

## Tsunami Warning Center Changes Name

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Yesterday was the last day that the tsunami warning center in Palmer was known as the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center. Today (Tuesday), the center's new name will be the National Tsunami Warning Center.

Center director Paul Witmore says the name change better reflects what the center monitors.

"For the past 7 years, the center has been responsible for the east coast, the Gulf coast, eastern Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin islands as well as the west coast of the United States and Alaska. So it's a much better representation of the area we're responsible for."

Witmore says the current name has been in place for 17 years and caused confusion for East Coast residents who assumed tsunami warnings issued from the Palmer facility didn't include them. He says he's hopeful the new name will catch on and provide clarity.

"Our messages are very clear as to what people are impacted by the message, so we expect it will be ok."

At least for now, the organization's website address remains the same, so if you have it bookmarked in your browser, it should still work the next time there's a shaker.