



Tsunami Advisory Lifted for Victoria Area

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – The tsunami advisory for Zone D, including Victoria has been cancelled. The Victoria Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Centre is now deactivated.

The Emergency Operations Centre was opened as a proactive measure to ensure the community response plans and resources were mobilized if needed.

VEMA volunteers on foot and the Victoria fire boat patrolled shoreline areas, emergency services personnel were on standby and the communications network was mobilized to keep residents informed if an escalated response was required.

At no time did residents need to evacuate their homes. The Victoria Emergency Management Agency and the Provincial Emergency Program had advised residents and marine users to avoid waterways, beaches and marinas. The tsunami risk is no longer in place and residents can return to beaches and waterways.

Strong localized currents were possible although no significant wave was expected as a result of a magnitude 8.8 earthquake off the coast of Chile overnight.

This is a timely reminder to all residents that a tsunami risk does not always include a large wave, and can impact the Pacific Region in the form of strong or unpredictable currents.

A tsunami advisory is the second highest level of tsunami alert. Advisories are issued due to the threat of a tsunami that has the potential to produce strong currents dangerous to those in or near the water.

Residents are always encouraged to monitor the Provincial Emergency Program website at www.pep.bc.ca for the most up to date information.

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