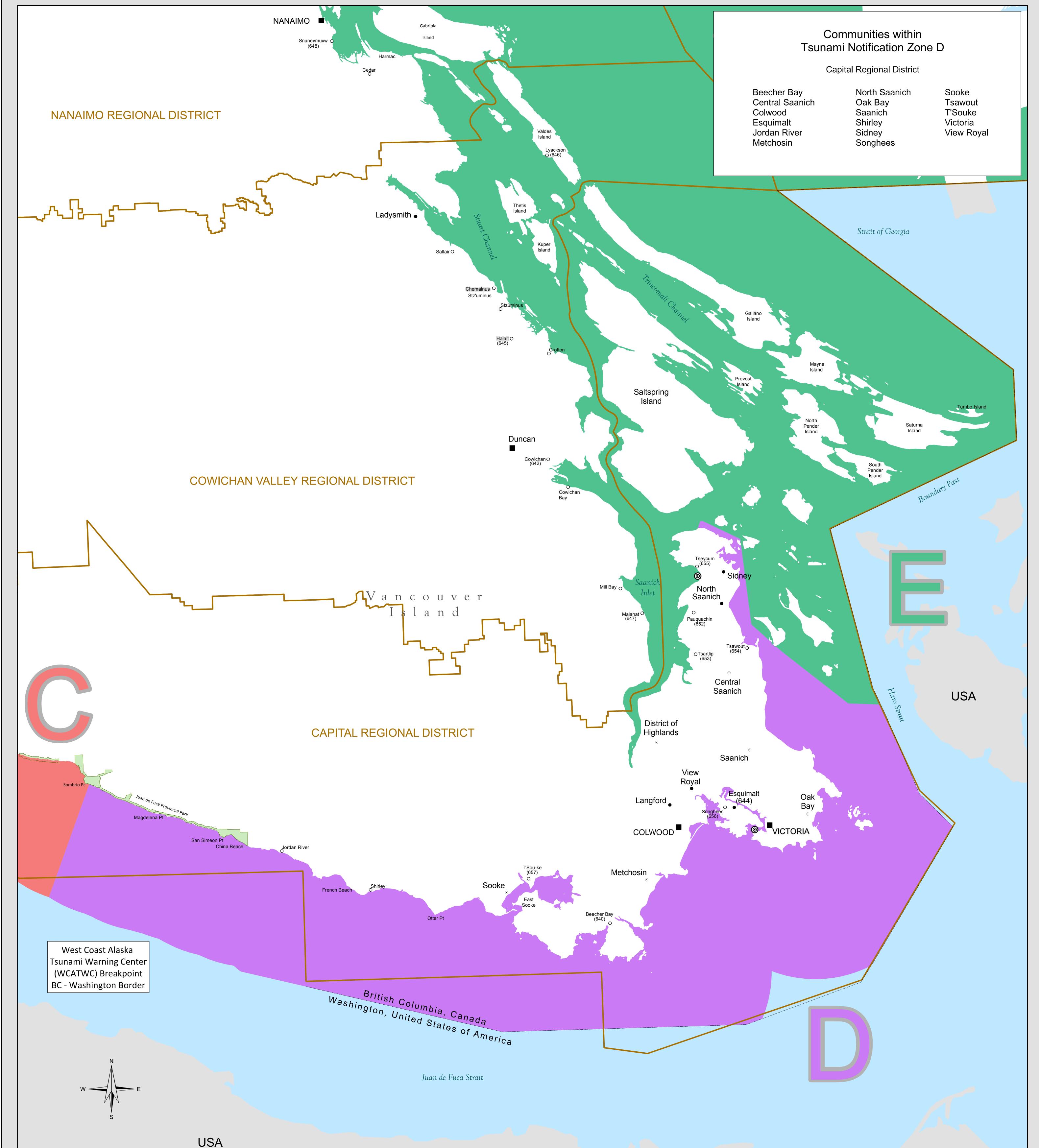
Tsunami Notification Zone D for British Columbia



Tsunami Notification Zones



ZONE A - THE NORTH COAST AND HAIDA GWAII

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ZONE B - THE CENTRAL COAST AND NORTHWEST VANCOUVER ISLAND COAST INCLUDING KITIMAT, BELLA COOLA, AND PORT HARDY



ZONE C - THE OUTER WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM CAPE SCOTT TO PORT RENFREW



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ZONE D - THE JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT FROM JORDAN RIVER TO GREATER VICTORIA INCLUDING THE SAANICH PENINSULA

ZONE E - THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA INCLUDING THE GULF ISLANDS, GREATER VANCOUVER AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT

Notifications		
Alert Level	Threat	Action
A Warning	Inundating wave possible	Full evacuation suggested
Advisory	Strong currents likely	Stay away from the shore
A Watch	Danger level not known yet	Stay alert for more information
i Information	Minor waves at most	No action suggested

B.C. Tsunami Notification Zones

Tsunamis are rare but serious events. Many areas of coastal B.C. may be threatened in the event of a tsunami. However, it is generally accepted by scientific and technical experts that Victoria, eastern Vancouver Island, Vancouver and the lower mainland are low-risk areas.

West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center (WCATWC) notifications refer to B.C. coastal areas in terms of "breakpoints" that, while understood in technical circles, will have little meaning to the general public.

To ensure that all B.C. communities receive appropriate tsunami messaging, that is easily understandable using provincial landmarks, Emergency Management BC has divided the province into five (5) zones for notification purposes. These zones are reflected on this map in different colours and the letters A, B, C, D and E.

All tsunami notifications prepared by the Province will refer to these five zones. Each of the five designated zones includes all islands and inlets within the location descriptive.

