

FSAR UPDATE HUMBOLDT BAY ISFSI FIGURE 2.6-86 Diagrams illustrating progression of tsunamis at the coast, and stratigraphic columns in the quiet water of bays and ponds.



North Spit, Humboldt Bay (foreground), and Arcata Bay (background). View is to the north from above the bay entrance. The Mad River Slough is located in the marshland on the north side of Arcata Bay. The Humboldt Bay Power Plant is just out of the picture to the lower right.



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FIGURE 2.6-88 COASTAL SITES INVESTIGATED FOR EVIDENCE OF PALEOTSUNAMIS IN NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA



Cross section of a typical intertidal marsh. Figure shows the idealized relationship between tsunami sand deposits and stratigraphic and biostratigraphic features caused by coseismic subsidence. The key to the numbers is shown in Table 2.6-23.



Cross section of a typical coastal freshwater marsh. Figure shows an idealized tsunami sand layer interbedded with peat and mud. The key to the numbers is shown in Table 2.6-23.



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FIGURE 2.6-91 IDEALIZED DETAILED SECTION SHOWING MULTIPLE GRADED SANDS IN A TSUNAMI DEPOSIT
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Gouge coring at Crescent City marsh. Hans Abramson, collecting a gouge core in the marsh, is employing a typical technique for obtaining a reconnaissance core.



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FIGURE 2.6-93 TYPICAL GOUGE CORE. THE FINGER POINTS TO A THIN LAYER OF FINE-GRAINED TSUNAMI SAND, WHICH IS INTERBEDDED WITH MARCH PEAT



FSAR UPDATE HUMBOLDT BAY ISFSI FIGURE 2.6-94 Drilling using the Vibracore at Lagoon Creek. The 3-inch-diameter core tube is shown in position before being driven into marsh sediments.



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FIGURE 2.6-95 TYPICAL DRIVE CORES. THE TWO SPLIT-SAMPLE TUBES SHOW TSUNAMI SANDS (ARROWS) IN CORES FROM THE ORICK MARSH



Comparison of ages for Cascadia earthquakes from tsunami data between northern California and Washington. Width of lines showing Cascadia events ("Y", "W", "U", "S", "N", "L", and "J" ) from Kelsey and others , 2002).



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FIGURE 2.6-97 LOCATION OF CORES IN CRESCENT CITY MARSH	



Crescent City Marsh Site

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<b>FIGURE 2.6-98</b>
CRESCENT CITY
VIEW TO WEST



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Capital letters ("Y", "W", "U", "S", "N" and "L") designate sand layers correlated to dated Cascadia subduction zone earthquakes, queried layers are uncorrelated sand layers interpreted to be of Cascadia origin, arrows indicate sand layers from distant-source tsunamis. BP dates refer to calibrated radiocarbon years before 1950. "Q" is a local event intermediate between "Y" and "W".

West

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East



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The Lagoon Creek pond and marsh. View is to the south, showing the beach ridge, pond, and marsh in this narrow valley. Tsunami sand layers were found in the marsh sediments inland to the upper end of the marsh visible in this photograph.



Wilson Creek and Lagoon Creek . Wilson creek during the Pleistocene flowed around where the sea bluffs are today and down Lagoon Creek to Redwood Creek. Sea erosion has cut off Lagoon Creek from Wilson Creek, leaving Lagoon Creek as a stable site undisturbed by stream erosion.



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FIGURE 2.6-104 BEACH BERM AT LAGOON CREEK 23-FEET ABOVE MLLW. VIEW IS TO THE NORTH FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF THE LAGOON CREEK MARSH



### LAGOON CREEK

"Y" "W", "U", "S", "N" and "L" are events from Cascadia earthquakes

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### CORE LC-16



(From Garrison-Laney, 1998)

#### LITHOFACIES CODES



#### CONTACTS AND SYMBOLS

Abrupt (≤1 mm) ----- Sharp (1-3 mm) ----- Gradational (4-10 mm) WWWW Diffuse (11-20 mm) WWWW Diffuse (≥ 50 mm)

#### DIATOM PRESERVATION





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FIGURE 2.6-106 DETAILED STRATIGRAPHY OF CORE LC-16 FROM THE LAGOON CREEK MARSH. DIAGRAM SHOWS TYPICAL MARSH, SAND DEPOSITS AND DIATOMS NEAR THE COAST



**CORE LC-2** 

(From Garrison-Laney, 1998)

#### LITHOFACIES CODES

Lithologies			Lithol	ogic Modifie	rs	
peat	s	sandy	d	detritus C		stick
/ muddy peat	m	muddy	ru	rip-ups	~	twig
🕅 peaty mud	р	peaty	$\rightarrow$	leaves	Ö	spruce cone
mud	c	coarse		wood chunks	575	roots
<u>ះះ</u> sand	f	fine	0	charcoal	Ø	sand tunnel

### CONTACTS AND SYMBOLS



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FIGURE 2.6-107 DETAILED STRATIGRAPHY OF CORE LC-2 FROM THE LAGOON CREEK MARSH. DIAGRAMS SHOW TYPICAL MARSH, SAND DEPOSITS AND DIATOMS NEAR THE COAST



Townsite of Orekw (Oreck) and location of cores in Orick marsh. Map shows the village Orekw, the site of Tskerkr's oral history, A Flood (Kroeber, 1976; Carver and Carver, 1996). Also shown is Ida's house site, where floodwaters came to "the front door." Both stories document flooding to about 66 and 69 feet elevation (MLLW). The cores from the Orick marsh record the "Y," as well as earlier tsunami intrusions, and one later tsunami.



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FIGURE 2.6-109 TOWNSITE OF ORICK AND THE ORICK MARSH AT THE MOUTH OF REDWOOD CREEK (ON LEFT SIDE OF PHOTO). THE TOWN WAS BUILT ON THE HILLSLOPE ABOVE THE BEACH AND MARSH



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FIGURE 2.6-110 GEOMORPHOLOGY OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH SPITS OF HUMBOLDT BAY
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# FSAR UPDATE HUMBOLDT BAY ISFSI FIGURE 2.6-111 SOUTH SPIT. VIEW LOOKING NORTH FROM TABLE BLUFF. SOUTHWESTERN HUMBOLDT BAY (SOUTH BAY) MARSH SITE IS IN MIDDLE RIGHT OF PHOTO



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FIGURE 2.6-112 MOUTH OF HUMBOLDT BAY AND THE SOUTH BAY HOOKTON SLOUGH SITES. SOUTH BAY IS SEPARATED FROM EEL RIVER VALLEY BY TOMPKINS HILL AND TABLE BLUFF



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FIGURE 2.6-113 LAG PEBBLES AT EL. 27 FEET (MLLW) ON THE SAND DUNES ON THE NORTH SPIT BELIEVED TO BE DEPOSITED BY A TSUNAMI THAT INUNDATED THE DUNES



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FIGURE 2.6-114 MAP OF THE NORTH SPIT SITE, SOUTH BAY, AND OTHER HUMBOLDT BAY MARSH SITES



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FIGURE 2.6-115 SOUTH BAY SITE. TABLE BLUFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PHOTO SEPARATES THE EEL RIVER VALLEY IN THE MIDDLE DISTANCE FROM SOUTH BAY ON THE LEFT





Preliminary Survey of Humboldt Bay, California, U.S. Coast Survey, 1858 (edition of 1879), (original scale 1:30,000) (aids to navigation corrected to 1885). Depths are in feet below mean lower low water to lowest dotted line, then in fathoms. Red line delineates present shoreline and jetties from USGS Fields L anding 7.5 minute Quadrangle (1989). B rown area is plant site.

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FIGURE 2.6-117 PRESENT COASTLINE SUPERIMPOSED ON THE 1858 MAP OF MOUTH OF HUMBOLDT BAY



Soundings are in sazhens (Dr. Lydia Black, personal communication, 2001) (1 sazhen is about 7 feet); numbers in parentheses in the entrance channel clarify the original sounding. Original map in Golovnin, Vasili, undated, Voyage of Kamchatka and maps which accompany - Russian ed., Alaska State Historical Library, Juneau, Alaska

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FIGURE 2.6-118 THE 1806 MAP OF HUMBOLDT BAY (BAY OF REZANOV) MADE BY RUSSIAN EXPLORERS



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Feet



- I Range of tsunami runups between MLLW and MHHW
- I Maximum runup estimate
- Minimum runup estimate Т

- Notes:
  - 1. MLLW is reference for bathymetry and topography at Humboldt Bay Power Plant and ISFSI sites.
- **FSAR UPDATE** HUMBOLDT BAY ISFSI FIGURE 2.6-120 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM SHOWING ESTIMATED **TSUNAMI RUNUP HEIGHTS AT THE** HUMBOLDT BAY ISFSI SITE

### Southeast

Inlet channel