

## **Center for the Tsunami Inundation Mapping Center (TIME) Dedication:**

On May 17 at 10 a.m., the newly created Center for the Tsunami Inundation Mapping Effort (TIME) was dedicated. The keynote address was given by Senator Mark O. Hatfield, who recognized the threat posed by offshore earthquakes and tsunamis and led Congressional efforts to address this issue.

Federal funds were matched by state funds to create the Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Federal/State Program, which includes the installation of new technology to detect offshore earthquakes and tsunamis, broad public education, and the creation of TIME. TIME will develop maps of expected flooding caused by tsunamis that can be used for developing evacuation routes and for long-term planning in vulnerable coastal communities. The first mapping projects this year will be in Oregon and Washington and will be conducted in cooperation with the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology and DOGAMI.

During the dedication, tsunami hazard zone and evacuation route signs that were developed in Oregon and recently officially adopted by California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii were unveiled and presented to Senator Hatfield in recognition of his help in creating the tsunami mitigation program.