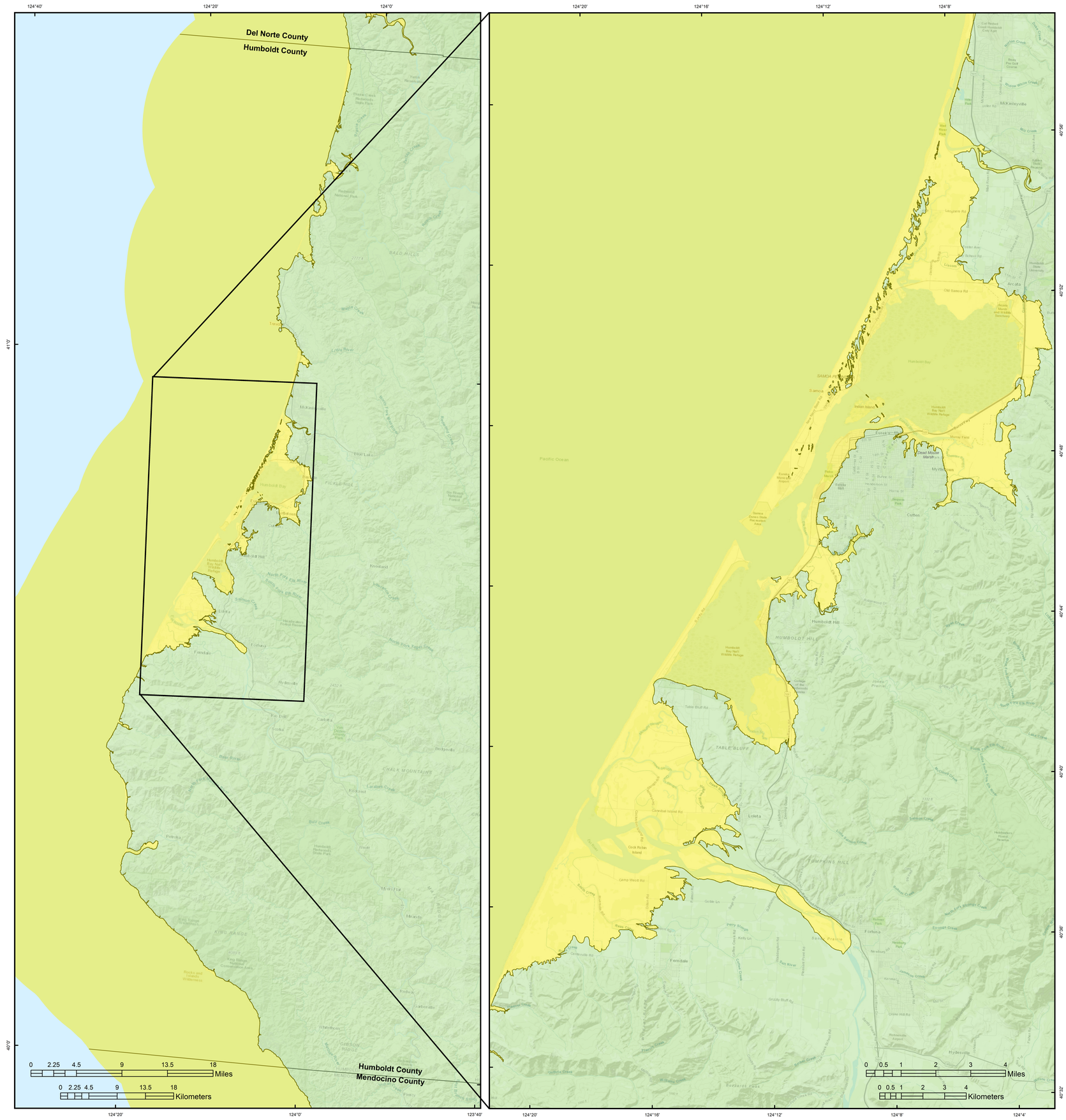


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# Tsunami Hazard Area Map

## County of Humboldt

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### PURPOSE OF THIS MAP

This Tsunami Hazard Area Map was prepared to assist cities and counties in identifying their tsunami hazard for tsunami response planning. It is intended for local jurisdictional coastal tsunami hazard planning uses only. This map, and the information presented herein, is not a legal document and does not meet disclosure requirements for real estate transactions nor for any other regulatory purpose.

The Tsunami Hazard Area Map was compiled with the best currently available scientific information and represents an area that could be exposed to tsunami hazards during a tsunami event. It is primarily based on inundation limits corresponding to a 975-year average return period tsunami event model. These limits have been extended to reflect potential local tsunami sources not considered in probabilistic analysis and are also modified to reflect the practical need to define limits that coincide with geographic features or city streets.

### MAP EXPLANATION

**Tsunami Hazard Area**

**Outside Hazard Area**

### METHOD OF PREPARATION

Tsunami modeling was performed by AECOM Technical Services and the University of Southern California funded through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services by the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program and through FEMA. Recent tsunami modeling used probabilistic tsunami hazard analysis to compute tsunami waves from sources from around the Pacific Ocean resulting in inundation models that are associated with different probabilities of exceedance over time. The tsunami modeling process allows for wave evolution over a variable bathymetry and topography used for inundation mapping. The California Geological Survey (CGS), Seismic Hazards Program, Tsunami Unit used the 975-year average return period tsunami model, with a 5% probability of exceedance in 50 years, as a basis for the minimum hazard level; this minimum hazard level along with a suite of credible local scenario events not included in the probabilistic analysis helped define the extent for inundation mapping.

For the probabilistic modeling the bathymetric/topographic data that were used in the tsunami models consist of a series of nested elevation grids. Deep ocean modeling was prepared using SRTM30+ bathymetric data (30 arc-second resolution). National Centers for Environmental Information coastal digital elevation models with a 1/3 arc-second (~10-meters) resolution and a "Mean High Water" vertical datum was used as the near-shore grids since these data represent a more conservative sea level for the intended use of the tsunami modeling and mapping.

In order to enhance the 10-meter resolution inundation data, we used higher resolution digital topographic data (e.g., 1-meter resolution LiDAR digital elevation models) to refine the location of the maximum inundation area. The location of the inundation area was refined by using digital imagery (e.g. recent National Agriculture Imagery Program imagery) and digital terrain data on a GIS platform with consideration given to historic inundation information. This information was verified, where possible, with workshops and fieldwork coordinated with local county personnel.

Data from the CGS Tsunami Inundation Maps for Emergency Planning (2009) and the enhanced high-resolution mapping of the 975-year return period probabilistic tsunami inundation model results were initially used as a minimum spatial constraint for the placement of the tsunami hazard area. Guidance from local stakeholders, including emergency managers, first responders, and subject matter experts was used to help advise CGS on the placement of the final hazard area in places that would help the public and government safely evacuate during a tsunami event.

The accuracy of the hazard area shown on these maps and in these data is subject to limitations in the accuracy and completeness of the mapping conducted by the CGS. While an attempt was made to define a maximum tsunami hazard extent at any location along the coastline, it remains possible that the actual tsunami hazard area may be greater as required by the local agencies.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please refer to the following websites for additional information on the construction and/or intended use of the Tsunami Hazard Area Maps:

State of California Geological Survey Tsunami Information:
**www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/tsunami**

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Earthquake, Tsunami, and Volcano Program:
**https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/earthquake-tsunami-volcano-programs**

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* 2009 Humboldt County Quadrangles

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| Arcata North/ Tyee City | Ferndale | Orick |
| Arcata South | Fern Canyon | Rodgers Peak/Trinidad |
| Cannibal Island | Fields Landing | Shelter Cove |
| Eureka | Fortuna | Trinidad/Crannell |

### CITATION FOR THIS MAP

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### NOTE

The tsunami hazard areas are based on the State of California 2009 Tsunami Inundation Maps for Emergency Planning and the enhanced high-resolution, 975-year return period probabilistic tsunami inundation model results. The boundary of the tsunami hazard area is defined by the California Geological Survey, local stakeholders, including emergency managers, first responders, and subject matter experts, are consulted on the placement of the final hazard area in places that would help the public and government safely evacuate during a tsunami event. The Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group Mapping Subcommittee is a fundamental part of the process to develop the methodology for locating the boundary of the Tsunami Hazard Area Maps. Mapping Subcommittee members include Vicki Ozaki, Troy Nicolini, and Ryan Aylward. Without their devotion to improving the resilience for the residents and visitors of Humboldt County, this map and these associated data would not be such a successful product.

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