

Alaska Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Report for FY 2002

Alaska's Steering Group member was absent due to the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Alaska on November 3. The acting representative, Ted Smith, gave the Alaska report.

There was a Emergency Managers' Conference held in April 2002 to discuss earthquake and tsunami issues.

The communities of Homer and Seward, AK, have achieved TsunamiReady status and the communities of Sitka and Kodiak will soon complete the requirements to be TsunamiReady. Alaska is making it a requirement to provide a tsunami hazard mitigation plan to be certified as TsunamiReady.

The "Quake Cottage" which can simulate 5.5 to 8.5 earthquakes has been a great outreach tool. It was used this year at the Home Elementary school and at various state fairs.

Alaska is producing an Alaska Awareness tsunami video.

Improved coastal NOAA weather radio coverage advancements have been achieved by partnering with the U.S. Coast Guard. Completion of the installation of 30 new transmitters is expected this year.