

Natural Hazards Maps and Evacuation Routes for the Depoe Bay Area

Depoe Bay has been identified as one of eight coastal areas in Oregon that are particularly vulnerable to damage from earthquake and tsunami events. A task force of local and state emergency preparedness personnel presented its findings and initial recommendations, including natural hazards maps and evacuation routes for our area, at a public meeting May 22nd at the Depoe Bay City Hall. LWC was represented at the meeting by ten Safety Captains and residents. We will share the final report with the community when it is completed this summer.

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Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point (EAP) established at Newport Municipal Airport

The Newport EAP is the second one on the Oregon coast. The first is at the Tillamook Municipal Airport, and a third is planned later this year for the southern Oregon coast.

These evacuation assembly points will provide short-term locations for people to gather to gain access to food, water, tents and medical supplies in the wake of a natural disaster such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, and an ensuing tsunami.

Cascadia Island Mapping

Information from DOGAMI about the effects of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami stating that coastal populations will become isolated into “islands” due to landslides, liquefaction, and damaged infrastructure such as like bridges and roads. (DOGAMI - Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries)