



Emergency
ManagementBC

Exercise Coastal Response

Lessons Learned

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Exercise Concept

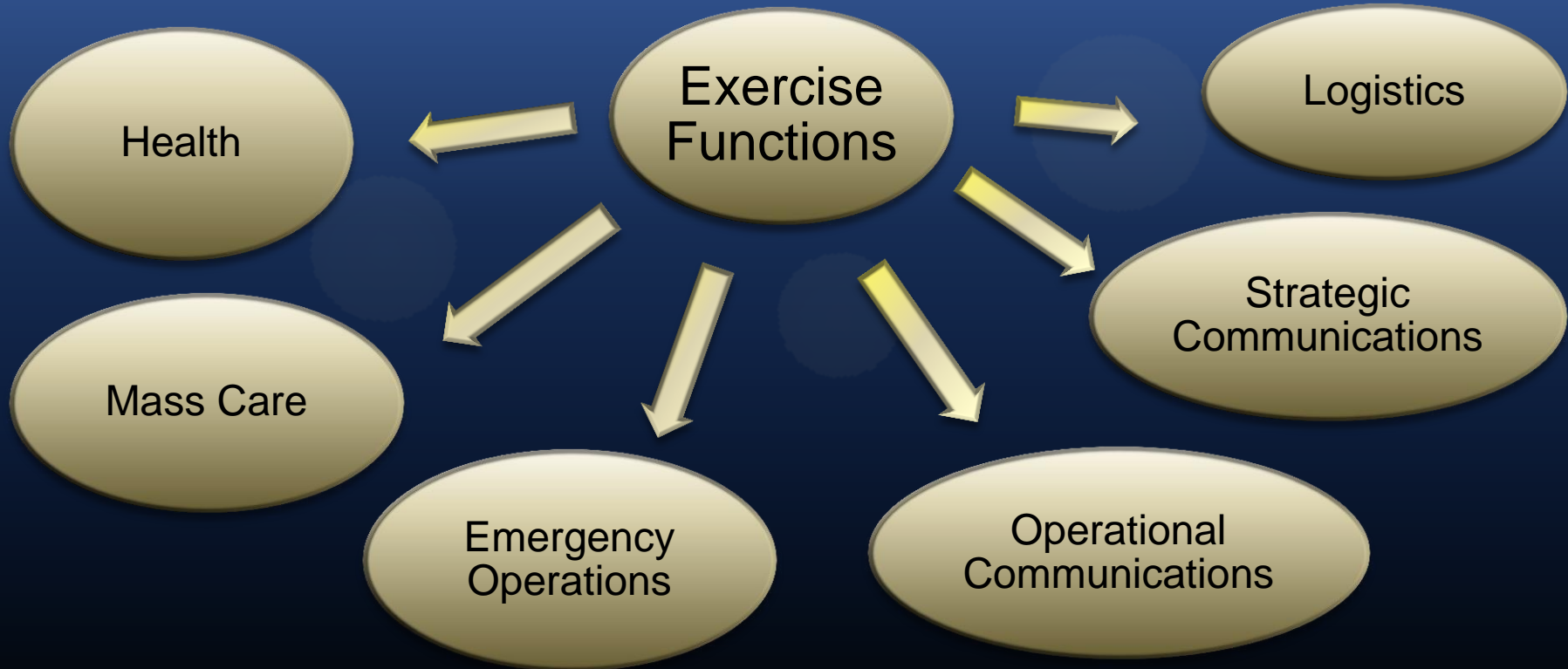
- First provincially led full-scale exercise (\$1.2M)
- High degree of realism, moving people and equipment
- Key Objectives:
 - Activating and testing elements of BCs Earthquake Immediate Response Plan
 - Strengthening stakeholder relationships



Planning Timeline



Key Functions



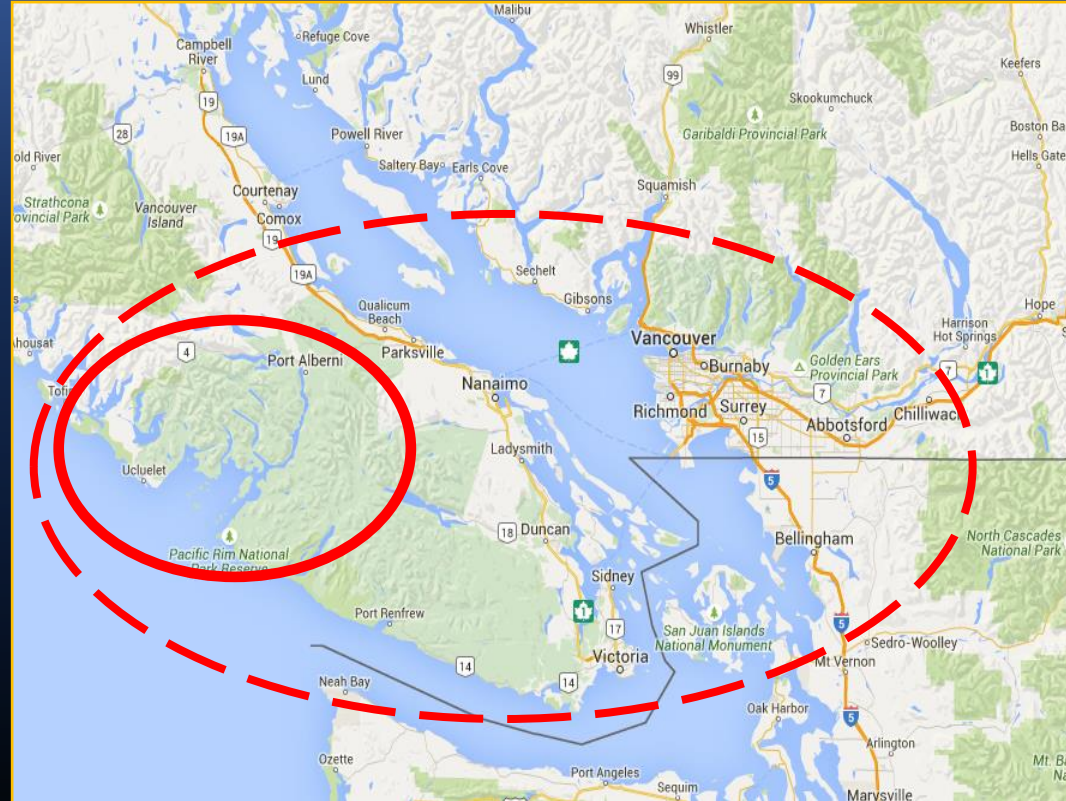
Participation

- Over 65 gov't agencies and NGOs, 600+ Emergency Management personnel, and 300+ volunteers from Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Bamfield
- Training audience: PECC, PREOCs, and EOCs
- Observer program with international participation



Scope of Play

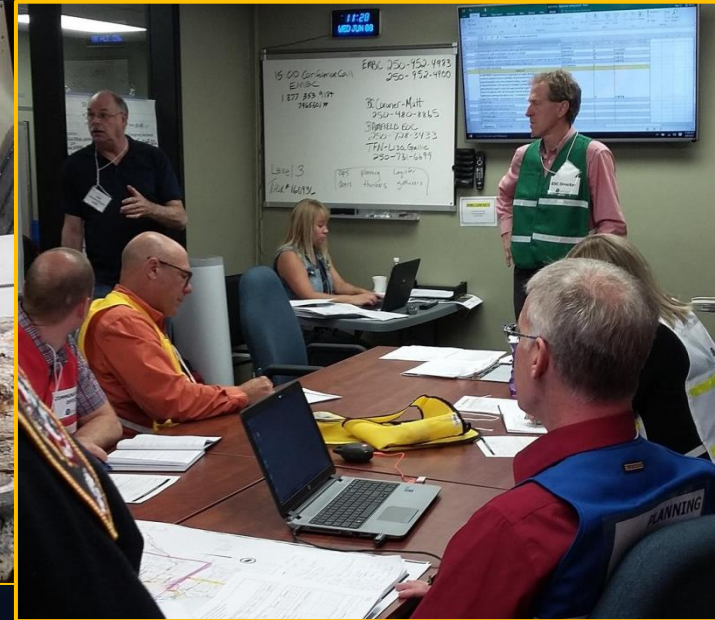
- Provincial impacts
- Localized play



EOC, PREOC, PECC



Port Alberni



Health



Ucluelet, Bamfield



HUSAR



Roll Out



DAY 1

Magnitude 9 earthquake & tsunami

BC Immediate Response Plan activated

PECC/PREOCs activated to level 3

Requests for additional assistance made

Emergency relief deployments begin

DAYS 2-4

Relief resources continue to augment locally

Provincial staging areas become operational

Relief efforts focussed on regional impacts

Increased agency coordination/participation

Federal relief efforts flowing into BC



Evaluation

- Structured process
- External lead evaluator
- Numerous means of feedback/observations
- Regular debrief sessions planned into events

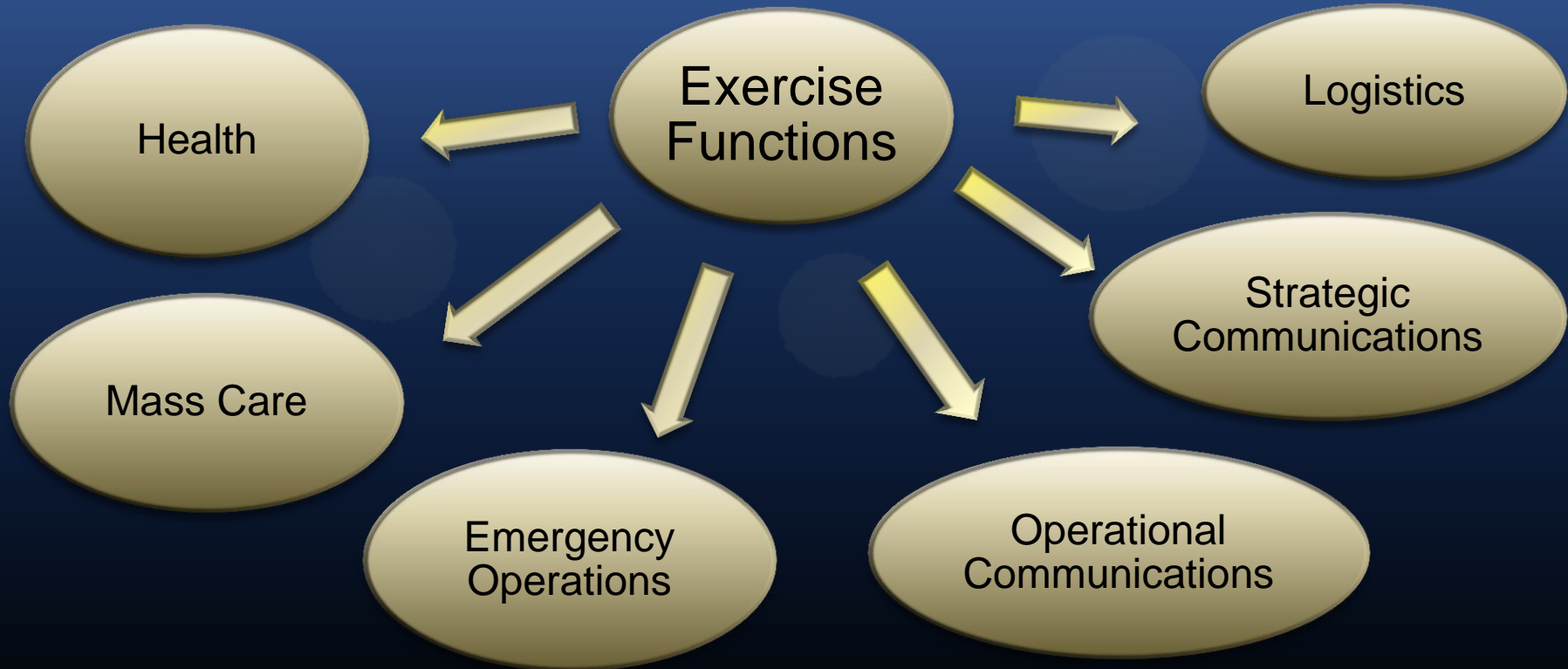


Lessons Learned



- Interagency cooperation is key to success
- Increased staffing capacity needed to sustain operations
- Catastrophic plans require more refinement
- Upgrading of tools, technology and information management
- Ongoing joint training and exercising is critical

Specifically



AAR Report



- Key Points
 - Successful overall, validated specific items of IRP
 - Participation exceeded expectations, particularly with partnered exercises
 - Validated the planning process, template for future exercise cycle
 - Effectively practices EM staff in process and procedures
 - 12 months is too short a time frame for proper planning, need 24 to 36 months
 - Conduct jointly planned Exercise rather than separate exercises
 - Identified numerous areas for improvement, focus of this conference

Next Steps



- 3-4 November – Improvement Plan Coordination Conference - **Completed**
- 7 November – Ministries/agencies commence work on internal IPs
- 15 December – Individual Draft Ministry IPs submitted to WG
- 15 January – Draft Collective Govt Draft IP circulated to all stakeholders for comment
- February (TBA) - Improvement Plan Final Conference
- 1 March – Final Govt IP circulated to all stakeholders for final review
- 31 March – Final Govt IP released

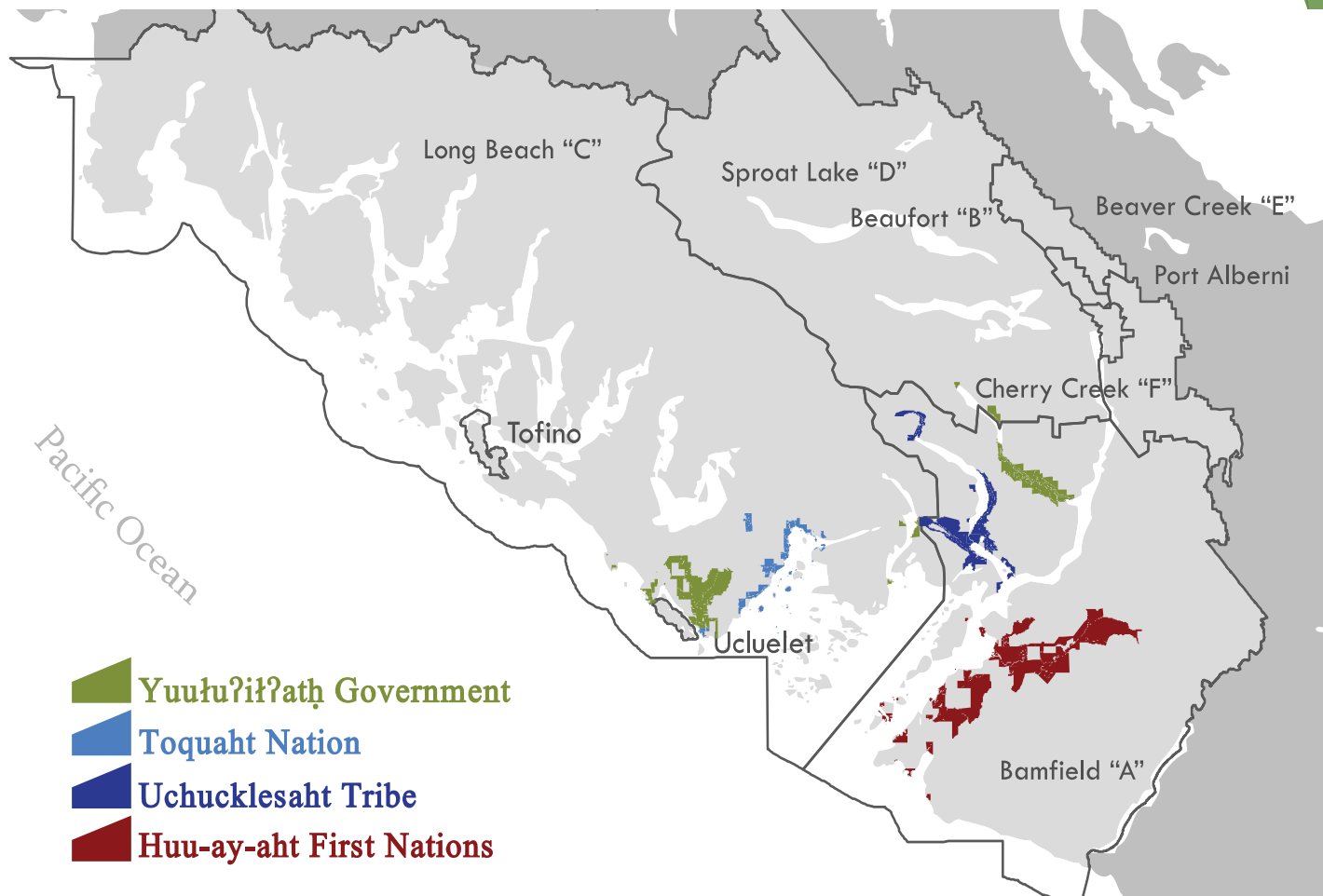


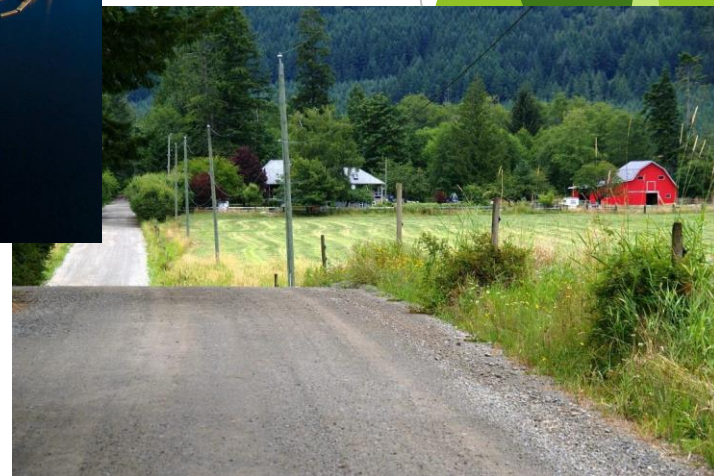
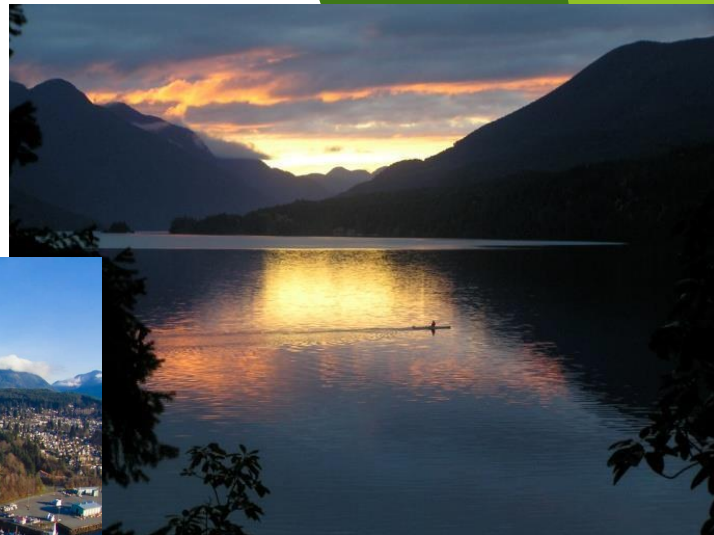
Partnerships
are Key!

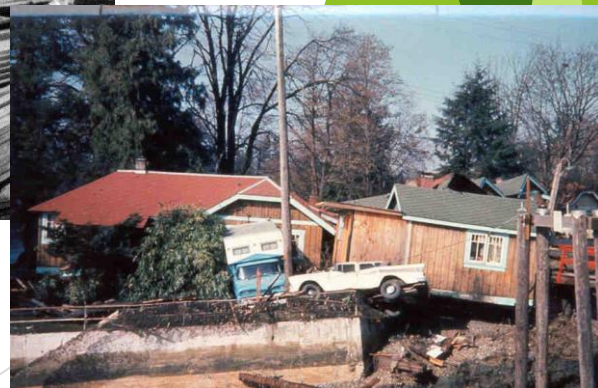
Exercise Coastal Response - the Local Government Experience



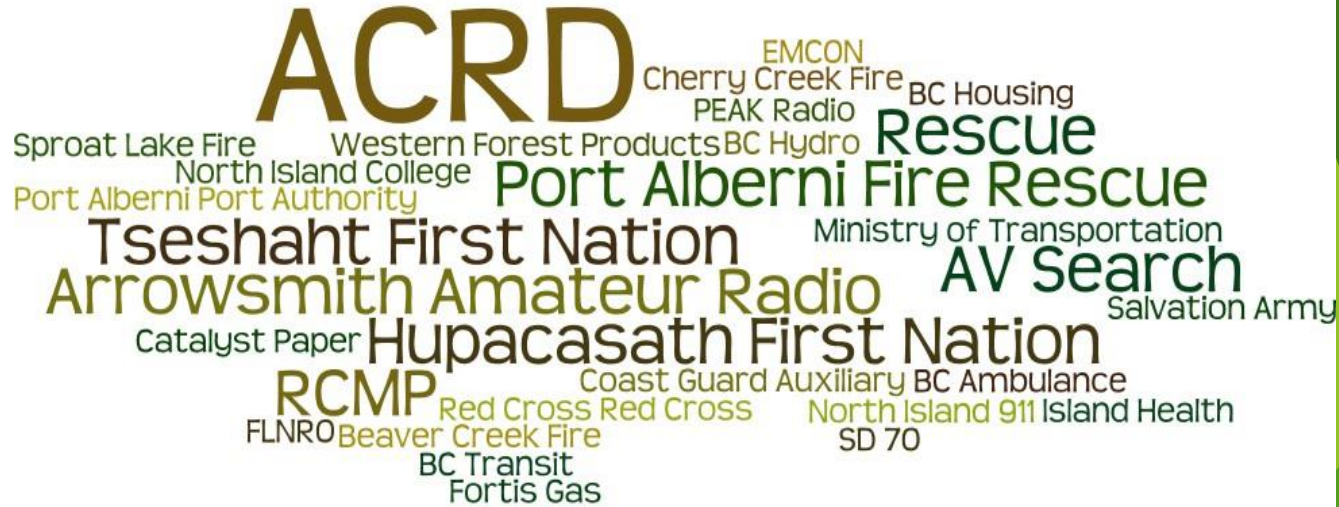
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District







Local agencies.....



Exercise Coastal Response

What was at play?

Emergency Operations Centre

- ▶ 4 days, 10 hour days, 2 shifts/day, 25 personnel per shift
- ▶ Regional District, City of Port Alberni, volunteers and professionals, supplemented with mid island partners
- ▶ Tons of support - evaluators, controllers and tutors - mid island, Justice Institute, Vancouver, Callian, EMBC

Throughout the Region

Tseshaht First Nation, Bamfield, Ucluelet

Salvation Army, Red Cross, Amateur Radio, Port Alberni Fire, Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire

..... 300 Volunteers

Linked to provincial and federal exercises

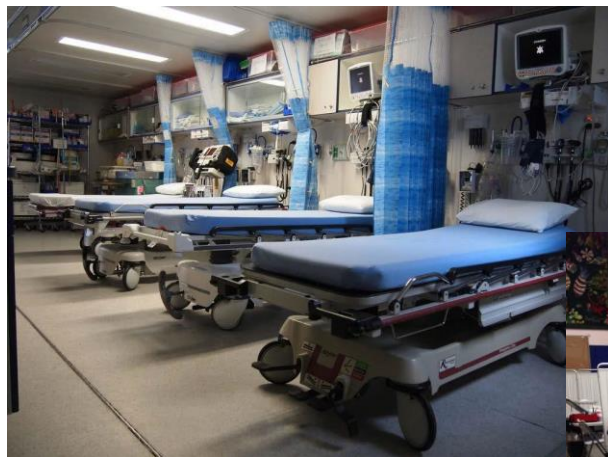














Lessons learned

- ▶ Engaged policy group, and all levels of local government staff
 - ▶ Volunteer and community engagement, good support, team building first - lots of lead time enabled broad public engagement!
 - ▶ Paperwork and process tested to the limits
 - ▶ Very realistic
 - ▶ Involved the organization in a meaningful way- with support and fun
 - ▶ Final report due by end of the month - equipment, training, organization, bylaws
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- ▶ Managing who is in and who is out
 - ▶ living within your means and making it meaningful
 - ▶ Coordinating across the scenario



.....thank you



We're in it Together

