

Notes to Users

- Please refer to the **Disclaimer** below.
- Please review the associated project report before referring to the maps: 2. Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Ltd. (NHC). 2023. 'Northwest Vancouver Island Tsunami Risk Assessment (Phase 2)'. Report prepared for Ocean Networks Canada. NHC project number 3006332.
- Tsunami model results shown correspond to an earthquake with a magnitude of 9.0 from the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Please refer to the project report for additional information on tsunami source.
- Initial water level for tsunami simulations consists of current-day Higher High Water Mean Tide (HHWMT) which at Winter Harbour and Gold River terminal correspond to an elevation of 1.5 m above the Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum of 2013 (CGVD2013). HHWMT is defined as the average from all the higher high waters from 19 years of tidal predictions.
- Spatially varying land subsidence and uplift associated to the Cascadia 5. Subduction Zone earthquake has been applied by adjusting the underlying digital elevation model as per Natural Resources Canada information.
- Information shown on maximum tsunami amplitude maps corresponds to model results of maximum water surface elevation above a reference plane corresponding to HHWMT. Over the ocean this information corresponds to the maximum tsunami amplitude, which is defined as the vertical distance of the tsunami wave crest above the reference plane. Overland this information corresponds to the maximum tsunami runup, which is defined as the vertical distance of the leading edge (most upland reach) of the tsunami flow above the reference plane.
- Information shown on maximum tsunami-induced current velocity maps corresponds to model results of maximum current velocity encountered during the tsunami. Tsunami simulations were performed for a constant tide level and therefore do not include the influence of tidal currents, on which can be superimposed tsunami-induced currents.
- No safety factor, or freeboard was applied to the results shown on these 8 maps. Any inundation visible on these maps corresponds to the inundation as estimated by the numerical model without any adjustment and should be considered as indicative only. For inundation extents, refer to maps of tsunami inundation level for emergency planning to which a safety factor is applied.
- These maps provide results for one possible tsunami scenario with 9 associated earthquake magnitude and subduction zone rupture mechanism. Inundation characteristics and associated effects can vary for different tsunami scenarios that may occur.
- 10. The influence stream flow may have on the propagation and inundation of tsunamis in rivers and creeks was not included in the numerical model.

Data Sources and References

- Topographic basemaps from Esri Canada, Natural Resources Canada, and Esri Canadian Community Maps contributors.
- Imagery basemaps from Esri and Maxar. 2.
- Coastline and riverbanks from GeoBC 1:20,000 scale Freshwater Atlas data. 3.
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- Ferry route, municipal boundary, and regional district boundary data from GeoBC

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First Nation administrative boundaries based on GeoBC data with

Road locations and classification based on GeoBC Digital Roads Atlas data













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