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Tsunami Relief Fund Established

Crescent City, Calif. – Wild Rivers Community Foundation established the **Wild Rivers Tsunami Relief Fund** to help the victims of the devastating tsunami that struck Crescent City, Calif. and Brookings, Ore., destroying harbors and crippling the fishing industry.

During Friday's devastating tsunami, Wild Rivers Community Foundation made contact with the Red Cross to assess the immediate needs of those affected. They were also able to secure \$5,000 from Humboldt Area Foundation to contribute for emergency humanitarian relief. They will continue working with the local Red Cross, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Friends of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and other agencies to ensure that local residents' needs are met.

"Many people, both in the fishing industry and elsewhere in the harbor, will need the support of their community to get back on their feet," said Gary Blatnick, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and Wild Rivers Community Foundation board member. "The industry and individuals working in and around the harbors of both Del Norte [CA] and Curry County [OR] give so much to their respective communities; this is our chance to give them something back."

Tax deductable donations can be submitted to Wild Rivers Community Foundation at 879 J Street, Suite 1 in Crescent City, CA or through our website at www.wildriverscf.org. For more information please call Mary Foote at 707-465-1238 or at 541-412-6277.