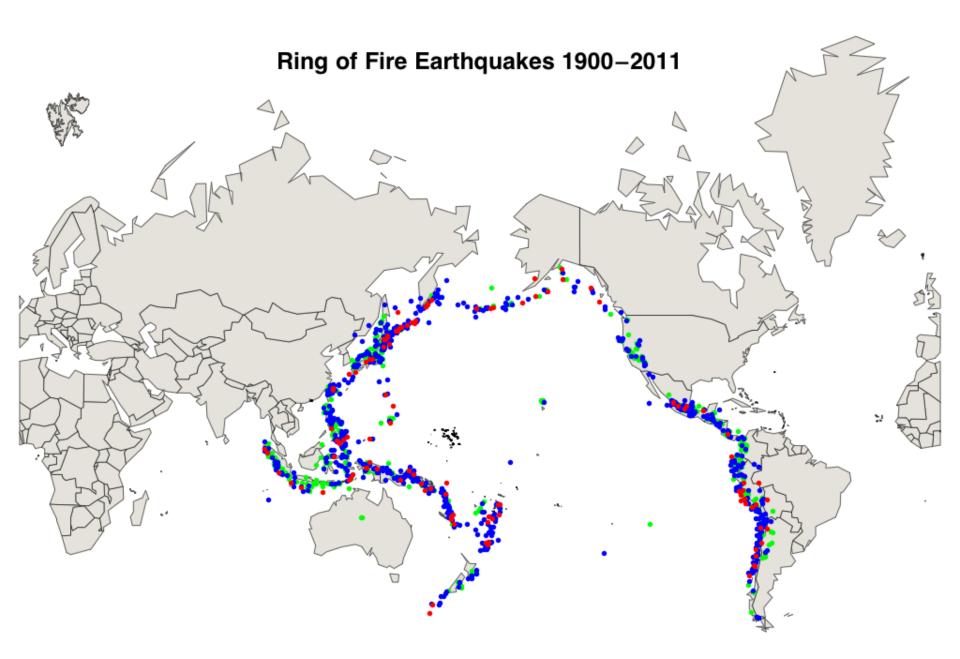


## Why this scenario?



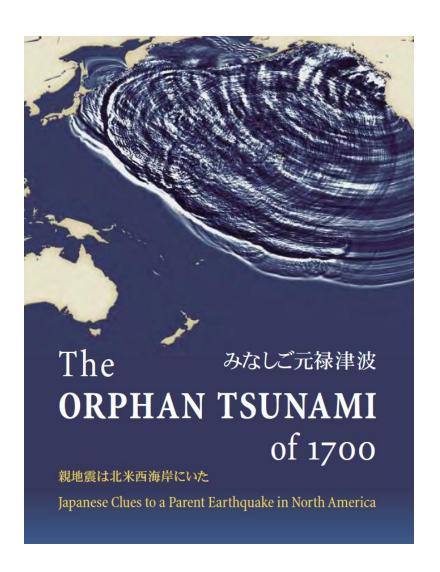




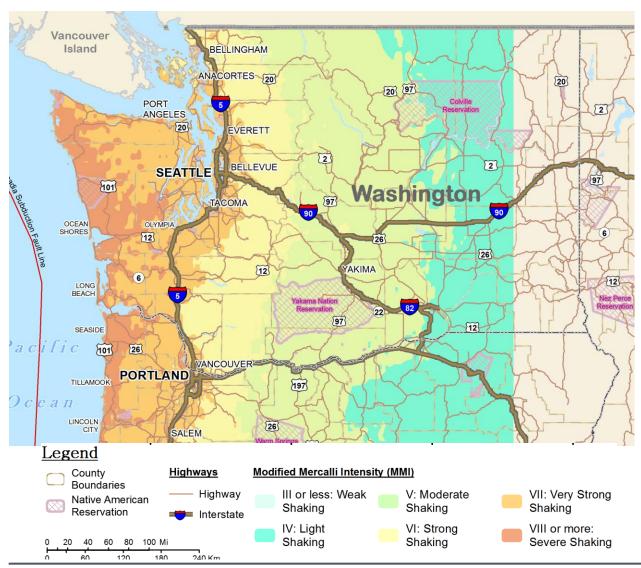


## Orphan Tsunami

- Are those Breakfast Links, or a Dinner Sausage?
- Mag 9 earthquakes every
   ~3-500 years
- Most recent one was January 26, 1700



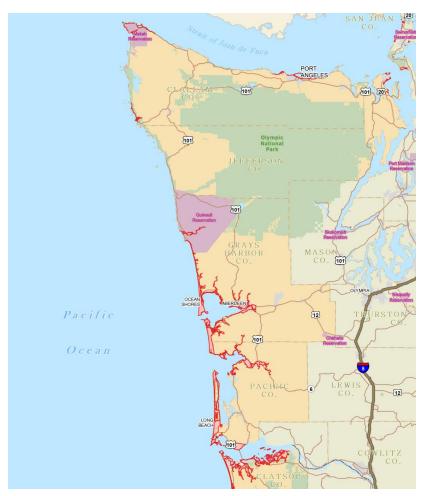
### How much will it shake?







### What will the tsunami(s) affect?



**WA Coast** 

**Puget Sound** 





## What will be damaged or destroyed?

	WA Coast	WA I-5 corridor
Injured (Quake / Tsunami)	2000 / 3000	7000 / 400
Deaths (Quake / Tsunami)	100 / 9000	300 / 1300
Highways	80%	30%
Bridges	73%	40%
Airports	100%	40%
Rail	73%	45%
WA Seaports	100%	82%
Electrical Facilities	100%	78%
Natural Gas Systems	100%	95%
Refined Fuels Industry	n/a	100%
Communications Systems	100%	76%



% gone or would require major repairs



#### "Normal" ECOM Plan

#### All regions contact State EOC: Camp Murray, WA

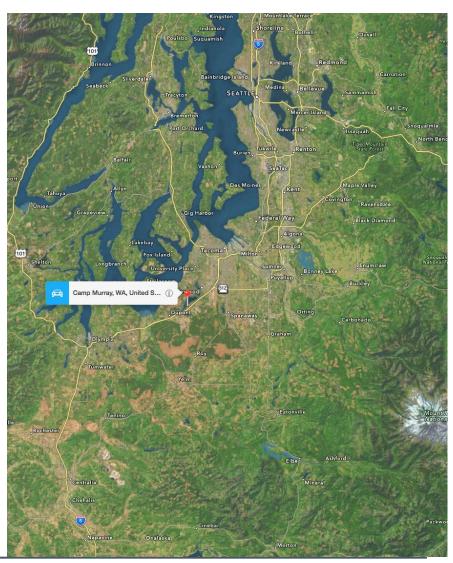




## WA State EOC – Camp Murray WA

# Overwhelmed in in a catastrophic disaster?

- ■40% of state lives nearby
  - King County 2 million
  - Pierce County 0.8 million
  - WA 7 million
- Physical integrity
  - Ground stability
  - Infrastructure stability







#### Cascadia Rising Exercise

#### Regions 5 & 6: State EOC. Regions 1-4: HF links to Eastern Regions







#### What can I do?

#### Take care of you and your family

Emergency food, water, supplies, 72 hour kit (or longer)

#### Get your "radio" ready

- V/UHF and HF station
- Emergency power
- Become proficient at Winlink 2K (PACTOR and/or WINMOR)

#### Learn more

- Attend training events, guest speakers at club meetings
- Participate in ARRL or local SET, MARS exercises, CERT





## Resources / Credits

#### Orphan Tsunami

http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/pp1707/

alternate: <a href="http://pubs.dggsalaskagov.us/webpubs/usgs/p/text/p1707.pdf">http://pubs.dggsalaskagov.us/webpubs/usgs/p/text/p1707.pdf</a>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFqm7qJ\_RcU - Brian Atwater Talk

#### Cascadia Rising Exercise

https://huxley.wwu.edu/sites/huxley.wwu.edu/files/Cascadia Rising high 0.pdf

#### **ARES**

http://www.wastateares.org

http://www.oregonaresraces.org/

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## What will you do?

"It will take 50 years for us to prepare for this impending earthquake" – Scott Ashford

Kearney Professor and Dean of the OSU College of Engineering May-2015

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. – Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching, ~550 BC (?)









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# **QUESTIONS?**