

Tsunami Regulatory Line Engagement Update
DOGAMI Governing Board Meeting, April 17, 2017

Engagement To-Date

December 2016-January 2017: State agency conversations: Department of Land Conservation and Development, Office of Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation Department, Building Codes Division, Business Oregon. *Attending: DOGAMI staff, Resilience Officer.*

January-February 2017: Coastal legislator conversations. *Attending: DOGAMI staff, Resilience Officer.*

February 2017: Governor Brown meeting. *Attending: Governing Board Chair, DOGAMI staff, Resilience Officer.*

February 2017: Coastal Caucus meeting. *Attending: DOGAMI staff, Resilience Officer.*

March 2017: Coastal Caucus meeting. *Attending: Governing Board Chair, DOGAMI staff, Resilience Officer.*

What Have We Learned?

Coastal Caucus Conversations

Concerns with the tsunami line as a regulatory tool

- Regulation at state level **takes decisions on siting critical facilities out of the hands of communities**
- Opinions were expressed that DOGAMI best serves coastal communities by providing scientific information to support local decisions, **rather than being in a regulatory role**
- There was support for DOGAMI to reach out to local communities and enhance relationships around the need of the communities and where DOGAMI can be of assistance

Concerns and comments with the engagement process/potential change

- The potential change comes at a time when coastal communities are experiencing regulatory fatigue
- Significant **potential for misunderstanding of the regulatory line** and misunderstanding on effects to economic development
- If the process continues, Legislators want to be involved throughout the process
 - o Prefer that engagement process take place when the legislature is not in session
- More low-key information gathering would be helpful before formally engaging communities on a potential change

State Agency Conversations

Adoption of ASCE tsunami design zone into state building code

Unknowns exist:

- Potential to greatly change the regulatory landscape
- Potential for overlapping, conflicting regulation – unclear how the two regulatory schemes will work together
- Adoption into the state building code may occur sooner than previously understood – as early as October 2018
 - o Process may be parallel to tsunami regulatory line process
 - o Unclear how the tsunami regulatory line may fit into that separate decision making process

Relationship of tsunami regulatory line to other state/community efforts

Unknowns exist:

- **How does an update to the line fit into planning, development efforts – what are the needs for an updated regulatory line?**
- What else is being asked of coastal communities related to development and tsunami hazard?