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# Final Report Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Analyses and Development of Time Histories for the Port of Alaska



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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the request of Jacobs Engineering Group, this report presents the results of a site-specific probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) and deterministic seismic hazard analysis (DSHA) of the Port of Alaska (Port) near Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the hazard analyses is to develop Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE), Design Earthquake (DE), Contingency Level Earthquake (CLE), and Operating Level Earthquake (OLE) ground motions to be used in the Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 concept and preliminary designs. The associated return periods are 2,475, 975, 475, and 72 years, respectively. This study is in response to requirements of design standards applicable to the design of the new terminal structures. This study updates previous analyses of the Port performed in 2008 and 2014.

The objectives of this study are to estimate the levels of ground motions that could be exceeded at specified annual frequencies (or return periods) at the Port, to compare the PSHA results with the results of a DSHA, and to provide acceleration time histories. In this study, geologic and seismologic data were used to evaluate and characterize potential seismic sources, the likelihood of earthquakes of various magnitudes occurring on those sources, and the likelihood of the earthquakes producing ground motions over a specified level. Traditionally, the PSHA is performed assessing time-independent behavior for seismic sources. In this analysis, as was done in the 2014 study, time-dependent behavior for the portion of the Alaska-Aleutian subduction zone beneath Anchorage was included. Basin amplification not considered in previous studies was also included in these analyses.

Inputs included in the PSHA were a seismic source characterization model, ground motion models (GMMs), and site conditions as parameterized by Vs30 (time-averaged shear wave velocity in the top 30 m). The seismic source model consists of Quaternary faults, crustal background seismicity, and the Alaska subduction zone, both the megathrust, source of the 1964 moment magnitude (M) 9.2 earthquake, and the Wadati-Benioff (intraslab) zone. The NGA-West2 GMMs were used for the crustal seismic sources and the global versions of the NGA-Sub GMMs for the two subduction zone sources. The Vs30 assumed in the analyses was for a firm rock site condition (NEHRP B/C) with a Vs30 of 760 m/sec.

The products of the PSHA included mean, median, and fractile hazard curves, seismic source deaggregation, sensitivity analyses, Uniform Hazard Spectra (UHS) for the four return periods, and Conditional Mean Spectra (CMS) for a return period of 975 years. The peak horizontal ground accelerations for the return periods of 72, 475, 975, and 2,475 years were 0.20, 0.56, 0.79, and 1.19 g, respectively. The hazard is higher than calculated in 2014 due primarily to the relatively new NGA-Sub GMMs. The intraslab zone controls the probabilistic hazard at the Port similar to what was observed in the 2014 study. The megathrust does not contribute to the hazard because it was modeled with time-dependent behavior, and only 58 years have elapsed since the 1964 earthquake. We computed a mean recurrence interval of 594 +/- 162 years for a repeat of the 1964 event based on paleoseismic record. Based on the UHS, 11 sets of horizontal and vertical time histories were developed for the four return periods.



The characterization of seismic sources and ground motions in Alaska has been rapidly evolving. particularly since the last USGS Alaska National Seismic Hazard Maps were released in 2007. New paleoseismic data and information and the development of the NGA-Sub GMMs have resulted in changes in our understanding of seismic hazards in Alaska, and it is expected that the future changes are eminent. In particular, the vetting and implementation of the NGA-Sub GMMs has not been thoroughly performed and so changes are expected. We recommend that the hazard and the seismic design ground motions calculated in this study be reviewed and possibly updated as significant advances in seismic hazards in Alaska are achieved. In particular, at this time the USGS hazard results are not available for us to compare with our site-specific hazard results and this comparison should be made to evaluate potential differences. Differences are to be expected since we implemented a time-dependent model for the Alaska subduction hazard which will decrease our hazard results compared to the USGS which uses only a timeindependent model for all seismic sources. We also included basin effects which will increase the site-specific hazard at long periods compared to the USGS results. Despite these different approaches, the comparisons will be valuable to better understand other differences in both models and approaches.



# **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At the request of Jacobs Engineering Group (Jacobs), this report presents the results of a sitespecific probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA) and deterministic seismic hazard analysis (DSHA) of the Port of Alaska (Port) near Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the hazard analyses is to develop Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE), Design Earthquake (DE), Contingency Level Earthquake (CLE), and Operating Level Earthquake (OLE) ground motions to be used in the Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 concept and preliminary designs. The associated return periods are 2,475, 975, 475, and 72 years, respectively. This study is in response to requirements of design standards applicable to the design of the new terminal structures. This study updates previous analyses of the Port performed in 2008 and 2014 by Wong *et al.* (2008; 2014a; 2014b).

Traditionally, the PSHA is performed assessing time-independent behavior for seismic sources. In this analysis, as was done in the 2014 study (Wong *et al.*, 2014a; 2014b), time-dependent behavior for the portion of the Alaska-Aleutian subduction zone beneath Anchorage was included. Basin amplification not considered in previous studies was also included in these analyses.

The Port of Alaska is located in seismically active south-central Alaska with Quaternary-active faults with the potential for generating earthquakes of at least moment magnitude ( $\mathbf{M}$ ) 6.5 and larger surrounding the site (Figures 1 to 3). The Alaska subduction zone dominates the seismic tectonic setting and the associated Wadati-Benioff zone lies just south of the site (Figure 4). Large-magnitude deep Wadati-Benioff earthquakes contribute to the hazard at the site (Figure 5).

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

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The PSHA methodology used in this study for assessing ground motion hazard allows for the explicit inclusion of the range of possible interpretations of components in the seismic hazard model, including seismic source characterization and ground motion estimation. Uncertainties in models and parameters are incorporated into the PSHA through logic trees (Figure 6).

The following report presents the seismic source characterization, the ground motion models (GMMs) used in the PSHA and DSHA, ground motion hazard results, and time histories.



#### 1.2 Scope of Work

Jacobs requested the following products. Spectra were calculated by performing a site-specific PSHA. Based on the selected design spectra as described below, time histories were developed.

#### ASCE 61-23 (Draft) Firm-Rock Acceleration Response Spectra

Provided 22-point acceleration response spectra (5%-damping) for 72, 475, and 975-year (OLE, CLE, and DE) return periods. The spectra were defined for firm-rock conditions (Site Class B/C). (Note draft planned for release for public comment in 2023).

#### ASCE 7-22 Firm-Rock Acceleration Response Spectra

Provided 22-point acceleration response spectra (5%-damping) for the 2,475-year (MCE) return period. The spectra were defined for firm-rock conditions (Site Class B/C).

#### 475-Year and 975-Year Firm Rock Time Histories

Provided acceleration time histories (or time series) fit to updated 475-year and 975-year firm rock ground acceleration response spectra. Used spectral matching procedures to develop 11 sets of orthogonal horizontal and vertical component time histories where the number of sets is based on the seismic source deaggregation results (i.e., crustal, intraslab, and megathrust) representing the two return periods.

#### 2,475-Year and 72-Year Firm Rock Time Histories

Provided acceleration time histories fit to 2,475-year and 72-year firm rock acceleration response spectra. Used spectral matching procedures to develop at 11 sets of time histories based on the seismic source deaggregation results representing the two return periods.

#### **Condition Mean Spectra**

Conditional mean spectra (CMS) were computed at two spectral periods for a return period of 975 years to evaluate their use for developing time histories in place of Uniform Hazard Spectra (UHS).

#### Report Documentation

Provided a report that documents the seismic hazard model update and the development of the acceleration time histories.

#### Meetings

Attended three (3) 1-hour virtual meetings through MS Teams. Meetings included a kickoff meeting, a progress meeting, and a closeout meeting to discuss results.



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# 2.0 PSHA METHODOLOGY

The PSHA approach used in this study is based on the model developed principally by Cornell (1968). The occurrence of earthquakes on a fault is assumed to be a Poisson process. The Poisson model is widely used and is a reasonable assumption in regions where data are sufficient to provide only an estimate of average recurrence rate (Cornell, 1968). When there are sufficient data to permit a real-time estimate of the occurrence of earthquakes, the probability of exceeding a given value can be modeled as an equivalent Poisson process in which a variable average recurrence rate is assumed. The occurrence of ground motions at the site in excess of a specified level is also a Poisson process, if (1) the occurrence of earthquakes is a Poisson process, and (2) the probability that any one event will result in ground motions at the site in excess of a specified level is independent of the occurrence of other events.

The probability that a ground motion parameter "Z" exceeds a specified value "z" in a time period "t" is given by:

$$p(Z > z) = 1 - e^{-v(z) \cdot t}$$
 (1)

where v(z) is the annual mean number (or rate) of events in which *Z* exceeds *z*. It should be noted that the assumption of a Poisson process for the number of events is not critical. This is because the mean number of events in time t, v(z)•t, can be shown to be a close upper bound on the probability p(Z > z) for small probabilities (less than 0.10) that generally are of interest for engineering applications. The annual mean number of events is obtained by summing the contributions from all sources, that is:

$$v_k(Z > z) = \sum_n v_{kn}(Z > z) \tag{2}$$

where  $v_{kn}$  (*Z*>*z*) is the annual mean number (or rate) of events on source n for which *Z* exceeds *z* at site k. The parameter  $v_{kn}$  (*Z*>*z*) is given by the expression:

$$\nu(Z > z) = \sum_{n} \alpha_n \left( M^0 \right) \int_{M^0}^{M_n^u} f_n(M) \left[ \int_0^\infty f_{kn}(r|M) \cdot P_{kn}(Z > z|M, r) \cdot dr \right] \cdot dM$$
(3)

where  $\alpha_n(M^0)$  is the rate of all earthquakes on source *n* above a minimum magnitude,  $M^0$ ;  $f_n(M)$  is the probability density function of earthquake magnitude between  $M^0$  and a maximum earthquake that source *n* can produce,  $M_n^u$  (i.e., recurrence model);  $f_{kn}(r|M)$  is the conditional probability density function for distance from site *k* to an earthquake of magnitude *M* occurring on source *n*; and  $P_{kn}(Z>z|M,r)$  is the conditional probability that, given an earthquake of magnitude *M* at distance *r* from site *k*, the ground motion (*Z*) will exceed the specified level *z*. Distance *r* is calculated as the closest distance from the rupture to the site.

Calculations were made using LCI's computer program APEX. The program has been validated using the test cases in the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER) Center-sponsored PSHA Computer Program Validation Project (Hale *et al.*, 2018).



#### 2.1 SEISMIC SOURCE CHARACTERIZATION

Four types of earthquake sources are characterized in this PSHA: (1) fault sources; (2) areal (background) source zones; (3) intraslab sources; and (4) megathrust sources (Section 4.1). Fault and megathrust sources are modeled as three-dimensional surfaces and details of their behavior are incorporated into the source characterization. Areal source zones are regions where earthquakes are assumed to occur randomly, and intraslab sources are zones where locations of past earthquakes are assumed to be likely locations of future earthquakes. Seismic sources are modeled in the hazard analysis in terms of geometry and earthquake recurrence.

The geometric source parameters for faults and the megathrust include location, segmentation model, dip, and thickness of the seismogenic crust. The recurrence parameters include recurrence model, recurrence rate (slip rate or average recurrence interval for the maximum event), slope of the recurrence curve (*b*-value), and maximum magnitude. Clearly, the geometry and recurrence are not totally independent. For example, if a fault is modeled with several small segments instead of large segments, the maximum magnitude is lower, and a given slip rate requires many more small earthquakes to accommodate a cumulative seismic moment. For areal source zones and intraslab sources, only the areas, thickness, maximum magnitude, and recurrence parameters (based on the historical earthquake record) need to be defined.

As described below, uncertainties in the seismic source parameters, which are sometimes large, were incorporated into the PSHA using a logic tree approach (Figure 6). In this procedure, values of the source parameters are represented by the branches of logic trees with weights that define the distribution of values. A sample logic tree for a fault is shown on Figure 6. In general, three values for each parameter were weighted and used in the analysis. Statistical analyses by Keefer and Bodily (1983) indicate that a three-point distribution of 5<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles weighted 0.185, 0.63, and 0.185 (rounded to 0.2, 0.6, and 0.2), respectively, is the best discrete approximation of a continuous distribution. Alternatively, they found that the 10<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles weighted 0.3, 0.4, and 0.3, respectively, can be used when limited available data make it difficult to determine the extreme tails (i.e., the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles) of a distribution. Note that the weights associated with the percentiles are not equivalent to probabilities for these values. but rather are weights assigned to define the distribution. We generally applied these guidelines in developing distributions for seismic source parameters with continuous distributions (e.g., Mmax, fault dip, slip rate or recurrence) unless the available data suggested otherwise. Estimating the 5<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, or even 50<sup>th</sup> percentiles is typically challenging and involves subjective judgment given limited available data.

#### 2.1.1 Source Geometry

In the PSHA, it is assumed that earthquakes of a certain magnitude may occur randomly along the length of a given fault or segment. The distance from an earthquake to the site is dependent on the source geometry, the size and shape of the rupture on the fault plane, and the likelihood of the earthquake occurring at different points along the fault length. The distance to the fault is defined to be consistent with the specific ground motion model used to calculate the ground



motions. The distance, therefore, is dependent on both the dip and depth of the fault plane, and a separate distance function is calculated for each geometry and each ground motion model. The size and shape of the rupture on the fault plane are dependent on the magnitude of the earthquake; larger events rupture longer and wider portions of the fault plane. We modeled the rupture dimensions following the magnitude-rupture area and rupture-width relationships of Wells and Coppersmith (1994).

#### 2.1.2 Recurrence

The recurrence relationships for the seismic sources are modeled using the truncated-exponential Gutenberg-Richter, characteristic earthquake, and the maximum magnitude recurrence models (Section 4.1). These models are weighted (Figure 6) to represent our judgment on their applicability to the sources. For the areal source zones and intraslab, only a truncated exponential recurrence relationship is assumed to be appropriate.

We have used the general approach of Molnar (1979) and Anderson (1979) to arrive at the recurrence for the truncated exponential model. The number of events exceeding a given magnitude, N(m), for the truncated exponential relationship is

$$N(m) = \alpha(m^{o}) \frac{10^{-b(m-m^{o})} - 10^{-b(m^{u}-m^{o})}}{1 - 10^{-b(m^{u}-m^{0})}}$$
(4)

where  $\alpha$  ( $m^{\circ}$ ) is the annual frequency of occurrence of earthquakes greater than the minimum magnitude,  $m^{\circ}$ ; *b* is the Gutenberg-Richter parameter defining the slope of the recurrence curve; and  $m^{u}$  is the upper-bound magnitude event that can occur on the source. A  $m^{\circ}$  of **M** 5.0 was used for the hazard calculations because smaller events are not considered likely to produce ground motions with sufficient energy to damage well-designed structures.

We have included the model where faults rupture with a "characteristic" magnitude on specific segments; this model is described by Aki (1983) and Schwartz and Coppersmith (1984). For the characteristic model, we have used the numerical model of Youngs and Coppersmith (1985). In the characteristic model, the number of events exceeding a given magnitude is the sum of the characteristic events and the non-characteristic events. The characteristic events are distributed uniformly over a  $\pm$  0.25 magnitude unit around the characteristic magnitude, and the remainder of the moment rate is distributed exponentially using the equation (4) with a maximum magnitude 0.25 unit lower than the characteristic magnitude (Youngs and Coppersmith, 1985).

The maximum magnitude model can be regarded as an extreme version of the characteristic model. We adopted the model proposed by Wesnousky (1986). In the maximum magnitude model, there is no exponential portion of the recurrence curve (i.e., no events can occur between the minimum **M** 5.0 and the distribution about the maximum magnitude). The model is a normal distribution centered on the characteristic magnitude and truncated at the upper end of the range at two standard deviations. The standard deviation used is 0.12 magnitude units.



The recurrence rates for the fault sources and megathrust are defined by either the slip rate or the average return time for the maximum or characteristic event and the recurrence *b*-value. Slip rate can be used to compute the activity rate by balancing the long-term accumulation of seismic moment with the long-term release of seismic moment in earthquakes. The slip rate is used to calculate the moment rate on the fault using the following equation defining the seismic moment:

$$M_{o} = \mu A D \tag{5}$$

where  $M_o$  is the seismic moment,  $\mu$  is the shear modulus, A is the area of the rupture plane, and D is the slip on the plane. Differentiating with respect to time results in the moment rate as a function of slip rate:

$$\dot{M}_{o} = \mu A S \tag{6}$$

where  $\dot{M}_{o}$  is the moment rate and S is the slip rate. Equation 6 defines the annual rate of buildup of seismic moment. The long-term rate of seismic moment release is a function of the seismic moment released during an earthquake of a given magnitude and the distribution of magnitudes of earthquakes that occur.  $M_{o}$  has been related to moment magnitude, M, by Hanks and Kanamori (1979):

$$M = 2/3 \log M_0 - 10.7$$
(7)

Using this relationship and the relative frequency of different magnitude events from the recurrence model, the slip rate can be used to estimate the absolute frequency of different magnitude events.

The average return time for the characteristic or maximum magnitude event defines the high magnitude (low likelihood) end of the recurrence curve. When combined with the relative frequency of different magnitude events from the recurrence model, the recurrence curve is established.

#### 2.2 GROUND MOTION CHARACTERIZATION

To characterize the ground motions at a specified site as a result of the seismic sources considered in the PSHA and DSHA, we used empirical GMMs for spectral accelerations. The models used in this study were selected based on the appropriateness of the site conditions and tectonic environment for which they were developed (Figure 6; Section 4.2).

Ground motions are generally assumed to be lognormally distributed. However, studies (e.g., GeoPentech, 2015) have demonstrated that ground motions deviate from the generally assumed lognormal distribution at epsilon ( $\epsilon$ ) values greater than about 2.5, where  $\epsilon$  is the number of standard deviations above or below the median ground motion intensity. As part of the Southwestern United States Ground Motion Characterization SSHAC Level 3 study (GeoPentech, 2015), residuals for the Next Generation of Attenuation (NGA)-West2 models were examined at



various epsilon values, and it was determined that the within-event residuals had "fat tails" in that there was a higher probability of extremes (at both high and low epsilon) than predicted by a lognormal distribution. To adequately model these fat tails, a mixture model was developed, which consists of two equally weighted lognormal distributions: one model having a mean of zero and log standard deviation of 0.8 times sigma (from the individual GMMs) and the second model having a mean of zero and log standard deviation of 1.2 times sigma. The mixture model was implemented in this study for both the NGA-West2 and NGA-Sub GMMs. Five standard deviations about the median value were included in the analysis.



# 3.0 SEISMOTECTONIC SETTING AND HISTORICAL SEISMICITY

The seismotectonic setting and the historical seismicity of the site region are described below.

#### 3.1 SEISMOTECTONIC SETTING

Alaska is one of the most seismically active parts of the U.S. (Figures 1, 2, and 5). Earthquakes in southern Alaska result primarily from interactions between the Pacific and North American plates (Figure 7). Northwestward motion of the Pacific plate relative to the North American plate is accommodated by subduction of the Pacific plate at the Alaska-Aleutian megathrust and by dextral transform faulting in southeastern Alaska on the Queen Charlotte and Fairweather fault zones (Figure 4). Most damaging earthquakes in Alaska have occurred on the main megathrust plate boundary interface. Zoback and Zoback (1991) state that the direction of principal maximum stress in the Aleutian subduction zone area is north-northwest, consistent with direction of relative motion between the Pacific and North American plates. Convergence across the Alaska-Aleutian trench in the eastern part of the subduction zone, where Anchorage lies, occurs at a rate of about 5.4 cm/yr, and transform motion occurs at a slightly slower rate across the transform boundary to the southeast (Demets and Dixon, 1999). The eastern end of the subduction zone is complex because of the change from subduction, where the plates converge nearly perpendicularly, to the transform boundary defined by the Queen Charlotte and Fairweather fault zones (Figure 4).

Earthquakes occur in several settings within the subduction zone: (1) bending-moment normal fault events in the Pacific plate near and seaward of the trench, (2) megathrust earthquakes that have a maximum depth of seismic coupling of about 35 to 40 km (Tichelaar and Ruff, 1993), (3) events within the down-going slab (Wadati-Benioff zone) to depths of about 150 km in the Gulf of Alaska region (Davies and House, 1979), and (4) within the upper North American plate, north of the plate interface. Davies and House (1979) and Tichelaar and Ruff (1993) argue that low levels of seismicity in the megathrust zone to about 40 km depth suggests that these shallow zones are dominated by great earthquakes and their aftershocks, with little inter-event seismicity. Conversely, the Wadati-Benioff zone below about 40 km shows relatively continual seismicity. Earthquakes within the Pacific plate, south of the Aleutian trench, are relatively rare.

The area of collision where the subduction and transform systems merge includes what Perez and Jacob (1980) call the Yakutat block (microplate). In this region, the Aleutian trench shallows and the plate boundary turns southeast along the Transition fault, the southwestern boundary of the Yakutat block (Figures 4, 5, and 7). The Yakutat block is tightly coupled to the Pacific plate; it moves northeastward at about 5 cm/yr in a direction about 10 to 20 degrees to west (counterclockwise) of the Pacific plate's direction. Northeast of the Transition fault, at the Yakutat block's eastern margin, the block is separated from the North American plate by the right-lateral Fairweather-Queen Charlotte fault system (Figure 4). The northwestern part of the Yakutat block is subducted beneath the North American plate, and it, along with the Pacific plate, dip more shallowly than the Pacific plate dips farther to the west (Brocher *et al.*, 1994).



The Denali fault defines the northeast boundary of the Saint Elias block, and farther to the north it separates the Wrangell block from the North American plate (Plafker *et al.*, 1994). The Denali fault is predominantly a right-lateral strike slip fault. It lies within and is parallel to the active transpressional Alaska Range orogen for much of its length across south-central Alaska (Bemis *et al.*, 2015). The Totschunda fault system is a younger right-lateral splay of the Denali fault system that separates the Saint Elias and Wrangell blocks (Plafker *et al.*, 1994; Bemis *et al.*, 2015). It has a slip rate of between 10 and 20 mm/yr (Plafker *et al.*, 1994). To the north and west, the Denali fault curves to a more westerly and then southwesterly strike (Figures 3 and 4). At the longitude of Anchorage, the Denali fault strikes to the southwest and the Castle Mountain and Lake Clark faults, south of the Denali fault, roughly parallel it (Figure 3). The epicenter of the 2002 **M** 7.9 Denali earthquake was north-northwest of Anchorage, near where the Denali fault changes from a northwest to a northeast strike (Figure 1).

The site is located near the northeastern corner of the Cook Inlet, a forearc basin bounded by the Kenai Mountains to the southeast, the Aleutian Range to the west, and the Caste Mountain fault along its northeastern margin. The basin is characterized by numerous northeast and north-trending folds that have accommodated Tertiary and Quaternary shortening related to subduction of the Pacific Plate. Haeussler *et al.* (2000) indicate that much of the shortening is Pliocene and younger. Several of the Cook Inlet folds are included in the crustal source model and represent some of the closest sources to the Port of Alaska (POA). Because many of the sources are offshore and/or do not clearly fault postglacial surficial deposits, slip rates for the associated faults carry broad uncertainties.

#### 3.2 HISTORICAL SEISMICITY

The Alaska subduction zone experienced four great earthquakes in the  $20^{th}$  century, including three of the largest earthquakes of the century. From east to west, these included the 1964 Great Alaska earthquake (**M** 9.2), the 1938 earthquake off the Alaska Peninsula (**M** 8.2), the 1957 Andreanof earthquake (**M** 9.1), and the 1965 Rat Island earthquake (**M** 8.7).

The project seismicity catalog was obtained from the USGS and is a subset of a preliminary catalog for use in the National Seismic Hazard Map Project update of the Alaska seismic hazard maps (USGS, 2021). The catalog, which spans the period of 1882 through December 2020, was compiled from the USGS ComCat and GSCanada catalogs and encompasses a region extending over 500 km around the project site (Figure 1).

Events in the 2021 USGS compilation were provided with magnitudes of type "expected **M**" (E[**M**]), which is derived from either (1) "observed" **M** from inversion of long-period waveforms or surfacewave spectra, (2) magnitude types Richter local magnitude ( $M_L$ ) and duration magnitude ( $M_D$ ) assumed equivalent to **M**, or (3) magnitude types converted to **M** following EPRI/DOE/NRC (2012) (Petersen *et al.*, 2014). *N*\* values were provided for earthquakes in the 2021 USGS compilation. Instead of using the observed number of earthquakes for recurrence calculations, *N*\* values are used to estimate unbiased recurrence parameters (EPRI/DOE/NRC, 2012).



The final project seismicity catalog represents a catalog of  $E[M] \ge 3$  earthquakes in the greater project region. In the figures and text of this report, we commonly refer to these magnitudes as **M** rather than E[M] for simplicity.

#### 3.2.1 Significant Earthquakes

The following describes the significant earthquakes within 200 km of the site (Figure 1) and the 2002 Denali earthquake (Figure 5).

#### Pre-Instrumental Seismicity

Instrumentation in Alaska was sparse prior to the 1964 Great Alaska earthquake. At the time there were only two instruments: at Sitka installed in 1904 and the University of Alaska at Anchorage installed in 1935. After the 1964 earthquake, four more instruments were installed by 1996 creating the regional network in central and southern Alaska (Page *et al.*, 1991). In 1967 the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center was established with six instruments to respond to the pressing need for detecting potentially tsunamigenic earthquakes (Page *et al.*, 1991).

#### Instrumental Seismicity

The 1964 earthquake introduced the need for more instrumentation in the Alaska region, including the Aleutian Islands. By the early 1970's, continental Alaska had over 40 instruments. With the onset of oil exploration in the late 1970's, there were at least four 17-station regional networks in operation at one time (Page *et al.*, 1991). The USArray Temporary Array project installed 197 temporary seismic stations throughout Alaska between 2014 to 2017, 107 of which were acquired as permanent stations by the Alaska Earthquake Center between 2019 to 2020, and are operated by the Alaska Earthquake Center, the Arctic Observing Network Program, and the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AEC, 2022). There are currently about 250 stations in the Alaska Regional Seismic Network (Ruppert *et al.*, 2022).

There are 2,135 earthquakes of  $\mathbf{M} \ge 3.5$  within 200 km of the site with 159 of  $\mathbf{M} \ge 5.0$  (Figure 1). There have been five events of  $\mathbf{M} \ge 7.0$  within 200 km of the site (Figure 1). The closest significant earthquake, approximately 13 km northwest of the site, occurred on 30 November 2018 (Figure 2). An earthquake of **M** 7.6 in 1943 occurred 86 km northwest of the site.

#### 3 November 1943 M 7.6 Earthquake

The 3 November 1943 **M** 7.6 earthquake was felt in Anchorage, McGrath, and Bethel. In Anchorage, doors swung and windows rattled (Bodle, 1945). In Bethel, the community closest to the epicenter, the ground shaking lasted 20 seconds and buildings swayed. Ice from nearby frozen lakes and streams cracked for an hour after the shock (Bodle, 1945).



#### 25 June 1951 M 6.3 Earthquake

The closest significant earthquake aside from the 2018 **M** 7.1 earthquake occurred on 25 June 1951 approximately 20 km southwest of the site (Figure 2). The **M** 6.3 earthquake caused light fixtures to sway, parked cars to jump, and containers to fall from top shelves (Murphy and Cloud, 1953). The local radio station reported the phonographs rolled out of their files. The event was also felt in Cordova, Palmer, and Spenard, where the strongest shaking was felt (Murphy and Cloud, 1953).

#### 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake

The Great Alaskan **M** 9.2 earthquake of 28 March 1964 was one of the most violent earthquakes on record and possibly the second largest earthquake ever recorded (Kanamori, 1977). The earthquake was felt over 1.8 million km<sup>2</sup> in Alaska, and the Yukon Territory and British Columbia, Canada (Figure 8; Hake and Cloud, 1966). Rupture initiated about 100 km east of Anchorage along the Prince William Sound asperity (e.g., Christensen and Beck, 1994; Johnson *et al.*, 1996). The source mechanism for the 1964 earthquake is sinistral-reverse slip with a displacement of about 20 m. The maximum resulting surface displacements were on the order of 10 m in Prince William Sound with smaller amounts of subsidence on the Kenai Peninsula towards Anchorage (Plaflker, 1969). Surface deformation was noted over a zone about 140 km wide.

The greatest amount of damage from the earthquake occurred in Anchorage, which recorded a Modified Mercalli (MM) intensity VIII (Figure 8; Stover and Coffman, 1993). Numerous landslides, rockslides, and avalanches were triggered from the strong ground shaking felt in the area. In addition, fractures and cracking developed in unconsolidated deposits, while mud spouts, slumping, and boils were observed in areas of compaction (Hake and Cloud, 1966). Observers in Anchorage documented shaking lasting between 4 to 5 minutes. There were 15 deaths attributed to the earthquake and another 113 following the related tsunami (USGS, 2008). The most destruction was attributed to four major landslides, two of which were near the Port; one at L Street, and the second at Turnagain Heights. The L Street slide was over 244 m wide and 0.8 km long with shearing at the base, causing buildings to slide off foundations and buildings at the head of the slide to topple over (Hake and Cloud, 1966). The Turnagain Heights slide was larger, 300 m by 2.4 km, leaving a 15 m vertical scarp. Over 70 homes were destroyed by the slide at Turnagain Heights (Hake and Cloud, 1966).

#### 30 November 2018 M 7.1 Anchorage Earthquake

The 2018 **M** 7.1 Anchorage earthquake occurred approximately 13 km northwest of the site at a depth of 47 km within the subducting slab and was consistent with Pacific plate extension (West *et al.*, 2019) (Figure 2). Within the first six months following the mainshock, approximately 300 felt aftershocks (including 24 events of **M** > 4.5) were recorded. West *et al.* (2019) stated that strong to severe shaking was felt by over half of Alaska's population, though the most violent shaking was not felt due to the earthquake's depth. Moderate to strong shaking spanned a broad region,



with the highest reported peak horizontal ground acceleration (PGA) value of 0.5 g and PGA values of 0.25 g were reported across an area of > 8,000 km<sup>2</sup> (West *et al.*, 2019). The estimated ground shaking at the Port was MM VII (Figure 9).

Grant *et al.* (2020) documented observations of ground failure caused by the event by creating an initial inventory of liquefaction, landslides, crack traces, and incipient landslides. They found that landslides triggered by the 1964 Alaska earthquake did not reactivate with significant downslope movement (extensional cracks 1 to 2 cm wide) as a result of the 2018 event, and that most landslides and liquefaction observed had permanent deformation less than approximately 20 cm (Grant *et al.*, 2020). However, flow slides within highway fill, widespread lateral spreading and/or riverbank slumping, and extensional cracking and possible incipient landslides were noted in other locations (Grant *et al.*, 2020). In general, based on the magnitude of the 2018 event alone, less ground failure over a smaller spatial area occurred than would have been expected; this is likely due to the focal depth and mechanism of the event (Grant *et al.*, 2020).

#### 3.2.2 Local Seismicity

Within 50 km of the Port, there are 363 events of  $M \ge 3.5$ , 145 events of  $M \ge 4.0$ , 69 events of  $M \ge 4.5$ , 31 events of  $M \ge 5.0$ , 11 events of  $M \ge 5.5$ , and four events of  $M \ge 6.0$  (Figure 1). The closest event to the Project area was an M 3.7 earthquake that occurred on 12 February 2019 approximately 4 km northwest of the Port (Figure 1). The largest event within 50 km of the Port was the 2018 M 7.1 earthquake approximately 13 km northwest of the Port (Figure 1).



# 4.0 INPUTS TO ANALYSES

The following section discusses the characterization of the seismic sources and the GMMs implemented in the PSHA and DSHA.

#### 4.1 SEISMIC SOURCES

Seismic source characterization is concerned with three fundamental elements: (1) the identification, location, and geometry of significant sources of earthquakes; (2) the maximum size of the earthquakes associated with these sources; and (3) the rate at which the earthquakes occur. The seismic source model includes crustal faults capable of generating large surface-faulting earthquakes within about 100 km of the Port as well as faults with particularly high slip rates between 100 to 200 km of the Port site (Section 4.1.1), background crustal seismicity that cannot be attributed to identified faults explicitly included in the seismic source model (Section 4.1.3), and potential earthquakes associated with the megathrust and intraslab zones of the Alaska subduction zone (Section 4.1.4).

#### 4.1.1 Crustal Fault Sources

Fault parameters required in the PSHA include: (1) rupture model (including independent single plane and potentially linked models); (2) probability of activity; (3) fault geometry including rupture length, rupture width, fault orientation, and sense of slip; (4) maximum or characteristic magnitude [Mmax]; and (5) earthquake recurrence including both recurrence model and rates. These parameters are discussed generally below. Selected seismic sources that contribute the most to the hazard are specifically discussed in subsequent sections. We have explicitly incorporated the uncertainties in each parameter through logic trees, as shown in Figure 6.

The seismic source characterization of faults used in this study is based principally on Alaska fault data compiled in the 2013 USGS Quaternary Faults and Folds database (Koehler *et al.*, 2012, 2013), and the 2023 Alaska National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM; Bender *et al.*, 2021a, 2021b). In addition, LCI reviewed previous PSHA studies relevant to the study area (Wong *et al.*, 2008; 2014), as well as fault-specific publications, such as Haeussler and Saltus (2011), Willis *et al.* (2007), Haeussler *et al.* (2017), and Liberty *et al.* (2013). The seismic source model also incorporated information from email correspondence with Peter Haeussler, a leading expert familiar with the geologic and seismotectonic setting in the study. Each seismic source is characterized using the latest geologic, seismological, and paleoseismic data and the currently accepted models of fault behavior. All known active or potentially active faults within 200 km of the Port were included in the analyses (Figure 10). We included faults that we judge to be at least potentially active and that would potentially contribute to the probabilistic hazard because of their maximum earthquakes and/or proximity to the site. Table 1 shows the parameters for the crustal faults included in the source model.

Faults are generally modeled as single, independent, planar sources (Figure 10). We calculate preferred maximum earthquake magnitudes using the empirical relationships from Wells and



Coppersmith (1994) for magnitude-rupture length (all faults), and Leonard (2010) for area, weighted equally. Rupture area is calculated from rupture length and width; rupture length estimates are straight line end-to-end distances taken from mapped fault lengths and widths are the down-dip extent of the planar fault.

Based on the observed focal depths in the modern portion of the historical record, assumed seismogenic depth ranges are somewhat variable. In general, maximum seismogenic thickness falls in the range of 10 to 25 km, with minimum depth assumed to be zero unless otherwise noted. Specific depth ranges are noted in Table 1.

In these analyses, we model all faults as planar sources that extend the full extent of the seismogenic crust. Thus, fault dips are averages estimated over the seismogenic crust. Near-surface and crustal fault dip data were available for many of the faults included in the source characterization. Sources with oblique or lateral slip components typically have steep dip values of 75 to 90° (weighted 0.6)  $\pm$  15-20° (weighted 0.2). Faults with primarily dip slip components are assigned fault dips based on their interpreted style of faulting and any available data to constrain dip (Table 1).

In assigning probabilities of activity (P[a]) for each fault source, we considered both the likelihood that the structure exists and is capable of independently generating earthquakes (i.e., is seismogenic), and the likelihood that it is still active within the modern stress field. We incorporated many factors in assessing these likelihoods, such as: orientation relative to the modern stress field, fault geometry (length, continuity, depth extent, and dip), relation to other faults, age of youngest movement, geomorphic expression, amount of cumulative offset, rates of activity, similarity to known active faults, and any evidence for a non-tectonic origin. Faults with definitive evidence for repeated Quaternary activity were generally assigned probabilities of being active and seismogenic of 1.0. Exceptions include faults that may be secondary and dependent on other faults, and faults that do not show definitive evidence for repeated Quaternary activity. Resulting probabilities range from 0.2 to 1.0 (Table 1). The Patton Bay and Montague Strait faults, while clearly active, are both assigned P(a) values of 0.2 to represent their potential rupturing independently of the subduction zone as capable seismic sources.

As recurrence interval data are generally lacking for local faults, we used slip rates to characterize rates of fault activity (Table 1). Based on available GPS velocity data and deformed Quaternary landforms, there are reasonable constraints on slip rate for sources in the region. Preferred slip rate values typically range from 0.05 mm/yr to 11.0 mm/yr (Table 1).

The uncertainty in the slip rates and the other input parameters is accommodated in the PSHA through logic trees (Figure 6). Uncertainties in determining recurrence models can significantly impact the hazard analysis. We considered the maximum magnitude and characteristic recurrence models for the fault sources. Observations of historical seismicity and paleoseismic investigations along faults in the western U.S. (e.g., San Andreas fault) suggest that characteristic behavior is more likely for individual faults (Schwartz and Coppersmith, 1984). Therefore, for most



fault sources, we favored the characteristic model (weight of 0.7), while the maximum-magnitude model was weighted 0.3.

A total of 19 seismic sources were characterized in this study; each is described in detail in Table 1 and shown on Figure 10. The majority of these sources form three types of tectonic structures that accommodate regional transpression and block rotations, and contribute to seismicity in the study area:

- Steeply dipping, right-lateral strike-slip faults (the Denali, Castle Mountain, Lake Clark), accommodating dextral deformation of southern and interior Alaska associated with the Yakutat plate convergence. We consider several rupture models for these and other sources that include, floating, full, and segmented ruptures. Additionally, we utilized a layered approach for the Castle Mountain fault to better accommodate along-strike slip rate variation. (The Lake Clark fault has been recently declassified as a Quaternary fault - Peter Haeussler, USGS, verbal communication, Nov 2022).
- 2. Variably oriented faults located between the Denali and Castle Mountain faults (e.g., Broad Pass, Kahiltna, Leech Lake, Pass Creek), that collectively accommodate shortening and rotation between the two dextral fault zones.
- 3. Low angle, northeast-striking thrust faults associated with fold growth/shortening in the Cook Inlet (e.g., Kenai lowlands, Middle Ground Shoal, Lewis River). These sources represent causative faults for the numerous faults in the Cook Inlet region.

#### Significant Fault Sources

The following summarizes the significant crustal fault sources included in the seismic source model. Summaries for other fault sources not discussed below are included in Table 1.

#### Castle Mountain – Caribou Fault System

At a distance of 38 km from the Port, the Holocene-active Castle Mountain – Caribou Fault System is the closest fault source to the site with a preferred slip rate greater than 1mm/yr. Based on mapping by Detterman *et al.* (1976) and seismicity analysis following the 1984  $m_b$  5.7 earthquake and aftershock sequence (Lahr *et al.*, 1986), the fault likely dips approximately 70° to 90° north. Willis *et al.* (2007) documented post-last glacial maximum (LGM) displacements along the western section of the fault zone and calculated dextral slip rates that ranged from 2.1 to 3.6 mm/yr with no more than a few meters of vertical displacement. More recent work in preparation for the Alaska hazard map update presented by Tape and Haeussler (2019) documents mostly vertical deformation along the fault from detailed topography review. However, based on the focal mechanisms (e.g., Lahr *et al.*, 1986), near-vertical fault, evidence for limited shortening related to the last three or four events (Haeussler *et al.*, 2002), and evidence for primarily lateral displacement (Willis *et al.*, 2007, this study), we model the fault as primarily strike-slip. Along the Holocene active section, our review of the LiDAR-based 10-m digital elevation model (DEM) found



an obvious and remarkably linear to curvilinear series of scarps that each extend largely unbroken for many kilometers. These scarps are typically several meters high and almost exclusively display down-to-the-southeast displacement. The section with unequivocal post-LGM morphology extends for at least 62 km (modeled as 80 km given limitations of fault visibility at east and west ends) and has a midpoint that is nearly the closest approach of the fault to the POA.

En-echelon left-steps along the fault are locally abundant. Additionally, the few locations of clear left (restraining) and right (releasing) steps are associated with localized graben and/or bulges interpreted to represent localized extension and shortening, respectively. These features are consistent with a dextral fault accommodating some oblique shortening on a north-dipping structure.

Based on evidence for repeated Holocene activity along the Western section (recurrence interval of ~700 years), with only Pleistocene activity identified on the Eastern section (Haeussler et al., 2002), we consider a layered model for the Castle Mountain fault. This is the only fault in the Anchorage area (< 50 km) with both a constrained slip rate and a constrained Late Holocene earthquake chronology. The fault has ruptured four times during the past 2,700 years (Haeussler et al., 2002). To adequately model hazard along the highest rate section of the Castle Mountain, we utilize two segments in a layered format for the western section; the geomorphically youthful 62-km section carries 75% of the total western section target rate while the full western section carries the remaining 25% (distributed over two layers), resulting in overlap section carrying the full rate of 0.5, 3.0, and 4.0 mm/yr, respectively (Figure 11). Because of the apparent along-strike continuity of the fault in map view between the Western and Eastern sections, we also include a floating rupture model that is allowed to rupture anywhere along the fault system. However, this is given a relatively low weight (Table 1) because of the paleoseismic record that clearly shows the Western Castle Mountain fault has repeatedly ruptured during the Holocene, while the Eastern Castle Mountain (Caribou) fault has not. This is consistent with the clear morphology along the western section and apparent lack thereof on the eastern section. Due to this apparent lack of recent activity, and the suggestion that the slip rate should decrease to the east due to being on the edge of the Yakutat – North America collision that may drive the Castle Mountain fault, we assign the Eastern Castle Mountain - Caribou Fault System a lower, preferred, and maximum slip rate compared to the Western Castle Mountain fault (Table 1).

#### **Cook Inlet Faults**

Because the Cook Inlet faults are largely offshore and/or are blind, comparatively little is known about the activity and strain rates of the faults responsible for the Cook Inlet folds. The proximity of these structures to the Port of Alaska makes them, next to the Castle Mountain fault, the closest shallow crustal seismic sources (Figure 10). Haeussler *et al.* (2000) suggest that these faults may present a greater short-term hazard than 1964-type subduction zone earthquakes. Our source characterization includes eight structures capable of  $\mathbf{M} \ge 6.5$  earthquakes and identified by Haeussler *et al.* (2000) and Haeussler and Saltus (2011) as Quaternary-active or potentially Quaternary-active (Table 1). P(a) ranged from 0.3 to 1.0. We also include the Turnagain Arm



structure because it is the closest potentially Quaternary-active structure to the site (Figure 10). Because very little additional information about these structures exists with which to characterize them, we mostly adopt the source parameters of Haeussler *et al.* (2000), who measured the structure lengths in their dataset and used the magnitude versus rupture length relationships of Wells and Coppersmith (1994) to calculate preferred earthquake moment magnitudes. In some instances, where the on-trend continuity of two or more structures suggests they have a potential to rupture together, we have combined the structures and calculated a preferred maximum magnitude. Haeussler *et al.* (2000) note that, although the base of the seismogenic crust may be as deep as 35 km, they do not believe that these faults extend to this depth.

#### Denali Fault

The Denali fault system is a zone of right-lateral faulting that extends in a broad arc across southcentral Alaska (Figures 3 and 4) and accommodates relative motion between North America and the Yakutat Block to the south. This fault system has at least 38 km of total offset during the past 38 my (Reed and Lanphere, 1974) and geomorphic evidence of Holocene activity is clear along much of the fault (Plafker *et al.*, 1977). Historically, the most notable large earthquake along the fault is the 2002 **M** 7.9 Denali fault earthquake, that ruptured about 320 km of the central Denali fault and part of the Totschunda fault (Eberhart-Phillips *et al.*, 2003; Figure 3). A **M** 7.2 to 7.4 earthquake in 1912 is also thought to have ruptured the central Denali fault (Carver *et al.*, 2004; Figure 1).

Following the 2002 earthquake, new research has provided slip rates along the central Denali fault and shows that the late Pleistocene – Holocene slip rate is as much as  $12.1 \pm 1.7$  mm/yr and decreases westward to  $9.4 \pm 1.6$  at longitude ~148.6° W. This slip rate gradient is due to the partitioning of slip from the Denali fault to thrust faults north and west of the Denali fault (Matmon *et al.*, 2006). Additional evidence of a decreasing slip rate is also documented by Mériaux *et al.* (2009), who report a Holocene slip rate of about  $6.7 \pm 1.2$  mm/yr at Bull Creek, located on the McKinley strand of the Denali fault in Denali National Park at longitude ~149°26' W. The site is about 50 km west of the westernmost Matmon *et al.* (2006) study site. Although the Denali fault system has been mapped extending through western Alaska to the Bering Sea, the end of the active fault is regarded to be at about  $154.7^{\circ}$  W (Wesson *et al.*, 2007).

The model considers the central segment of the Denali fault closest to 2002 Denali fault earthquake. The approving 400 km-long Denali Center segment is based on the segmentation scheme in the 2023 NSHM fault database (Bender *et al.*, 2021a), which divides the strand into a "Denali (center)", "Denali (center, east)" and "Denali (center, west). The segment bisects the Alaska Range, and many of the highest peaks, including Mt McKinley, are located south of the fault.

Preliminary results of paleoseismic studies along the section of the fault west of the 2002 rupture suggest that the most recent earthquake (MRE) was relatively recent based on geomorphically fresh fault scarps and radiocarbon dating that constrains the MRE to have occurred in the past



250 years (Schwartz *et al.*, 2005). Paleoseismic trenching and radiocarbon dating also show prior events occurred in 1912 (Carver *et al.*, 2004) and 570 to 680 yrs B.P., suggesting that the fault has a recurrence interval on the order of several hundred years between large earthquakes (Schwartz *et al.*, 2005).

We consider two rupture scenarios in our seismic source model based on information from the 2002 and penultimate events on the central section. The first scenario represents a 340-km floating rupture and based on the 2002 Denali earthquake, which ruptured about 340 km of the central Denali fault (Eberhart-Phillips *et al.*, 2003). In the case of the 2002 rupture, it has been implied that the endpoints of the rupture were largely controlled by the timing of the most recent event along the unruptured parts of the fault adjacent to the 2002 rupture (Schwartz *et al.*, 2005). The second rupture model is also a floating source that is based on tree-ring evidence for surface rupture along the central segment in 1912 (Carver et al., 2004). The year is coincident with the 1912 low **M** 7 Delta River earthquake that damaged trees along a portion of the same section that ruptured in 2002. Identification of this smaller event demonstrates considerable magnitude variability along the Central section of the Denali fault.

#### 4.1.2 Crustal Background Earthquakes

In state-of-the-practice seismic hazard evaluations, the hazard from background earthquakes is addressed. Background earthquakes are those events that do not appear to be associated with known geologic structures. They occur on crustal faults that exhibit no surficial expression (buried faults) or are unmapped due to inadequate studies. In this source characterization, we address the hazard from crustal background earthquakes through two crustal seismic source zones adopted and modified from the 2023 Alaska National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM; Bender et al., 2021a): (1) the Southern Alaska Block and Cook Inlet source zone (SABCI); and (2) the Yakutat Block source zone (YB) (Figure 12). These seismic source zones were defined based on the tectonic and geologic characteristics, focal mechanisms, styles of faulting, and observed alignments in historical seismicity of each zone. To address the hazard from these crustal source zones, we considered two models: (1) a gridded seismicity model, where locations of past seismicity appear to be likely locations of future seismicity (stationarity); and (2) the use of regional seismic source zones, where earthquakes are assumed to occur randomly ("uniform" model). For both approaches, the background earthquakes are assumed to occur uniformly from 2 km to the bottom of the seismogenic crust. Each source zone has three branch values for the maximum depth of the seismogenic crust: 10, 15, and 20 km with weights of [0.2], [0.6], [0.2], respectively, for the SABCI source zone, and 18, 23, and 28 km with weights of [0.2], [0.6], [0.2], respectively, for the YB source zone. These values were estimated based on hypocentral depths of earthquakes in the project earthquake catalog, as well as judgement. To mirror the style of faulting of crustal fault sources within each source zone, the SABCI source zone was modeled with a combination of reverse and strike-slip styles of faulting weighted at [0.7] and [0.3], and the YB source zone was modeled with full weight to reverse style of faulting.



Earthquake recurrence estimates in the site region are required to assess the hazard from background earthquakes. The recurrence parameters for the source zones were developed using the project earthquake catalog for the period of 1841 through June 2021 (Section 3.2). Crustal and intraslab earthquakes in the historical record were separated using the Slab2 model of Hayes *et al.* (2018). We considered the completeness intervals from the 2007 USGS Seismic Hazard Maps for Alaska (Wesson *et al.*, 2007) and subsequently revised them using Tinti-Mulargia plots (Tinti and Mulargia, 1985). Completeness estimates and number of earthquakes by magnitude bin are listed in Table 2.

The catalog was declustered by the USGS using the Gardner and Knopoff (1974) algorithm to remove dependent earthquakes (i.e., foreshocks and aftershocks). Additional aftershocks were removed by the USGS from several very large earthquakes using published aftershock areas. All seismicity (regardless of depth) within 5 km of the surface trace of the Denali, Castle Mountain, and Lake Clark faults was considered fault-related and removed from the declustered catalog used in this study. Removal of fault-related crustal earthquakes for other faults in the crustal source model was not performed due to the difficulty of identifying such events because of location uncertainty and defining the down-dip geometries of the faults. Hence, there is potentially some double-counting and the hazard from background earthquakes may be conservative. As testing of the source model indicated that the intraslab and megathrust are the sources controlling hazard, we expect the effect of this double counting to have a minimal impact on the overall hazard results.

Both seismic source zones have five branch values for Mmax of **M** 6.75, **M** 6.875, **M** 7.0, **M** 7.125, and **M** 7.25 with weights of [0.101], [0.244]. [0.310], [0.244], and [0.101], respectively, that are based on a five-point approximation of a continuous uncertainty distribution (Miller and Rice, 1983). The five values are intended to capture almost two standard deviations and the median value of a normal probability distribution. The Mmax values for each source zone are highly uncertain based on incomplete knowledge of fault connectivity, rupture potential, and the relatively short duration of the historical earthquake record. This uncertainty is reflected in the selection of the five-point uncertainty distribution that spans 0.5 magnitude units. The Mmax values represent estimates of the largest expected earthquake within each source zone that will not occur on a recognized and separately modeled fault source. Generally, Mmax values are selected that exceed the largest known "background" earthquake within the source zone and, to some extent, the largest known "background" earthquake in similar seismotectonic environments globally.

Recurrence parameters (*b*-values and rates) were calculated using the background earthquake catalog and the program ABSMOOTH (LCI proprietary software; EPRI/DOE/NRC, 2012). The ABSMOOTH program computes a *b*-value for the source zone then divides the source zone into cells of a selected size (0.2-degree cells in this report) and calculates the rate in each cell using the likelihood function of the data in that cell along with penalty functions that smooth the cell-to-cell variation in the rate. The program outputs both mean values and eight alternative sets ("realizations") of the recurrence parameters to characterize epistemic uncertainty in the rates and *b*-values (EPRI/DOE/NRC, 2012). This approach is based on the Markov Chain Monte Carlo



techniques to generate multiple realizations from a multi-dimensional probability distribution – in this case, rate, *b*-value, and uncertainty in those parameters. The equally weighted eight alternative maps of rates and *b*-value represent the central tendency and statistical uncertainty in the recurrence parameters and are selected using the Latin Hypercube sampling technique. Eight realizations are used to provide a good representation of the underlying distributions (EPRI/DOE/NRC, 2012).

Table 3 provides the rates of events for **M** 5 and above and the corresponding *b*-values for use in the PSHA. For the SABCI zone, *b*-values range from 0.52 to 0.65, with corresponding total rates of 0.22679 and 0.11685. For the YB zone, *b*-values range from 0.66 to 0.93, with corresponding total rates of 0.09891 and 0.03369. Figures 13 and 14 show example the recurrence curves for the range of *b*-values for  $\mathbf{M} \ge 5$  for the weighted mean Mmax (**M** 7.0) for the SABCI and YB source zones, respectively, compared to the independent historical seismicity (also accounting for completeness). For the SABCI, recurrence calculations were performed using historical data for **M** 3.0 and greater. For the YB, recurrence calculations were performed using historical earthquake data for **M** 3.5 and greater. In the latter case, recurrence curves that incorporate the  $3 \le \mathbf{M} < 3.5$  historical data tend to result in higher *b*-values and curves that appear to underestimate the rate of **M** 5.0 and greater (curves not shown). To avoid this possible underestimation, recurrence calculations for the YB zone were performed using only data for **M** 3.5 and greater, with the resulting curves shown on Figure 14.

Figures 15 and 16 show the gridded seismicity results generated from ABSMOOTH for the SABCI and YB source zones, respectively. Recurrence parameters for the uniform seismic source zones were adopted from the eight realizations generated for the gridded seismicity, such that the total rates generated for each realization were assumed to apply uniformly across each source zone. On Figures 15 and 16, the total rate averaged over the area of the SABCI and YB zone, respectively, is labeled on the rate scale bar for each realization shown. For the SABCI zone (the "host" zone for the Port site), the average rate is generally higher than or similar to the gridded rate for the cells closest to the Port (Figure 16). This result is consistent with the distribution of independent earthquakes within the zone, where the majority of events are located north of the Port site.

An inspection of the resulting recurrence intervals for **M** 5 and 6 events was performed to check the reasonableness of the eight *b*-values and rates for each of the source zones. To do this, using the weighted mean Mmax value (**M** 7.0) and the eight realizations of the recurrence parameters, the resulting recurrence intervals were evaluated for each zone. Table 4 lists the recurrence intervals for **M** 5 or greater and **M** 6 or greater events for each seismic source zone. For the SABCI zone, the estimated recurrence interval for events of magnitude **M** 5 or greater ranges from approximately 4 to 9 years; for events of **M** 6 or greater, the recurrence interval ranges from approximately 19 to 47 years. For the YB zone, the estimated recurrence interval for events of **M** 5 or greater ranges from approximately 10 to 30 years; for events of **M** 6 or greater, the recurrence interval ranges from approximately 56 to 284 years. These ranges result from the epistemic uncertainty in the recurrence parameters, primarily due to the limited number of historic



earthquakes in the catalog within each zone. This is particularly true for the YB zone, which has 74 independent events compared to the 130 independent events in the SABCI zone.

#### 4.1.3 Alaska Subduction Zone

The Alaska subduction zone, both the megathrust and Wadati-Benioff zone, are described below (Figures 17 through 19).

#### Megathrust

The Alaska megathrust is defined by a northward-dipping Wadati-Benioff zone at the plate boundary interface. If this zone of seismicity intersected the surface, it would daylight near the Aleutian trench (Figure 7). Large historical earthquakes have ruptured much of the length of this megathrust. The four segments of the subduction zone considered in the PSHA were the Semidi, Kodiak, Prince William Sound, and Yakataga (western Yakataga microplate) (Figure 17). Table 5 lists the seismic source parameters for the megathrust. This segmentation model was generally adopted from the 2007 USGS characterization (Wesson *et al.*, 2007). However, we updated the recurrence intervals based on the recent studies by Witter *et al.* (2022) and the geometry of the megathrust interface was adopted from the Slab2 model of Hayes *et al.* (2018).

Near Anchorage, relative motion is compressional and thrust faults predominate, whereas the eastern part of the subduction zone, where plate motion is oblique, is largely a transform boundary. Large historical earthquakes have ruptured much of the length of this megathrust.

The "Eastern section" of the subduction zone includes the Kodiak segment, centered on Kodiak Island, and the Prince William Sound segment (Figure 17). The Prince William Sound and Kodiak segments ruptured in the 1964 Alaska earthquake. Shennan *et al.* (2009), however, suggests that the prior two megathrust events on those segments, at ca. 900 BP and ca. 1500 BP, also ruptured the western part of the Yakutat block, adding about 15% to the seismic moment release compared to 1964.

The Yakutat microplate has been variously described as an oceanic plateau (e.g., Worthington *et al.*, 2012; Christensen *et al.*, 2010), an allochthonous fragment of continental terrane (Plafker *et al.*, 1994), and oceanic crust (Brums, 1983). The western part of the block is subducting under the North American plate, whereas the eastern portion meets the North American plate in a collisional regime characterized by accretion and underplating along a series of crustal thrust faults soling into a décollement under the Saint Elias block (Elliott, 2011; Worthington *et al.*, 2012). The microplate is buoyant compared to the oceanic crust of the Pacific plate and the subduction is low angle. Veilleux and Doser (2007) use relocated earthquakes to conclude that the subducted Yakutat block is nearly flat in the easternmost part of the subduction zone. Brocher *et al.* (1994) analyzed wide-angle seismic reflection and refraction profiles and determined it is dipping 3 to 4 degrees. The 2007 National Seismic Hazard Map model for Alaska, acknowledging the complexity of the Yakutat region, simplified it to include the Yakutat microplate as a subduction zone source, the Yakataga segment. It was characterized in that model as a flat surface at 15 km



depth. More recently, Elliott (2011) analyzed GPS data and modeled the western Yakutat microplate, from the Bering Glacier west, subducting with a 5-degree dip and extending at least 200 km to the northwest under Prince William Sound.

The subduction of the Yakutat microplate and its interaction with the subducting Pacific plate are complex and poorly understood. Based on the Elliott (2011) model, however, the subducting Yakutat plate underlies much the same region as the northeastern part of the subducting Pacific slab. Freymueller *et al.* (2008) argue that the Yakutat plate subducts under the north American plate at a very shallow dip while the Pacific plate subducts at a slightly steeper dip under the subducting Yakutat slab, yielding two separate but overlapping subduction interfaces. Brocher *et al.* (1994) argue that there are not two Wadati-Benioff zones and rather the Yakutat and Pacific plates subduct together as a composite plate. Given the complexity, different interpretations, and distance from the site, and in light of the paleoseismic data suggesting the western Yakutat microplate has ruptured with the Prince William Sound and Kodiak segments of the Pacific plate in single event, in this model of the subduction zone, we simplify the region and combine the western Yakutat microplate megathrust with the Prince William Sound megathrust into a single segment (PWS/WY), capable of rupturing together. In this model, the 1964 rupture would represent a partial rupture of the segment, or an event somewhat smaller than the maximum event, while the 900 BP and 1500 BP events would represent full rupture events.

In the model of the subduction zone, we include two rupture models for the Eastern section (Table 5). In the "unsegmented" model, the PWS/WY and Kodiak segments rupture together in 1964-like earthquakes. In the segmented model, PWS/WY and Kodiak rupture independently. Paleoseismic data through nine events in the Prince William Sound area and through five or six events in Kodiak indicate that earthquakes in both segments occurred at the same time within the uncertainties of radiocarbon ages (Carver and Plafker, 2008; Hutchinson and Crowell, 2007). This leads us to favor the unsegmented model, but we give moderate weight to the segmented model because the paleoseimic events could represent independent ruptures in relatively rapid succession (Table 5).

Geodetic modeling of the megathrust indicates a very shallow dip (Figure 19). In a joint inversion of tsunami waveforms and geodetic data, Johnson *et al.* (1996) model the Prince William Sound segment as dipping 3 to 4 degrees and the Kodiak segment as 8 to 10 degrees. Similarly, Savage *et al.* (1999) model a megathrust as dipping 5 degrees based on geodetic data. Brocher *et al.* (1994) estimate the dip of the megathrust as 9 to 10 degrees based on wide-angle seismic reflection data. Ichinose *et al.* (2007) model the Prince William Sound and Kodiak segments as dipping 12 degrees based on modeling of the 1964 rupture using teleseismic data. At the bottom of the megathrust, the downgoing slab steepens in dip based on relocated seismicity. In the PSHA, we model the megathrust with a dip of  $6^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}$  for the Kodiak and PWS/WY segments and a slightly steeper dip of  $7^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}$  for the Kodiak segment. The rupture distance from the Port to the megathrust is 31 km (Figure 18).



The colored area shown on Figure 19 is treated as locked and capable of producing great megathrust earthquakes. The un-shaded part of the slab is greater than 45 km in depth, and is the part that is considered not capable of producing great earthquakes like the subduction zone. Zweck *et al.* (2002) use GPS data to model the locked and slipping parts of the plate interface. They conclude that the present extent of the locked plate boundary closely resembles the area of the interface that broke in the 1964 earthquake. The area to the northwest of this locked patch is experiencing post-seismic creep parallel to the direction of plate motion. The boundary between these locked and creeping patches trends to the northwest and is very near Anchorage. This is also the location where the subducting slab begins to bend and dip more steeply (Figure 19).

The USGS (Wesson *et al.*, 2007) cites paleoseismology studies in the eastern part of the megathrust by Plafker and Rubin (1994), Combellick (1994), Bartsch-Winkler and Schmool (1992), Hamilton and Shennan (2005), Hamilton *et al.* (2005), and Shennan and Hamilton (2006) to assign an average recurrence time of 650 years for the Prince William Sound (1964 rupture zone) segment (Table 5). A more recent compilation of paleoseismic data by Carver and Plafker (2008) and Shennan *et al.* (2014), however, suggests a slightly shorter average recurrence interval. Based on the studies of Shennan *et al.* (2014) who identified and dated six "1964"-like earthquakes, we computed an average recurrence interval of 594 years with a standard deviation of 162 years. A mean coefficient of variation (COV) of 0.27 was also estimated from the six recurrence mean intervals, which is a relatively low value compared to the global average of 0.5 indicating relatively periodic behavior (Section 4.1.4).

The USGS also cites evidence in Nishenko and Jacob (1990) and Carver *et al.* (2003) to conclude that the southwestern part of the 1964 rupture zone (the Kodiak Island segment) ruptures separately as well, more frequently than the segment to the east. We allow for the possibility that the Kodiak segment ruptures somewhat more frequently by assigning it a slightly shorter recurrence interval than PWS/WY in the segmented model and, in the "unsegmented" model, by allowing additional ruptures of only the Kodiak segment along with the unsegmented full rupture events (Table 5). Based on the work of Shennan, Witter *et al.* (2022) state that the Kodiak Island segment ruptured at least four times in the past 2,000 years. Hence, we adopt an average recurrence interval of 500 years  $\pm$  100 years (Table 5). Rupture of the Prince William Sound and Kodiak segments can also be modeled as time-dependent using the Brownian Passage Time (BPT) model and equivalent Poisson recurrence intervals can be calculated (Section 4.1.4).

The Semidi segment is located between the Kodiak segment and the Shumagin gap (Figure 17). The Semidi segment, according to geodetic analyses, is nearly fully coupled (70 to 90%) whereas in the adjacent Shumagin gap, the plates are largely decoupled (Fletcher *et al.*, 2001; Fournier and Freymueller, 2007; Freymueller and Beavan, 1999). An **M** 8.2 earthquake occurred on the Semidi segment in 1928. Johnson and Satake (1994) used modeling of waveforms from the earthquake to infer that the rupture plane dipped about 10 degrees and extended to a depth of about 30 km. More recently, modeling of GPS velocities suggests an effective slip rate for the Semidi segment of about 45 mm/yr, dip of about 6 to 10 degrees and a locking depth of about 23 to 30 km (Fletcher, 2002; Fournier and Freymueller, 2007). We include a characteristic event on



this segment with a weight of 0.6 for **M** 8.2, based on the 1938 earthquake magnitude, and weights of 0.2 for earthquakes of **M** 7.9 and 8.5 (Table 5). We adopt the 180- to 270-year recurrence interval from Witter *et al.* (2022) (Table 5).

For the megathrust, we weighted the characteristic and maximum magnitude recurrence models 0.6 and 0.4, respectively. For megathrust earthquakes larger than **M** 8.0, the USGS (Wesson *et al.*, 2007) weighted equally the characteristic model and the maximum magnitude model for the Prince William Sound and Kodiak segments.

#### Wadati-Benioff Zone

In the PSHA, we model the Wadati-Benioff zones as a series of 12 staircasing blocks extending to a depth of 120 km that mimic the curvature of the slab using the Slab2 model of Hayes *et al.* (2018). Figure 18 is a cross-section oriented northwest to southeast showing slab seismicity in the vicinity of the Port. The rupture distance from the Port to the slab is 25 km. Focal mechanisms and inversion of first motion data in this area indicate that the subducted Pacific plate is experiencing east-west compression resulting from its collision with the southwestern edge of the subducted Yakutat block (Veilleux and Doser, 2007). The inset map on Figure 19 shows contours of the depth to the top of the slab that were used in the intraslab and megathrust models in the hazard analysis. Zweck *et al.* (2002) use GPS data to model the locked plate boundary closely resembles the area of the interface that broke in the 1964 earthquake. The area to the northwest of this locked patch is experiencing post-seismic creep parallel to the direction of plate motion. The boundary between these locked and creeping patches trends to the northwest and is very near Anchorage. This is also the location where the subducting slab begins to bend and dip more steeply (Figure 19).

Similar to our evaluation of crustal background seismicity, recurrence was calculated for the intraslab zone using ABSMOOTH, which resulted in eight realizations of recurrence parameters. A maximum magnitude distribution of M 7.5 ± 0.25 was adopted based on the historical record of earthquakes greater than 30 km in depth in the Alaskan subduction zone. Table 3 provides the total rates of events for M 5 and above. Note the rates provided in Table 3 are for the entire intraslab zone, and the 12 staircasing blocks modeled in the PSHA each have total rates that are a fraction of the entire zone (such that the summation of the total rates for the 12 blocks equals the rates provided in Table 3). Therefore, each of the 12 blocks has the same range of *b*-values but has a different range of rates of events for **M** 5 and above. The range of *b*-values for the intraslab zone is 0.80 to 0.87, with corresponding total rates of 3.09326 to 2.60756. Figure 20 shows example recurrence curves for the range of *b*-values for  $M \ge 5$  for the weighted mean Mmax (M 7.5) for the zone compared to the independent historical seismicity (also accounting for completeness). Recurrence calculations were performed using historical earthquake data for M 4.0 and greater. Recurrence curves that incorporate the  $3.5 \le M \le 4.0$  historical data tend to result in higher *b*-values and curves that appear to underestimate the rate of **M** 5.0 and greater (curves not shown; note that the slab portion of the catalog is complete down to **M** 3.5). To avoid this



possible underestimation, recurrence calculations for the slab YB zone were performed using only data for  $\mathbf{M}$  4.0 and greater, with the resulting curves shown on Figure 20.

Figure 21 shows the gridded seismicity results generated from ABSMOOTH for the intraslab zone overlain by the outlines of the 12 blocks used in the PSHA. Unlike the crustal background source zones, only a gridded seismicity model was adopted for the intraslab. In general, gridded rates are high throughout the intraslab zone, but for all realizations shown on Figure 21, the cells closest to the Port site have gridded rates higher than the average rate for the zone.

Table 4 lists the recurrence intervals for **M** 5 or greater and **M** 6 or greater events for the intraslab zone. The estimated recurrence interval for events of **M** 5 or greater ranges from approximately 0.3 to 0.4 years (i.e., multiple events of **M** 5 or greater are expected to occur within the intraslab zone each year); for events of **M** 6 or greater, the recurrence interval ranges from approximately 2 to 3 years. In contrast to the crustal source zones, there are many historic earthquakes in the catalog in the intraslab zone (over 1,000 events of **M** 4.0 or greater) which results in smaller epistemic uncertainty in the recurrence parameters and hence the relatively small ranges in the recurrence intervals estimated across the eight realizations for the zone.

#### 4.1.4 Time-Dependent Model

We have modeled the Kodiak + PWS/WY, PWS/WY, and Kodiak segments in a time-dependent manner. Time-dependent hazard for the megathrust was also calculated in Wong *et al.* (2014a) and included a range of COVs of 0.3, 0.5 and 0.7. This range of COV is a typical range and has been used in other time-dependent forecasts (Ellsworth *et al.*, 1999). Boyd *et al.* (2008) who performed a partially time-dependent PSHA for Alaska used a single value of 0.5. Given the short time since the 1964 event, the BPT model predicts very low rupture probabilities for all values of COV. Hence, equivalent Poisson rates, based on a time interval of 50 years, are very long. The time-dependent model was weighted 0.9 and the time-independent model was weighted 0.1 in the PSHA based on the analyses of recurrence intervals from Shennan *et al.* (2014) (Section 4.1.3). For the National Seismic Hazard Maps, the USGS has always assumed a time-independent model which is the standard of practice although time-dependent PSHAs are becoming more common (Wong and Thomas, 2020). The USGS has implemented time-dependent models in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska but not part of the NSHMs (Petersen *et al.*, 2002; Boyd *et al.*, 2008). They are currently evaluating time-dependent models as part of their research model (Mark Petersen, USGS, personal communication, 2022).

In contrast to the Poisson model, a time-dependent renewal process model embodies the expectation that after one earthquake on a fault segment, another earthquake on that segment is unlikely until sufficient time has elapsed for stress to gradually re-accumulate. Such models require a minimum of two parameters and typically include knowledge of the time of the most recent rupture. One parameter is the mean recurrence interval,  $\mu = \lambda$ , and the other parameter describes the variability of recurrence intervals and can be related to the variance,  $\sigma^2$ , of the



distribution. For the Poisson distribution,  $\sigma = \mu$ . We define this variability of recurrence times as the aperiodicity or COV,  $\alpha = \sigma/\mu$ .

The BPT model (Matthews *et al.*, 2002) is a renewal model that describes the statistical distribution of rupture times. The BPT distribution is also known as the inverse Gaussian distribution. The probability density is defined by

$$f_{BPT}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\pi a^2 t^3}} exp\left\{-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\mu t a^2}\right\}$$
(8)

The hazard function (instantaneous failure rate),  $h_{BPT}(t)$ , is always zero at t = 0. It increases to achieve a maximum value at a time greater than the mode of  $f_{BPT}(t)$ , and from there decreases toward an asymptotic value of  $h_{BPT}(t) = 1/(2\mu\alpha^2)$ . Thus, a BPT process always attains a finite quasi-stationary state in which the failure rate is independent of elapsed time. For an aperiodicity of 0.5, this quasi-stationary state is reached by 1.5 times the mean recurrence rate. After that point, conditional probabilities will not continue to increase. When the aperiodicity  $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{2}$ , the asymptotic failure rate is  $1/\mu$ , which equals the asymptotic failure rate for a Poisson process with the same  $\mu$ . In practice, the behavior of a BPT model is similar to that of a delayed Poisson process, for which the failure rate is zero up to a finite time following an event and then steps up to an approximately constant failure rate at all succeeding times.

The behavior of a BPT model depends strongly on the value of  $\alpha$ . For smaller values of  $\alpha$ ,  $f_{BPT}(t)$  is more strongly peaked and remains close to zero longer. For larger values, the "delay" of "dead time" becomes shorter,  $f_{BPT}(t)$  becomes increasingly Poisson-like, and its mode decreases. The hazard function in the quasi-stationary state increases with decreasing values of  $\alpha$  and becomes Poisson-like with increasing values.

Equivalent Poisson rupture rates can be back-calculated from the BPT rupture probabilities by solving for an equivalent Poisson rupture rate which produces the same rupture probability using the Poisson model. Equivalent Poisson rates are used in the standard PSHA methodology to compute time-dependent hazard.

Table 6 lists the equivalent Poisson rates calculated in this study. A COV range of 0.3, 0.5, and 0.7 was adopted as described in Section 4.1.3 with weights of 0.5, 0.4, and 0.1, respectively. The heavier weights on the COVs of 0.3 and 0.5 were influenced by the calculated value from the Shennan *et al.* (2014) data of 0.27 (Section 4.1.3). As can be seen in Table 6, the equivalent Poisson recurrence intervals are very long. An exposure period of 50 years was assumed.

#### 4.2 GROUND MOTION MODELS

To estimate the horizontal ground motions in the PSHA and DSHA, we have used GMMs appropriate for tectonically active crustal regions such as the western U.S. and for subduction zones. For vertical ground motions, we have used the vertical to horizontal ratios of Abrahamson and Gulerce (2011) to convert from horizontal to vertical spectra. The crustal GMMs, developed



as part of the NGA-West2 Project sponsored by PEER Center Lifelines Program, were published in the journal of *Earthquake Spectra*. These models are the standard of practice for site-specific hazard analyses in the western U.S. and are used in the USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps (NSHMs) (e.g., Petersen *et al.*, 2014). The four NGA-West2 models used in this study are Abrahamson *et al.* (2014), Boore *et al.* (2014), Campbell and Bozorgnia (2014), and Chiou and Youngs (2014) (Figure 6).

The Port is located within the Anchorage Basin which contains up to a few kilometers of sedimentary deposits (Dutta *et al.*, 2009). Moschetti *et al.* (2021) computed ground motion residuals from 44 intermediate depth earthquakes including the 2018 Anchorage event to evaluate regional amplification. They identified spatially coherent regional site amplification at all periods including significant basin amplification that scales with basin depth and exhibits maximum amplification of about a factor of two at 1 sec.

A V<sub>S</sub>30 of 760 m/sec was used in the GMMs to obtain site-specific ground motions. Other input parameters in the GMMs include Z<sub>1.0</sub> (the depth of a V<sub>S</sub> of 1.0 km/sec) and Z<sub>2.5</sub> (the depth to a V<sub>S</sub> of 2.5 km/sec). Z<sub>1.0</sub> is used by Chiou and Youngs (2014), Boore *et al.* (2014), and Abrahamson *et al.* (2014) and Z<sub>2.5</sub> is only used in one model, Campbell and Bozorgnia (2014). Based on Shellenbaum *et al.* (2010), the depth to basement rock beneath the Port is about 1.0 km. Hence that value was adopted for Z<sub>2.5</sub>. A Z<sub>1.0</sub> of 0.5 km was assumed. Other parameters such as depth to the top of rupture (zero for all faults that intersect the surface unless specified otherwise), dip angle, rupture width, and aspect ratio were specified for each fault or calculated within the PSHA code.

For the Alaska subduction zone, we used the NGA-Sub GMMs. NGA-Sub was a large multidisciplinary and multi-researcher initiative to develop a comprehensive ground-motion database and multiple GMMs for subduction earthquakes. This project was also organized by the PEER and encompasses subduction zones around the world. In the NGA-Sub Project, a database of ground-motions recorded in worldwide subduction events (Bozorgnia and Stewart, 2020) was developed. This database includes the processed recordings and supporting source, path, and site metadata from Japan, Taiwan, the U.S. Pacific Northwest, Alaska, Mexico and Central America, South America, and New Zealand. The NGA-Sub database includes 1,570 events with magnitudes ranging from **M** 4.0 to 9.1. The subduction events are classified as megathrust or intraslab events. The NGA-Sub ground-motion database has over 210,000 individual ground-motion components. Multiple GMMs have been developed by NGA-Sub developer teams using this empirical ground-motion database and supporting ground-motion simulations. This report uses the currently developed NGA-Sub GMMs from three developer teams:

- Kuehn *et al.* (2020) [KBCG20]
- Parker *et al*. (2020) [PSHAB20]
- Abrahamson and Gülerce (2020) [AG20]



All three models provide global and regionalized models for PGA and 5%-damped pseudospectral acceleration at 22 oscillator periods ranging from 0.01 to 10 sec. Developed models accommodate the differences in the magnitude, distance, and depth scaling for megathrust and intraslab earthquakes. In this study, we used the global models in consultation with Dr. Norm Abrahamson (written communication, 21 July 2022), developer of AG20, who noted an apparent error in the Alaska strong motion data and the lack of data from events of **M** > 6 at short to moderate distances. We are aware that for the 2023 Alaska National Seismic Hazard Maps, the USGS is planning to only use the Alaska versions of the NGA-Sub GMMs including the adjusted and unadjusted models of AG20. For KBCG20, PSHAB20, and the two AG20 models, the USGS will also implement 15<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile as well as the median models for a total of 12 models with the intent of covering the full range of epistemic uncertainty (see following discussion).

The global models do not contain basin amplification factors; only selected regional models such as for the Cascadia region. For the 2023 Alaska maps, the USGS recognizes that basin effects are significant in the Anchorage area, but they have not developed a basin effects model and hence do not plan to account for such effects in the maps. Discussions with Morgan Moschetti (USGS, October 2022) indicated that the Puget Sound was a suitable analogue and so the NGA-Sub global models were revised to include the basin amplification factors for the Puget Sound region that are in the Cascadia models. All three models parameterize basin amplification using  $Z_{2.5}$ . The Cascadia basin factors in the three NGA-Sub GMMs are for periods of about 0.2 to 10 sec and vary in amplitude depending on the model and model inputs. The AG20 basin factors can be as large as a factor of two at 10 sec.

Site response terms include both linear and nonlinear site effects. No differences in site effects between the event types were included in the models. KBCG20 and AG20 use the depth to the top of rupture ( $Z_{tor}$ ) for depth scaling. PSHAB20 uses the hypocentral depth ( $Z_{hyp}$ ) for depth scaling.

The aleatory uncertainty is based on the between-event and within-event uncertainty. Similar to the development of the median GMM, each modeler team investigated, evaluated, and developed an aleatory uncertainty model based on the between-event and within-event variations. For the KBCG20 model, these variations are independent of prediction parameters such as distance, magnitude, or site conditions. For the PSHAB20 model, the within-event model is defined as a function of distance and  $V_s30$  site conditions; however, the between-event variation piece of the aleatory variability model is region and distance independent whereas the within-event standard deviation piece of the aleatory variability model is region and distance dependent. Note that a single-station model is also developed for the PSHAB20 model but is not currently developed for the other two NGA-Sub models.

As noted by AI Atik and Youngs (2014), the development of the NGA-West2 models was a collaborative effort with many interactions and exchanges of ideas among the developers and the developers indicated that an additional epistemic uncertainty needs to be incorporated into the


median ground motions in order to more fully represent an appropriate level of epistemic uncertainty. Hence, for each of the NGA-West2 GMMs used for the crustal events, an additional epistemic uncertainty on the median ground motion was included. The three-point distribution and model of Al Atik and Youngs (2014) was applied. The model is a function of magnitude, style of faulting, and spectral period.

For the NGA-Sub GMMs, there was no evaluation of the model-to-model variability and associated statistical uncertainty in median predictions. However, the three NGA-Sub models provide the epistemic uncertainty in the median ground motion predictions. For this project, this epistemic uncertainty is used as the additional epistemic uncertainty for the NGA-Sub models for a total of nine models. Following the AI Atik and Youngs (2014) epistemic uncertainty model for the NGA-West2 GMMs, a three-point distribution and model of was applied which weights the median GMMs 0.6 and  $\pm$  additional epistemic uncertainty of 1.645\* $\sigma_{In}$  weighted 0.2 each. The three NGA-Sub models used in this report (i.e., KBCG20, PSHAB20, and AG20) are weighted equally for seismic hazard calculations.



# 5.0 SEISMIC HAZARD RESULTS

The ground motion hazard results for the Port and a  $V_s30$  of 760 m/sec are described below. Note the hazard is time-dependent for the megathrust beneath Anchorage and has been adjusted for basin effects. The latter is a notable change from previous analyses of the Port (Wong et al., 2008; 2014).

### 5.1 PSHA RESULTS

The results of the PSHA are presented in terms of ground motion as a function of annual exceedance probability. The annual exceedance probability is the reciprocal of the average return period. Figure 22 shows the mean, median (50<sup>th</sup> percentile), 5<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile hazard curves for PGA. These fractiles indicate the range of epistemic uncertainties about the mean hazard. At the 72- and 2,475-year return periods, the range of uncertainty is about a factor of 3.5 and 4.0, respectively, between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile fractiles (Table 7). The 1.0 sec horizontal spectral acceleration (SA) hazard is shown on Figure 23. The range of uncertainty between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile fractiles is slightly smaller at 1.0 sec SA compared to PGA, with a factor of about 2.5 and 3.0 at the 72- and 2,475-year return periods, respectively. At the return periods of 72, 475, 975, and 2,475 years, the mean PGA and 1.0 sec SA values and their uncertainties are listed in Table 7.

The contributions of the various seismic sources to the mean PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard are shown on Figures 24 to 27. At all return periods, the intraslab controls both the PGA (Figures 24 and 25) and 1.0 sec SA hazard (Figures 26 and 27).

Figures 28 and 29 illustrate deaggregation of the mean PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard by magnitude, distance, and epsilon bins for the 72-, 475-, 975-, and 2,475-year return periods. Epsilon is the difference between the logarithm of the ground motion amplitude and the mean logarithm of ground motion (for that magnitude and distance) measured in units of the standard deviation of the logarithm of the ground motion. Thus, positive epsilons indicate larger than average ground motions. By deaggregating the PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard by magnitude, distance, and epsilon bins, the contributions by events at different periods are illustrated. On each of the deaggregation figures, the plot in the upper left (panel A) shows the contribution from all seismic sources modeled. The other two plots in the figures show the contribution by events from the following source groups: megathrust (interface) (panel B), and instraslab (panel C). The contributions (shown as the vertical axis labeled "Proportion" in panels B and C in the figures) are normalized by total hazard, such that the sum of the contributions shown in the megathrust and intraslab panels (plus the faults and background) at a given return period and spectral period equals one.

At PGA, the hazard is controlled by events in the range of **M** 5.5 to 7.5 at distances between 25 and 150 km, primarily corresponding to the intraslab (Figure 28). Contribution from the intraslab ranges from 93% at the 72-year return period to 96% at the 2,475-year return period. Contribution from the megathrust ranges from 1% at the 72-year return period up to 3% at the 2,475-year return period. At 1.0 sec SA, the results are similar, though the relative contribution of events in



the range of **M** 9.0 to 9.5 at distances between 25 and 100 km is slightly higher than at PGA (Figure 29). Based on the magnitude and distance bins (Figures 28 and 29), the controlling earthquakes as defined by the mean magnitude (M-bar) and modal magnitude (M<sup>\*</sup>) and mean distance (D-bar) and modal distance (D<sup>\*</sup>) can be calculated. Table 8 lists the M-bar, M<sup>\*</sup>, D-bar, and D<sup>\*</sup> for the four return periods (72, 475, 975. and 2,475 years) and for a range of return periods (PGA, 0.2, 1.0, 1.5, and 2.0 sec SA).

We assigned different sets of GMMs to sources based on source type (Figure 6). Hence, the impact of a single GMM on the total mean hazard depends on the relative contribution of the sources that have been assigned to that GMM. As a result, it is useful to examine the relative differences in combined hazard due to sources using the same set of GMMs due to individual GMMs in the set. Figures 30 and 31 show the sensitivity of crustal PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard, respectively, to the NGA-West2 GMMs with the additional epistemic uncertainty from AI Atik and Youngs (2014). At PGA, there is a factor of about 1.5 between the largest and smallest ground motions predicted by the NGA-West2 GMMs at both the 72- and 2,475-year return periods (Figure 30). At 1.0 sec SA, there is a factor of about 2.0 between the largest and smallest ground motions predicted by the NGA-West2 GMMs at both the 72- and 2.475-year return periods (Figure 31). Figures 32 and 33 show the sensitivity of megathrust PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard, respectively, to the NGA-Sub GMMs with additional epistemic uncertainty included. The range between the largest and smallest ground motions predicted for the megathrust is much larger than for the crustal sources, with a factor of 4.7 and 4.8 at PGA and 1.0 sec SA, respectively, at the 2,475year return period (note that the NGA-Sub GMMs are not defined at the 72-year return period). This larger range of predicted ground motions is primarily due to the additional epistemic uncertainty added to the models, rather than difference between the median NGA-Sub GMMs. This relationship is also observed in the sensitivity of intraslab PGA and 1.0 sec SA hazard, where the range between the largest and smallest ground motions is large (4.9 and 3.9, respectively, at the 2,475-year return period), but the range between the predicted ground motions from the median NGA-Sub GMMs is relatively small (Figures 34 and 35).

The 5%-damped mean UHS for return periods of 72, 475, 975, and 2,475 years are shown in Figure 36 and listed in Table 9. These UHS reflect the geometric mean of expected horizontal ground motions, as predicted by the GMMs. The PGA values at these four return periods are 0.20, 0.56, 0.79, and 1.19 g, respectively.

### 5.2 COMPARISON WITH NATIONAL SEISMIC HAZARD MAPS

In the 2007 version of the U.S. Geological Survey's Alaska Seismic Hazard Maps (timeindependent), which are the basis for the Alaskan portions of the U.S. building code and the International Building Code, Wesson *et al.* (2007) have estimated probabilistic ground motions for Alaska for a range of annual exceedance frequencies. We computed the 72-, 475-, 975-, and 2,475-year return period PGA and 1.0 sec SA values based on the hazard curves of the 2007 USGS Alaska Seismic Hazard Maps for a V<sub>S</sub>30 of 760 m/sec. At PGA, the differences range from the site-specific value 5% lower than the 2007 USGS value at the 72-year return period, to the



site-specific value 72% higher than the 2007 USGS value at the 2,475-year return period (Table 10). At 1.0 sec SA, the differences range from the site-specific value 22% lower than the 2007 USGS value at the 72-year return period, to the site-specific value 9% higher than the 2007 USGS value at the 2,475-year return period (Table 10). Differences between our site-specific hazard and the 2007 USGS hazard are likely due to (1) the use of the NGA-Sub GMMs in this study, which had not yet been developed for use in the USGS 2007 model; (2) the inclusion of time dependency for the megathrust in this study; and (3) the inclusion of basin effects in this study.

### 5.3 DSHA RESULTS

Deterministic ground motions were computed for scenarios on seismic sources expected to be capable of producing the largest ground motions at the site due to their magnitude and distance. The most significant deterministic seismic sources to the Port are the intraslab and megathrust. For the intraslab, the maximum event modeled was a **M** 7.6 at a rupture distance of 25 km, and for the megathrust, the maximum event modeled was a **M** 9.2 at a rupture distance of 31 km (Tables 5 and 11).

The 5%-damped 50<sup>th</sup> (median) and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal acceleration response spectra are calculated for the intraslab and megathrust using the same GMMs used in the PSHA. Other input parameters are provided in Table 11. Figures 37 and 38 present the sensitivity of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal acceleration response spectra for the deterministic scenarios to the GMMs. These figures show spectra for each of the individual models (lines shown in color) and the weighted average of these spectra (line shown in black). The range in spectra for the individual models shown in these figures represents the epistemic uncertainty in the ground motion modeling.

Figure 39 shows the weighted mean median and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile spectra for the intraslab and megathrust as well as the enveloping spectra. The enveloped median and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile spectra are developed by taking the maximum spectral acceleration between the intraslab and megathrust at each spectral period. For spectral periods up to 4 sec, the intraslab controls hazard, and at longer periods, the megathrust controls hazard. Table 12 lists the individual scenario and controlling spectra.

A comparison of the enveloped 5%-damped median and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile controlling horizontal acceleration response spectra and the 5%-damped UHS for a suite of return periods is provided on Figure 40. The median deterministic response spectrum is between the 475- and 975-year return period UHS up to 1.5 sec; at longer spectral periods up to 10.0 sec, the median spectrum is between the 975- and 2,475-year return period UHS. At 10.0 sec, the median spectrum exceeds the 2,475-year return period UHS. The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile spectrum is greater than the 2,475-year return period UHS at all spectral periods.



## 6.0 DESIGN EARTHQUAKE GROUND MOTIONS

Preliminary design UHS have been developed for the 72, 475, 975, and 2,475-year return period. CMS were developed at 975 years conditioned at 0.2 and 2.0 sec SA for comparison with the UHS and to assess whether time histories should be developed using the UHS or CMS. A comparison of the spectra indicated that there was no added benefit to the Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 developments in using the CMS for the time histories.

### 6.1 CONDITIONAL MEAN SPECTRA

The UHS represents the spectral accelerations at each period based on the rates of occurrence of all nearby sources, the ground motion models, and the uncertainties in these models. It is generally a broader spectrum than is expected for any single event. As in the case of the controlling earthquake spectra approach, this uniform hazard can be represented by a suite of spectra that individually more closely represent the spectral shape of expected events contributing to the UHS. At a given period, a spectrum can be computed based on the deaggregated magnitude, distance and epsilon at that period. Depending on the epsilon required to match the spectral shape, i.e., the controlling earthquake spectrum. Given the epsilon at a target period, epsilon at all other periods can be determined using a correlation function. Thus, a CMS represents a more realistic shape of an event likely to cause the target spectral acceleration at the target period (Baker, 2011).

The CMS approach is described in Baker (2011) and is summarized here. The steps in the process are:

### Step 1: Determine the Target Sa at a Given Period, and the Associated M, R and $\epsilon$

For a specified return period, determine the target  $S_a$  from the mean hazard curve for  $S_a$  for the fundamental period of the structure to be analyzed. This period is denoted  $T^*$ . For this ground motion, obtain the mean magnitude (M), distance (R), and  $\varepsilon$  from the PSHA deaggregation results. For this project, deaggregation results for the megathrust and intraslab were used. Depending upon the response characteristics of the structure or structures to be analyzed, CMS should be developed for several values of  $T^*$ .

# Step 2: Compute the Mean and Standard Deviation of the Response Spectrum, Given M and R

For the mean M and R determined in Step 1, compute the mean and standard deviation of logarithmic spectral acceleration at all periods for the mean magnitude and distance. These are provided by standard ground motion prediction models. The predicted mean and standard deviation, given magnitude, distance, period, etc., are denoted  $\overline{\ln Sa}(M,R,T)$  and  $\sigma_{\ln Sa}(T)$ , respectively. The mean and standard deviation of the log spectral acceleration can be computed



using the GMMs that were used in the PSHA itself. Since multiple GMMs were used in the PSHA, a weighted estimate of the mean log  $S_a$  and the standard deviation can be used. For this project, CMS for each GMM were computed and combined using deaggregation weights. Deaggregation weights are the fractional contribution of each GMM to the total hazard for a given period and hazard level, as described in Lin *et al.* (2013).

### Step 3: Compute $\varepsilon$ at Other Periods, Given $\varepsilon$ (T\*)

Compute the "conditional mean"  $\epsilon$  at other periods. The conditional mean  $\epsilon$  at  $\epsilon$  (T<sup>\*</sup>) was determined in Step 1. The conditional mean at other periods, T<sub>i</sub>, is determined by,

$$\mu_{\varepsilon(Ti)|\varepsilon(T^*)} = \rho(T_i, T^*)\varepsilon(T^*)$$
(9)

where  $\rho(T_i, T^*)$  is the correlation coefficient between  $\epsilon$  for periods  $T_i$  and  $T^*$ . The correlation coefficients of Baker and Jayaram (2008), which are developed using the NGA West database and are applicable in the range 0.01 to 10 sec are used to compute the conditional mean  $\epsilon$  at other periods.

### Step 4: Compute the Conditional Mean Spectrum

The CMS is computed using the estimated log mean and standard deviation from Step 2 and the conditional mean  $\epsilon(T_i)$  values determined in Step 3. The CMS is estimated according to:

$$\mu_{\ln S_a(T_i) \ln (S_a(T^*))} = \mu_{\ln S_a}(M, R, T_i) + \rho(T_i, T^*) \varepsilon(T^*) \sigma_{\ln S_a}(T_i)$$
(10)

The CMS is,

$$S_{a,CMS}(T) = \exp(\mu_{\ln(S_a(T_i)|\ln(S_a(T^*))})$$
(11)

The standard deviation of  $\ln S_a(T_i)$  is

$$\sigma_{\ln Sa(T_i)|\ln Sa(T^*)} = \sigma_{\ln Sa(T_i)} \sqrt{1 - \rho^2(T_i, T^*)}$$
(12)

Conditioning periods of 0.2 and 2.0 sec were selected for the CMS. These periods span the possible range of fundamental periods of the Port.

The horizontal CMS and the UHS for 975-year return period are shown in Figure 41 and listed in Table 13.



# 7.0 DEVELOPMENT OF TIME HISTORIES

Eleven sets of horizontal and vertical-component time histories were developed for the 72-, 475-975-, and 2,475-year return period UHS (Appendices A to D). The horizontal UHS are shown in Figure 36 and provided in Table 9, and the vertical spectra are shown in Figure 42 and provided in Table 14. Because the response spectrum of a time history has peaks and valleys that deviate from the design response spectrum (target spectrum), it is necessary to modify the motion to improve its response spectrum compatibility. The procedure proposed by Lilhanand and Tseng (1988), as modified by Al Atik and Abrahamson (2010) and contained in their computer code RSPMatch09, was used to develop the acceleration time histories through spectral matching to the target (seed) spectrum. This time-domain procedure has been shown to be superior to previous frequency-domain approaches because the adjustments to the time history are only done at the time at which the spectral response occurs, resulting in only localized perturbations on both the time history and the spectra (Lilhanand and Tseng, 1988).

To match the target spectrum, seed time histories should be selected from events of similar magnitude, distance (for duration), to a lesser extent, site condition, and most importantly, spectral shape as the earthquake dominating the spectrum. The site condition is a secondary criterion that may be used to favor some seeds over others if the main criteria are similar. The main goal of matching is to modify the seed to match its response spectrum to the target. For this purpose, seeds with spectral shapes closer to the target undergo less distortion to match the target. The seed time histories selected and their properties are listed in Appendices A to D.

In addition to criteria for selecting seed time histories based on spectral shape, target Arias intensity and duration of strong ground motion were calculated based on the controlling earthquake and used in the selection process. Arias intensity is a ground motion parameter defined by Arias (1970) as the integral of the square of acceleration over the duration of a time series record, as follows:

$$Ia = \frac{\pi}{2a} \int_0^\infty a(t)^2 dt \tag{13}$$

where  $I_a$  is Arias intensity, a(t) is acceleration, and g is the acceleration of gravity. Recent studies show that  $I_a$  correlates well with the damage potential of earthquakes (*e.g.*, Travasarou *et al.*, 2003). The models of Watson-Lamprey and Abrahamson (2006) and Abrahamson *et al.* (2016) were used for the  $I_a$  calculations. For all return periods, deaggregated magnitudes and distances at 1.0 sec SA for the megathrust and intraslab were used to calculate the target  $I_a$  values and ranges. The computed values are contained in the appendices. Note that these relationships provide targets for geometric mean  $I_a$ .

Duration of a strong ground motion is related to the time required for release of accumulated strain energy by rupture along the fault and generally increases with magnitude of the earthquake. Trifunac and Brady (1975) defined significant duration as the time interval between the points at which 5% and 95% of the total energy ( $I_a$ ) has been recorded. The target durations for the 72,



475, 975, and 2,475-year time histories were calculated using the models of Silva *et al.* (1997) and Kempton and Stewart (2006) and were calculated based on deaggregation of the megathrust and intraslab at 1.0 sec SA, similar to the Arias intensity calculations. The computed values are listed in the appendices.

The spectral matches (up to 4 sec) and the resulting acceleration, velocity, and displacement time histories are shown in the appendices. Also shown with the spectral matches are the response spectra calculated from the scaled seed time histories. Acceleration, velocity, and displacement time histories were developed. Husid plots at the bottom of each of these figures illustrate the increase in energy (normalized Arias intensity) with time.

The properties of the matched time histories that include peak acceleration, velocity, and displacement, as well as Arias intensities and 5 to 95% durations are listed in the appendices.



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# **Tables**

FAULT NAME	RUPTURE MODEL	STYLE <sup>1</sup>	MAXIMUM RUPTURE LENGTH <sup>2</sup> (km)	MAXIMUM MAGNITUDE <sup>3</sup> (Mw)	DIP <sup>4</sup> (degrees)	MAXIMUM SEISMOGENIC DEPTH <sup>5</sup> (km)	PROBABILITY OF ACTIVITY <sup>6</sup>	SLIP RATE <sup>7</sup> (mm/yr)	COMMENTS
Broad Pass	Floating (0.5)	R	100	7.1 (0.2)	30 NW	10 (0.2)	0.7	0.1 (0.3)	The Broad Pass fault represents a promin
Inrust				74(06)	(0.2)	15 (0.6)		10(04)	Denali fault at Broad Pass. As summarized structure merges with the Denali fault at a
				7.4 (0.0)	40 NW	10 (0.0)		1.0 (0.4)	decreases in the Denali fault slip rate with
				7.7 (0.2)	(0.6)	20 (0.2)		4.0 (0.3)	account for the slip rate change (Haeussl
					50 NW				is known about the fault and evidence for
					(0.2)				Our brief review of 10-m topography alon
	Full Rupture (0.5)		204	7.4 (0.2)					neoglacial features that would make iden
				77(06)					There is no clear indication of fault scarps
				(0.0)					LGM, deformation is likely blind. Haeuss
				8.0 (0.2)					addition to the co-location of the fault and
									clear evidence for latest Pleistocene to H Pass Creek fault in the hanging wall of th
									active designation. The Broad Pass was
									(2012) Alaska Q fault database but is now
									2017b) studies. Because the fault is ~200
									have the potential to produce very large e
									rupture in a single earthquake. Because
									scenarios for both a 100-km-long floating
									Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2017a) note that if the fa
									high as 4 mm/yr, yielding a dip-slip rate w
									fault lacks clear evidence of recent activit
Bruin Bay Fault	Floating (1.0)	R	35 (0.7)	6.6 (0.2)	30 NW	15 (0.2)	0.5	0.01 (0.4)	The Bruin Bay fault represents a major te
-			. ,		(0.2)				northwest margin of the Cook Inlet. Schm
				6.9 (0.6)	45 NW	20 (0.6)		0.2 (0.4)	geologic evidence of activity on the Bruin late Pleistocene or Holocene time (the las
				7.2 (0.2)	(0.6)	25 (0.2)		0.5 (0.2)	classified as a Neogene fault by Plafker e
					00 104	~ /		~ /	uncertainty whether there are enough Qu
					(0.2)				Based on the apparent lack of activity dur
			100 (0.3)	7.1 (0.2)	. ,				a slip rate that is low, with broad uncertain
			,						Oligocene uplift rate of 0.2-0.4 mm/vr pre
				7.4 (0.6)					Because the fault is in a favorable orienta
				77(02)					regime, we believe that it may still be cap
				1.1 (0.2)					with the southwest end of the Castle Mou
									between the Holocene active Castle Mou
									Bruin Bay fault intersection and the change
									Mountain/Lake Clark faults supports pote
									Alternatively, the folds and associated fat accommodate nearly all of the change in
									Clark system without a Bruin Bay contribu
									shorter of the two floating earthquake mo
									at least this size, along parallel structures
									addition, we consider a larger (100-km) fl
									Tauit, as the structure (composite of many Cook light faults to the east. Given the ec

**Table 1.** Seismic Source Parameters for Quaternary Faults Used in the Analysis



ent bedrock structure south of the d by Haeussler *et al*. (2017b), the location coincident with a 3 mm/yr no other clear fault candidates to er *et al.*, 2017a, Haeussler *et al.*, ed as a low-angle thrust, although little late Quaternary activity is equivocal. the length of the fault found that fault-parallel glacial landforms or ification of a blind structure difficult. like those along the Castle Mountain the fault has been active since the er *et al.* (2017a) indicate that in the slip rate change on the Denali, blocene normal fault activity on the Broad Pass thrust supports an not included in the Koehler et al. included as a proposed source for ed on the Haeussler et al. (2017a, km long and dips shallowly, it may arthquakes (> M 7.5), although d whether or not the entire fault could f this uncertainty, we include rupture and a 204-km full rupture. ult does account for the full rate ening rate across the fault could be as ell above this. However, because the along the mapped trace, we use 4

ctonic structure that defines the oll and Yehle (1987) found no Bay fault or related structures during t~120,000 years) and the fault is t al. (1994). However, there is some aternary deposits spanning the fault iod to preclude Quaternary activity. ing the past 120,000 years, we assign nties to reflect the potential for large ur rate distribution encompasses the sented by Betka *et al*. (2017). tion for activity in the present stress able of producing moderate to large terminus of the fault is co-located ntain fault, interpreted as the break ntain fault to the northeast and the far he southwest. The coincidence of the e in activity along the Castle ntial activity on the Bruin Bay fault. Its in the Cook Inlet to the east could rate along the Castle Mountain-Lake ition. We assign an Mmax in the dels based on the historical 1933 M Inlet, suggesting that earthquakes of , are possible in the region. In pating rupture along the Bruin Bay faults) is much longer than the other uivocal evidence for Quaternary

Bulchitna Lake       Fu         Bulchitna Lake       Fu         Castle       La         Mountain –       Caribou Fault         System       Wac	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	34	6.5 (0.2)	45 E (0.3)	10 (0.2)	10		activity, and the fault's exclusion from the <i>al</i> . (2021) active fault and seismic source a P(a) of 0.5 to the Bruin Bay fault.
Bulchitna Lake       Fu         Castle       La         Mountain –       Vantain –         Caribou Fault       Water         System       action	<sup>-</sup> ull Rupture (1.0)	R	34	6.5 (0.2) 6.8 (0.6)	45 E (0.3)	10 (0.2)	10	0.4.(0.0)	
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault System ac				6.8 (0.6)	1 1	,	1.0	0.1 (0.3)	The Bulchitna Lake fault represents a nort
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault System ac				0.0 (0.0)	60 F (0 4)	15 (0.6)		05(04)	endpoint located between the northern en Susitna, about 15 km northwest of the Sus
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault System ac				. ,				()	fault is located up to 34 km to the north (p
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac				7.1 (0.2)	75 E (0.3)	20 (0.2)		1.2 (0.3)	LiDAR-based elevation models (Haeussle
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									seismic reflection data presented by Lewis
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									up-to-the-east sense, like the adjacent Lee
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									east. Maximum vertical surface displacem
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									Kahiltna's 13 m, the with max height more
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									the Kahiltna, but profiles cut for this study
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									displacement. Like the adjacent Kahiltna,
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									be partially blind, accommodates a lower s
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									time during or immediately after the LGM.
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									to Holocene faulting warrants a P(a) of 1.0
Castle La Mountain – Caribou Fault W System ac									almost entirely postglacial. The preferred r
Castle     La       Mountain –     Caribou Fault       System     ac		00 (0 75)			70 NL (0.5)	40 (0.0)			more than half of the surface displacemen
Caribou Fault W System ac	_ayered (1.0)	SS (0.75)			70 N (0.5)	10 (0.2)			Caribou Fault System is the closest fault s
ac	Western (most	R (0.25)	62	6.8 (0.2)	90 (0.5)	15 (0.6)	1.0	1.12 (0.2)	rate > 1mm/yr. Based on mapping by Dett
	active)								analysis following the Mb 5.7 1984 earthque et al. 1986) the fault likely diss approximate
				7.1 (0.6)		20 (0.2)		2.06 (0.6)	(2007) documented post-last glacial maxir
				7.4 (0.2)				2.625 (0.2)	western section of the fault zone and calcu
									More recent work in preparation for the Ala
W	Western (Full)		108	70(02)			10	0.375 (0.2)	by Tape and Haeussler (2019) documents
			100	1.0 (0.2)				0.010 (0.2)	tault from detailed topography review. How mechanisms (e.g., Labr <i>et al.</i> 1986), near
				7.3 (0.6)				0.69 (0.6)	shortening related to the last three or four
				76(02)				0 875 (0 2)	evidence for primarily lateral displacement
				7.0 (0.2)				0.075 (0.2)	review of the LiDAR-based 10-m digital ele
									obvious and remarkably linear to curvilinea
_			05					0.005 (0.0)	largely unbroken for many kilometers. The
E	astern + Caribou		85	6.9 (0.2)			0.6	0.005 (0.2)	displacement. The section with unequivoc
				7.2 (0.6)				0.25 (0.6)	at least 62 km (modeled as 80 given limita
									the POA. En-echelon left steps along the f
				7.5 (0.2)				0.5 (0.2)	Additionally, the few locations of clear left
									steps are associated with localized graber
									consistent with a dextral fault accommoda
Fu	Full Rupture		193	7.4 (0.2)			1.0	0.005 (0.2)	north-dipping structure. Based on evidence
				7.7 (0.6)				0.25 (0.6)	Pleistocene activity identified on the Easte
				(0.0)				0.20 (0.0)	we consider a layered model for the Castle
			1	1	1 1		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
				8.0 (0.2)				0.5 (0.2)	in the Anchorage area (< 50 km) with both
				8.0 (0.2)				0.5 (0.2)	in the Anchorage area (< 50 km) with both constrained Late Holocene earthquake chi times during the past 2700 years (Haeussl



Koehler *et al.* (2012) and Bender *et* compilations (respectively), we assign

th striking fault with a southern ds of Mt. Susitna and Little Mt. sitna River. The northern end of the er Haeussler *et al*, 2017) based on I. (2015). The fault is recognized from et al., 2017a, this study) and from et al. (2015). The fault vertically deposits and Mesozoic bedrock in an ech Lake and Kahiltna faults to the nent appears to be similar to the likely including pre-LGM Quaternary nly 3-4 m of surface displacement for appear to support significantly more the Bulchitna Lake fault generally erved in the region, suggesting it may slip rate, or has not ruptured since the Clear evidence for latest Pleistocene ), while vertical surface displacement out 1.2 mm/yr if the displacement is rate is 0.5 mm/yr assuming a little nt is postglacial. Holocene-active Castle Mountain source to the site with a preferred slip terman *et al*. (1976) and seismicity

uake and aftershock sequence (Lahr ately 70° to 90° north. Willis et al. mum (LGM) displacements along the ulated dextral slip rates that ranged few meters of vertical displacement. aska hazard map update presented mostly vertical deformation along the wever, based on the focal r-vertical fault. evidence for limited events (Haeussler et al, 2002), and t (Willis *et al.*, 2007, this study), we ng the Holocene active section, our evation model (DEM) found an ar series of scarps that each extend ese scarps are typically several y down-to-the-southeast al post-LGM morphology extends for ations of fault visibility at east and rly the closest approach of the fault to fault are locally abundant. (restraining) and right (releasing) and/or bulges interpreted to ing, respectively. These features are

hing, respectively. These features are titing some oblique shortening on a e for repeated Holocene activity erval of ~700 years), with only ern section (Haeussler *et al.*, 2002), e Mountain fault. This is the only fault in a constrained slip rate and a pronology. The fault has ruptured four sler *et al.*, 2002). To adequately model the Castle Mountain, we utilize two

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									segments in a layered format for the wes youthful 62-km section carries 75% of the the full western section carries the remain layers), resulting in overlap section carry mm/yr, respectively. Because of the appa in map view between the Western and Ea floating rupture model that is allowed to r system. However, this is given a relativel paleoseismic record that clearly shows the repeatedly ruptured during the Holocener (Caribou) fault has not. This is consistent western section and apparent lack thereous apparent lack of recent activity, and the se decrease to the east due to being on the collision that may drive the Castle Mounta Castle Mountain – Caribou Fault System
Denali Fault System	Floating (0.5)	SS	90 (0.4)	6.9 (0.2)	75 N (0.2)	10 (0.2)	1.0	5.0 (0.2)	We consider the three segments of the De radius surrounding the Port of Alaska in c
-,				7.2 (0.6)	90 (0.6)	15 (0.6)		8.0 (0.6)	entirely beyond the 200-km radius. Due consider both floating and segmented me
				7.5 (0.2)	75 S (0.2)	20 (0.2)		11.0 (0.2)	geometry changes. Segments are defin et al. (2017b), with slip rates from indivi (2017a) slip rate summary. In lieu of d for the floating scenarios, we utilize the
			320 (0.6)	7.5 (0.2)					the center west section) for the full lengt slip rate from east to west along the fault
				7.8 (0.6)					2002 event for the larger of the two floatin with evidence of smaller events in the M
				8.1 (0.2)					full segment lengths for the segment sce
	Segmented (0.5)								
	West		255	7.4 (0.2)				3.0 (0.2)	
				7.7 (0.6)				5.0 (0.6)	
				8.0 (0.2)				7.0 (0.2)	
	Center West		112	7.0 (0.2)				5.0 (0.2)	
				7.3 (0.6)				8.0 (0.6)	
				7.6 (0.2)				11.0 (0.2)	
	Center		93	7.0 (0.2)				8.0 (0.2)	
				7.3 (0.6)				11.0 (0.6)	



stern section; the geomorphically e total western section target rate while ining 25 percent (distributed over two ving the full rate of 1.5, 3.0, and 4.0 arent along-strike continuity of the fault castern sections, we also include a rupture anywhere along the fault ly low weight because of the he Western Castle Mountain fault has e, while the Eastern Castle Mountain it with the clear morphology along the of on the eastern section. Due to this suggestion that the slip rate should e edge of the Yakutat – North America tain Fault, we assign the Eastern n a lower preferred and max slip rate ain fault.

enali Fault System closest to the 200 km bur source model, despite the fault being e to the relatively continuous trace, we odels to reflect rate decreases and fault d by the sections shown in the Haeussler ual sections utilizing the Haeussler *et al.* veloping a more complex layered model verage slip rate of  $8 \pm 3$  mm/yr (same as th given the relatively consistent drop in t. We utilize the full rupture length of the ng events and a 90-km length, consistent 7.2-7.4 range (Carver *et al.*, 2004), and narios.

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				7.6 (0.2)				13.0 (0.2)	
Kahiltna	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	26	6.4 (0.2)	45 E (0.3)	10 (0.2)	1.0	0.05 (0.3)	The Kahiltna fault represents a north striki located between the northern ends of Mt.
				6.7 (0.6)	60 E (0.4)	15 (0.6)		0.5 (0.4)	15 km northwest of the Susitna River. The 34 km to the north. Much like the Bulchitna
				7.0 (0.2)	75 E (0.3)	20 (0.2)		1.2 (0.3)	recognized from LiDAr-based elevation mo study) and from seismic reflection data pre fault vertically displaces latest Pleistocene bedrock in an up-to-the-east sense, like th faults to the east and west, respectively. M displacement is 13 m (Haeussler <i>et al</i> , 20° including pre-LGM Quaternary offset. Like fault generally lacks the acute scarps of d
									vidence for latest Pleistocene to Holocen while vertical surface displacement warrar about 1.2 mm/yr if the displacement is alm rate is 0.5 mm/yr assuming a little more th postglacial.
Lake Clark Fault	Floating (0.7)	R (0.25)	20	6.2 (0.2)	75 N (0.5)	10 (0.2)	0.6	0.01 (0.2)	The Quaternary activity of the Lake Clark r general, the fault lacks the clear evidence
		SS (0.75)		6.5 (0.6)	90 (0.5)	15 (0.6)		0.05 (0.6)	adjacent Castle Mountain fault displays. Se evidence for Pleistocene movement, but n
				6.8 (0.2)		20 (0.2)		0.5 (0.2)	near its intersection with the Castle Mount Reger, 2011 reviewed as section the Lake found no compelling evidence for offset Ol denosits. We reviewed sections of the faul
	Full Rupture (0.1)		247	7.4 (0.2)					outwash fans of the Chuitkilnachna River ( channel) are clearly undisturbed within the
				7.7 (0.6)					a lack of post-LGM deformation. As such, activity of 0.6 together with a low slip rate.
				8.0 (0.2)					unsegmented rupture model, based on an between the western and eastern sections earthquake model with a magnitude set at rupture. This is our preferred rupture mode
	Segmented (0.2)								active, displacements would be relatively s
	Western		116	7.1 (0.2)					slip rate is poorly constrained for the Lake over the past 34-39 Ma is about 0.7 mm/yi
				7.4 (0.6)					However, this may be an overestimate for demonstrable Quaternary deformation alor this and the general lack of information re
				7.7 (0.2)					fault, we assign a preferred slip rate of 0.0 this fault is active, it has a very low slip rat geomorphic signature indicative of active t
	Eastern		134	7.1 (0.2)					
				7.4 (0.6)					
				7.7 (0.2)					
Leech Lake	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	31	6.5 (0.2)	45 E (0.3)	10 (0.2)	0.9	0.1 (0.3)	The Leech Lake fault, as named for this st fault that offsets LGM glacial and post-LGP
				6.8 (0.6)	60 E (0.4)	15 (0.6)		0.3 (0.4)	confluence of the Yentna and Susitna Rive the Castle Mountain fault. The fault is para Kahiltna River fault. Similar to the adjacen



ng fault with a southern endpoint Susitna and Little Mt. Susitna, about e northern end of the fault is located a fault to the east, the Kahiltna fault is odels (Haeussler *et al*., 2017a, this esented by Lewis et al. (2015). The and younger deposits and Mesozoic ne adjacent Leech Lake and Bulchitna Maximum vertical surface 17a) the with max height more likely the adjacent Bulchitna, the Kahiltna ther faults observed in the region, ommodates a lower slip rate. Clear he faulting warrants a P(a) of 1.0, nts a maximum slip rate range of nost entirely postglacial. The preferred nan half of the surface displacement is remains poorly understood, but in of post-LGM displacement that the Schmoll and Yehle (1987) report some no Holocene movement along the fault ain Fault. More recently, Koehler and e Clark fault near its west end and IS stage 4 (~70 ka) or younger glacial t in this area as well and the large (about 25 m above the modern limit of resolution, further supporting , we utilize a lower probability of We include three rupture models to y little weight is given to an apparent discontinuous trace . We give higher weight to a floating near the threshold of surface el because it implies that, if the fault is small, and geomorphic evidence of d not identifiable in this climate. The Clark Fault. The average slip rate r (Haeussler and Saltus, 2004). current slip rates given the lack of ong the length of this fault. Based on garding shorter term slip rates on this 05 mm/yr to reflect the notion that, if te and consequently, very little tectonics.

tudy, represents a north-south-striking M outwash/terrace deposits near the ers, approximately 10 km due north of allel to and about 5-6 km east of the nt Bulchitna and Kahiltna faults, the

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				7.1 (0.2)	75 E (0.3)	20 (0.2)		0.5 (0.3)	Leech Lake fault displays offset in a down displacements approaching four meters, highest outwash deposits. Scarps on you smaller, but unlike the Bulchitna and Kah Scarp heights suggest a vertical rate of a deposits postdate the ~11 ka LGM. Dip s calculated an assumed 60° dipping (west not included in any of the published activ Koehler <i>et al.</i> , 2012 and related USGS Q nor is it mentioned in publications of fault region folds (e.g., Haeussler and Saltus, southern half of the source is well express fault intersects and likely parallels the rive geomorphic expression is more subdued of late-glacial and post-glacial fault scarp Leech Lake fault because it is not docum recognize a subtle topographic high to th (which should be nearly flat) that may be growth and a possible southerly extensio Alternatively, this could be a postglacial is Haeussler, pers comm., June 2022) but i of the Leech Lake fault. This area occurs surface (Wilson <i>et al.</i> , 2012) that extends approximately 16 km. South of the Susitr Lake fault, the surface appears to be war to the vertical displacement observed acc elongated area 3-4 km long. The apparent Susitna River-parallel topographic profile the Leech Lake fault an additional 7 km s uplift, with recognition that additional stures structure. The total length of the source is
Montague Strait Fault	Full Rupture (1.0)	N	75	6.9 (0.2)	45 SE (0.3)	10 (0.2)	0.2	2.0 (0.3)	The Montague Strait fault represents an accretionary wedge that overrides the me
				7.2 (0.6)	60 SE (0.4)	15 (0.6)		3.7 (0.4)	by both bathymetry and from thermochro calculated by Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2015) for the second
				7.5 (0.2)	75 SE (0.3)	20 (0.2)		5.0 (0.3)	also includes the Patton Bay fault. While of the subduction zone as a source of stro occurrence of seismicity along the fault, v accommodate strain during megathrust e interpret a dip of 61° SE based on the non- earthquake on the fault. Given that the so we consider only a full rupture for the sou that splay faults of the megathrust (e.g., F events, although not during every event ( 2022). As such, we assign a low P(a) to t likelihood of the fault producing a large ru event. Slip rate for the Montague straight of the neoglacial and LGM unconformitie
Pass Creek	Full Rupture (1.0)	N	45	6.7 (0.2)	45 N (0.2)	15 (0.2)	1.0	0.1 (0.2)	This Pass Creek fault occurs as a north-c of the Broad Pass thrust, likely the result
				7.0 (0.6)	60 N (0.6)	20 (0.6)		0.3 (0.6)	zone (MacKay <i>et al.</i> , 1996). The fault ver early Holocene glacial deposits (interpret
				7.3 (0.2)	75 N (0.2)	25 (0.2)		0.7 (0.2)	by Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2017). They document the scarp itself, which a steep fault scarp subsurface dip is unknown. Using a dip of deposits yields a maximum dip slip rate of upper slip rate bound. The total source le combination of the Bender <i>et al.</i> (2021) a



n-to-the-west sense, with the largest but mostly about 2.5 to 3 m across the inger/lower surfaces are typically iltna, scarps are sharp and acute. bout 0.2 to 0.3 mm/yr assuming the lip rates of up to about 0.4 mm/yr are -dipping) fault. The Leech Lake fault is e fault databases for Alaska (e.g., -fault database, Bender *et al.*, 2021) ing in Susitna Basin or Cook Inlet 2011; Haeussler *et al*, 2017a). The sed west of the Yentna River but the er along the its northern half, where and equivocal. Despite clear evidence s, we assign a P(a) of 0.9 for the ented in the available literature. We e south in glacioestuarine deposits related to post-glacial uplift/fold on of the Leech Lake fault. sostatic adjustment feature (Peter t is quite localized along the projection a largely uneroded glacioestuarine parallel to the Susitna River for na River and along strike of the Leech ped/uplifted approximately 3 m (similar ross the scarps) over a fault-parallel nt uplift is prominent when viewed on s. As such, we conservatively extend south to include the area of apparent

dy is necessary to better evaluate this is 31 km. ~75-km-long normal fault in the negathrust. The fault is clearly defined onology-based exhumation rates the Prince William Sound region that this source is considered independent frong ground shaking based on the we recognize that the fault *may* largely events. Haeussler *et al.* (2015)

dal plane solution from a 2012 M4.8 burce is nearly 200 km from the site, urce model. Ongoing work suggests Patton Bay) rupture during megathrust (Peter Haeussler, pers. comm., June the source to represent the low upture independent of a megathrust t is based on the 3.6 and 41 m offsets s, respectively.

dipping normal fault in the hanging wall of a ramp-flat transition or a triangle rtically displaces latest Pleistocene to ed as ~11 ka) up to 6 m, as reported int a preferred fault dip of 38° related to and suggests recent activity. The of 50° and an 11-ka age for the offset of 0.7 mm/yr, which we utilize as the ength is approximately 45 km using a and the slightly longer Koehler *et al.* 

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				()				(	(2012) geometries. Clear evidence of post-glacial deformation warrants a P(a) of 1.0
Patton Bay Fault	Full Rupture	R	90	7.0 (0.2)	40 NW (0.3)	10 (0.2)	0.2	2.0 (0.3)	The Patton Bay fault represents a reverse fault splay of the megathrust, located nearly 200 km west of the site. The fault accommodated up to 12 m of
				7.3 (0.6)	55 NW (0.4)	15 (0.6)		5.0 (0.4)	displacement during the historic megathrust event. Ongoing work suggests the fault runture during megathrust events although not during every event (Peter
				7.6 (0.2)	70 NW (0.3)	20 (0.2)		7.0 (0.3)	Hadit rapidle daming integatingst events, altreagn not daming event (reter Haeussler, pers. comm., June 2022). As such, we assign a low P(a) to the source to represent the low likelihood of the fault producing a large rupture independent of a megathrust event. The slip rate estimate is developed from the post-LGM vertical displacement of 56 m (in ~ 11 to 15 ka) by Liberty <i>et al.</i> (2013) on a fault dipping 55°, yielding a dip slip rate of about 5 to 7 mm/yr. We use 2 mm/yr as the inferred lower bound given data presented in Liberty <i>et al.</i> (2013)
COOK INLET – E	BLIND SOURCES*								
Middle Ground	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	63	6.9 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	1.0	0.39 (0.3)	This pair of structures deforms Pliocene deposits and may deform Quaternary
Point				7.2 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.82 (0.4)	sediments (Haeussier <i>et al.</i> , 2000). Slip rate is based on the range of possible slip rates reported by Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2000). Geometry for this source uses
				7.5 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		2.72 (0.3)	
Kenai Lowlands	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	55	6.8 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	0.3	0.39 (0.3)	The Kenai Lowlands homocline (Haeussler and Saltus, 2011; Haeussler <i>et al.</i> ,
(formerly Naptown + Suprise Lake +				7.1 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.82 (0.4)	2000) is located several kilometers east of the Swanson River anticline and is likely composed of several inferred sub-parallel structures. Collectively, these
Beaver Creek)				7.4 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		2.72 (0.3)	structures deform Pliocene deposits and may deform Quaternary sediments (Haeussler <i>et al.</i> , 2000). There are no independent slip rate estimates available. We have applied the range of possible slip rates reported by Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2000) for the Middle Ground Shoal as a proxy for this structure. The Kenai Lowlands source is not included in either the Koehler <i>et al.</i> (2012) Alaska active fault database or the Bender <i>et al.</i> (2021) proposed 2023 NSHM sources. However, given the possibility that it <i>may</i> deform Quaternary-age deposits and it's orientation is consistent with the modern strain field, we
North Cook	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	23	6.4 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	1.0	0.04 (0.3)	include it as a crustal source, albeit with a low P(a). The North Cook Inlet anticline likely folds Quaternary sediments (Haeussler el
nlet-SRS Anticline				6.7 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.08 (0.4)	al., 2000) and has been attributed as one of the possible sources of the 1933 M 6.9 earthquake (Haeussler <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Flores and Doser, 2005). We use this
				7.0 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		0.27 (0.3)	magnitude as the preferred Mmax for this structure. Slip rate is based on Haeussler <i>et al.</i> (2000). The more recent work by Haeussler and Saltus (2011) considers the North Cook Inlet and SRS anticlines to be part of one structure, as model for this seismic hazard analysis.
Lewis River –	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	35	6.6 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	1.0	0.04 (0.3)	Based on geomorphic evidence and the presence of gas fields, Haeussler <i>et al.</i>
seluya river				6.9 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.08 (0.4)	a fairly continuous northwest trending zone, we have combined these
				7.2 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		0.27 (0.3)	the source area of the 1933 M 6.9 Cook Inlet earthquake, we assign a preferred M max based on the magnitude of that earthquake. There are no measured slip rates available for this structure, therefore, we assign a slip rate based on the slip rate of the North Cook Inlet field (Haeussler <i>et al.</i> , 2000)
Pitman Anticline	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	62	6.9 (0.2)	45 SE (0.3)	15 (0.2)	0.8	0.01 (0.3)	This source is included in the proposed 2023 revision (Bender <i>et al.</i> , 2021a) of the NSHM and is based on the trace presented by Koehler <i>et al.</i> (2012) as part
				7.2 (0.6)	00 SE (0.4)	∠U (U.6) 25 (0.2)		0.05 (0.4)	or the Alaska Quaternary fault and fold database, reported as simply <1.6 Ma. The northeast-southwest-striking fold is located several kilometers southeast of
				7.5 (0.2)	15 SE (U.3)	20 (0.2)		0.20 (0.3)	the Castle Mountain fault with the causative fault dipping southeast based on the Bender <i>et al.</i> (2021a) model. The dip is reported in the Bender <i>et al.</i> (2021a) source model as an assumed 45° based on the assumption the fault is



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									purely reverse. However, the strike of the Mountain suggests the fault may accomm potentially steeper dip.
Swanson River	Full Rupture	R	40	6.7 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	0.8	0.04 (0.3)	The Swanson River anticline represents a located about 55 km southwest of the PO
				7.0 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.08 (0.4)	identified from seismic reflection data, aei
				7.3 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		0.27 (0.3)	(adussier et al., 2000, haddsster and sa indicate the fold deforms Pliocene or your (2012) database assigns a Quaternary ag Haeussler and Saltus, 2011), although we the literature of the structure deforming Q assign a P(a) of 0.8 given its inclusion in t et al., 2012).
Turnagain Arm	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	22	6.7 (0.2)	45 SE (0.3)	15 (0.2)	0.3	0.04 (0.3)	Little is known about this structure, which
				7.0 (0.6)	60 SE (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.08 (0.4)	Anchorage with possible Quaternary activ this as a possible Quaternary structure ca
				7.3 (0.2)	75 SE (0.3)	25 (0.2)		0.27 (0.3)	and Haeussler and Saltus (2011) note that presence or nature of the structure at this source given this uncertainty and close pr P(a). Slip rate is based on Haeussler <i>et a</i>
Wasilla St. No. 1 – Needham	Full Rupture (1.0)	R	45	6.7 (0.2)	45 NW (0.3)	15 (0.2)	0.8	0.01 (0.3)	This source is included in the proposed 20 the NSHM and is based on the trace pres
Anticline				7.0 (0.6)	60 NW (0.4)	20 (0.6)		0.05 (0.4)	of the Alaska Quaternary fault and fold da
				7.3 (0.2)	75 NW (0.3)	25 (0.2)		0.20 (0.3)	The northeast-southwest-striking fold is to southeast of the Castle Mountain fault. Th Pittman blind fault and/or the Castle Mour 65°. The dip is reported in the Bender <i>et a</i> 45° based on the assumption the fault is p nearly parallel to the Castle Mountain at if accommodate a lateral component and hi Wasila anticine represents one of the clo

#### Notes:

- Values in parentheses are epistemic weights.

- <sup>1</sup> N Normal; O Oblique; N/O Normal-Oblique; SS Strike-Slip; R Reverse (high-angle).
- <sup>2</sup> The maximum length of individual faults and fault zones are generally measured straight-line, end-to-end distance, excepting sources with significant changes in geometry along strike.
- <sup>3</sup> Preferred Mw values for faults are estimated using the average value of Wells and Coppersmith (1994) surface rupture length (all) and Leonard (2010) area relations. Values are estimated based on maximum surface rupture length.
- <sup>4</sup> Average fault dips and directions. The sources are assumed to be planes. For simplicity, the earthquake location model places the events randomly along an idealized, straight and continuous source zone.
- <sup>5</sup> Maximum seismogenic depths are used with fault dip angles and directions to distribute seismic moment and calculate source-to-site distances for ground motions. Maximum seismogenic depths are estimated on the basis of the depth that encompasses 95% of the seismicity in a given seismotectonic province, of interest to this study.
- <sup>6</sup> Probability of activity, P(a), is the likelihood that a fault or structural zone is a seismogenic source and is active within the modern stress field.
- <sup>7</sup> Rates of fault activity are average net slip rates (in mm/yr). Recurrence models are weighted (0.7) characteristic and (0.3) maximum magnitude for crustal fault sources.
- \* Given that most Cook Inlet sources are offshore, parameters such as activity, slip rate, and length are presented with large uncertainties. All Cook Inlet sources are assumed to be reverse faults in the model, with recognition that some may accommodate oblique shortening.



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is the closest structure to the Port of ity. Haeussler *et al*. (2000) identified pable of a M 6.4 earthquake. More 11) indicates an "enigmatic" structure, at they "remain unconvinced as to the location". We include it as a potential oximity to the POA, but assign a low . (2000).

023 revision (Bender *et al.*, 2021) of ented by Koehler et al. (2012) as part tabase, reported as simply <1.6 Ma. cated approximately 6 to 20 km he Wasilla source likely intersects the tain fault if the dip is less than about al. (2021) source model is an assumed ourely reverse. The strike of the fault ts eastern end suggests the fault may ave a potentially steeper dip. The sest sources to the POA.



## Table 2. Completeness Estimates and Number of Earthquakes in Each Magnitude Interval for the Modeled Seismic Source Zones

	YB	ZONE	SAB	<b>CI ZONE</b>	SLAB ZONE		
Magnitude Range	BEGINNING OF USABLE PERIOD (YR)	EARTHQUAKE COUNT	BEGINNING OF USABLE PERIOD (YR)	Earthquake Count	BEGINNING OF USABLE PERIOD (YR)	Earthquake Count	
3.00 - 3.49	1970	31	1970	47	NA	NA	
3.50 – 3.99	1970	28	1970	48	1970	901	
4.00 - 4.49	1964	6	1964	25	1964	648	
4.50 - 4.99	1964	7	1964	4	1964	249	
5.00 - 5.49	1964	1	1964	0	1964	87	
5.50 – 5.99	1932	0	1932	4	1955	59	
6.00 - 6.49	1932	1	1932	1	1932	26	
6.50 - 6.99	1910	0	1910	1	1898	14	
≥ 7.00	1898	1	1898	2	1898	4	



REALIZATION	<i>b</i> -VALUE	N(M>5)	WEIGHT
	YB Z	Zone	
1	0.73	0.05442	[0.125]
2	0.74	0.05642	[0.125]
3	0.79	0.04875	[0.125]
4	0.82	0.05053	[0.125]
5	0.66	0.09891	[0.125]
6	0.93	0.03369	[0.125]
7	0.84	0.04793	[0.125]
8	0.87	0.03800	[0.125]
	SABC	I Zone	
1	0.59	0.19007	[0.125]
2	0.62	0.17850	[0.125]
3	0.55	0.17494	[0.125]
4	0.52	0.22679	[0.125]
5	0.63	0.12653	[0.125]
6	0.65	0.11685	[0.125]
7	0.57	0.16327	[0.125]
8	0.60	0.17080	[0.125]
	Slab	Zone	
1	0.81	3.37588	[0.125]
2	0.80	3.09326	[0.125]
3	0.84	2.94113	[0.125]
4	0.82	3.14311	[0.125]
5	0.87	2.60756	[0.125]
6	0.84	2.82002	[0.125]
7	0.83	3.09693	[0.125]
8	0.81	3.07805	[0.125]

## Table 3. Recurrence Parameters for the Crustal Source and Intraslab Zones



<b>BEALIZATION</b>	YB	ZONE	SAB	<b>CI Z</b> ONE	SLAB ZONE		
REALIZATION	M ≥ 5	M ≥ 6	M ≥ 5	M ≥ 6	M ≥ 5	M ≥ 6	
1	18.4	117.2	5.3	25.8	0.30	2.0	
2	17.7	116.0	5.6	28.8	0.32	2.1	
3	20.5	147.5	5.7	26.2	0.34	2.5	
4	19.8	151.1	4.4	19.1	0.32	2.2	
5	10.1	56.3	7.9	41.9	0.38	3.0	
6	29.7	283.8	8.6	47.1	0.35	2.6	
7	20.9	163.9	6.1	28.8	0.32	2.3	
8	26.3	221.9	5.9	29.2	0.32	2.2	

### Table 4. Estimated Recurrence Intervals for the Seismic Source Zones



Fault Name	Probability	Rupture Model	Source	Preferred	b-	Din (degrees)	Rupture	Recurrence	Comments	
i auteritanie	of Activity	Rupture moder	Course	Mmax (M)	value	Dip (degrees)	Depth (km)	Interval (Yrs)	Comments	
Eastern section	1.0	Unsegmented	Kodiak +	9.1 (0.2)	1.00	3.0 N (0.2)	25 (0.2)	500 (0.2)	1964 Earthquake	
(Western		(0.7)	PWS/WY	9.2 (0.6)		6.0 N (0.6)	35 (0.6)	600 (0.6)		
Yakutat/Prince				9.3 (0.2)		9.0 N (0.2)	50 (0.2)	700 (0.2)		
William		Segmented (0.3)	PWS/WY	8.8 (0.2)	1.00	3.0 N (0.2)	25 (0.2)	500 (0.2)		
Sound/Kodiak)				9.0 (0.6)		6.0 N (0.6)	35 (0.6)	600 (0.6)		
				9.2 (0.2)		9.0 N (0.2)	50 (0.2)	700 (0.2)		
			Kodiak	8.5 (0.2)	1.00	5.0 N (0.2)	30 (0.5)	400 (0.2)	Ruptured independently at least 4	
				8.8 (0.6)		7.0 N (0.6)	50 (0.5)	500 (0.6)	times in past 2000 years. One to two	
				9.1 (0.2)		9.0 N (0.2)		600 (0.2)	times ruptured in the same time period with PWS.	
Semidi	1.0	Unsegmented		7.9 (0.2)	0.71	6 N (0.5)	20 (0.2)	180 (0.2)	Ruptured in 1788 and 1938. RI 180-	
		(1.0)		8.2 (0.6)		10 N (0.5)	24 (0.6)	225 (0.6)	270 years.	
				8.5 (0.2)			28 (0.2)	270 (0.2)		

### Table 5. Seismic Source Parameters for Alaskan Subduction Zone



Source	Poisson Recurrence Interval (yr)	Poisson Recurrence Interval Weight	cov	COV Weight	BPT Probability	Equivalent Poisson Rate (1/yr)	Equivalent Poisson Recurrence Interval (yr)	Equivalent Poisson Recurrence Interval Weight
	500	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.65E-08	3.29E-10	> 100,000,000	0.1
	600	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.09E-10	2.17E-12	> 100,000,000	0.3
	700	0.2	0.3	0.5	6.50E-13	1.30E-14	> 100,000,000	0.1
	500	0.2	0.5	0.4	6.33E-04	1.27E-05	78,989	0.08
Kodiak+PWS/WY	600	0.6	0.5	0.4	9.80E-05	1.96E-06	509,954	0.24
	700	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.48E-05	2.96E-07	3,382,171	0.08
	500	0.2	0.7	0.1	1.34E-02	2.71E-04	3,695	0.02
	600	0.6	0.7	0.1	5.03E-03	1.01E-04	9,908	0.06
	700	0.2	0.7	0.1	1.86E-03	3.72E-05	26,857	0.02
	400	0.2	0.3	0.5	2.33E-06	4.66E-08	21,445,466	0.1
	500	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.65E-08	3.29E-10	> 100,000,000	0.3
	600	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.09E-10	2.17E-12	> 100,000,000	0.1
	400	0.2	0.5	0.4	4.04E-03	8.10E-05	12,339	0.08
Kodiak	500	0.6	0.5	0.4	6.33E-04	1.27E-05	78,989	0.24
	600	0.2	0.5	0.4	9.80E-05	1.96E-06	509,954	0.08
	400	0.2	0.7	0.1	3.57E-02	7.27E-04	1,375	0.02
	500	0.6	0.7	0.1	1.34E-02	2.71E-04	3,695	0.06
	600	0.2	0.7	0.1	5.03E-03	1.01E-04	9,908	0.02

Table 6. Time-Dependent Equivalent Poisson Recurrence Intervals

Note: Recurrence intervals for Segmented PWS/WY are the same as those for Kodiak+PWS/WY.



RETURN PERIOD (YEARS)	PGA (G) MEAN [5TH, 95TH PERCENTILES]	1.0 Sec SA (G) Mean [5th, 95th percentiles]
72	0.201 [0.099,0.340]	0.115 [0.067,0.176]
475	0.563 [0.257,0.967]	0.320 [0.174,0.490]
975	0.791 [0.350,1.349]	0.449 [0.237,0.686]
2,475	1.187 [0.504,2.000]	0.671 [0.344,1.019]

### Table 7. Probabilistic Ground Motions at Selected Return Periods



BEDIOD		F	RETURN PER		;)
PERIOD		72	475	975	2,475
	М*	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
DCA	D*	92.5	67.5	57.5	57.5
PGA	M-BAR	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0
	D-BAR	90.6	76.7	72.8	68.5
	М*	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
0.2 050	D*	92.5	67.5	57.5	57.5
U.2 SEC	M-BAR	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0
	D-BAR	92.3	78.2	74.2	69.7
	М*	7.1	7.1	7.1	9.3
10050	D*	37.5	37.5	57.5	32.5
1.0 SEC	M-bar	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1
	D-BAR	105.8	87.2	81.7	75.6
	М*	7.1	7.1	7.1	9.3
1 5 050	D*	37.5	37.5	37.5	32.5
1.5 SEC	M-bar	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1
	D-BAR	107.4	87.2	81.2	74.5
	<b>M</b> *	7.1	7.1	7.1	9.3
2.0 050	D*	37.5	37.5	37.5	32.5
2.U SEC	M-BAR	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2
	D-BAR	109.6	88.7	82.3	75.2

# Table 8. Controlling Earthquakes



	Но	DRIZONTAL SPECTR	AL ACCELERATION	(g)
PERIOD (SEC)	72-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	475-YEAR Return Period	975-Year Return Period	2,475-Year Return Period
0.01	0.201	0.563	0.791	1.187
0.02	0.211	0.597	0.841	1.266
0.03	0.236	0.672	0.949	1.428
0.05	0.308	0.881	1.247	1.895
0.075	0.388	1.109	1.573	2.398
0.1	0.440	1.259	1.784	2.715
0.15	0.472	1.361	1.929	2.927
0.2	0.456	1.313	1.864	2.835
0.25	0.430	1.232	1.749	2.664
0.3	0.387	1.106	1.568	2.385
0.4	0.318	0.908	1.283	1.943
0.5	0.265	0.750	1.058	1.595
0.75	0.168	0.473	0.665	0.997
1.0	0.115	0.320	0.449	0.671
1.5	0.065	0.178	0.249	0.372
2.0	0.044	0.121	0.169	0.255
3.0	0.022	0.062	0.087	0.130
4.0	0.014	0.038	0.053	0.080
5.0	0.0095	0.027	0.038	0.057
7.5	0.0041	0.014	0.020	0.030
10.0	0.0023	0.0081	0.012	0.019

# Table 9. Horizontal UHS for Vs30 760 m/sec



PERIOD			HORIZONTAL SPECTR	AL ACCELERATION (g)	
(SEC)	STUDY	72-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	475-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	975-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	2,475-YEAR RETURN PERIOD
	USGS 2007	0.211	0.435	0.543	0.691
PGA	This Study	0.201	0.563	0.791	1.187
	Comparison	-5%	29%	46%	72%
	USGS 2007	0.148	0.345	0.454	0.615
1.0	This Study	0.115	0.320	0.449	0.671
	Comparison	-22%	-7%	-1%	9%

# Table 10. Comparison with the 2007 USGS National Seismic Hazard Map

Note: Comparison shows percent change from USGS 2007 values to site-specific values.



# Table 11. Inputs for DSHA

INPUT PARAMETER	INPUT PARAMETER DEFINITION	INTRASLAB	MEGATHRUST
М	Moment magnitude	7.6	9.2
R <sub>RUP</sub>	Closest distance to coseismic rupture (km)	25	31
R <sub>JB</sub>	Closest distance to surface projection of coseismic rupture (km)	3	0
R <sub>x</sub>	Horizontal distance from top of rupture measured perpendicular to fault strike (km)	3	291
R <sub>y0</sub>	The horizontal distance off the end of the rupture measured parallel to strike (km)	0	0
U	Unspecified-mechanism factor: 1 for unspecified; 0 otherwise	0	0
F <sub>RV</sub>	Reverse-faulting factor: 0 for strike slip, normal, normal-oblique; 1 for reverse, reverse-oblique and thrust	1	1
F <sub>N</sub>	Normal-faulting factor: 0 for strike slip, reverse, reverse-oblique, thrust and normal-oblique; 1 for normal	0	0
F <sub>HW</sub>	Hanging-wall factor: 1 for site on down-dip side of top of rupture; 0 otherwise	0	0
Z <sub>TOR</sub>	Depth to top of coseismic rupture (km)	24	7
Dip	Average dip of rupture plane (degrees)	90	90
<b>V</b> \$30	The average shear-wave velocity (m/s) over a subsurface depth of 30 m	760	760
<b>Z</b> нүр	Hypocentral depth from the earthquake	38	29
Z <sub>1.0</sub>	Depth to Vs=1 km/sec (km)	0.5	0.5
<b>Z</b> <sub>2.5</sub>	Depth to Vs=2.5 km/sec (km)	1.0	1.0
W	Fault rupture width (km)	27	400
Region	Specific Regions considered in the models	Global	Global



	INTRA	SLAB	MEGAT	THRUST	ENVE	LOPE
PERIOD (SEC)	MEDIAN (G)	84 <sup>™</sup> (G)	MEDIAN (G)	84 <sup>™</sup> (G)	MEDIAN (G)	84™ (G)
0.01	0.729	1.562	0.437	0.937	0.729	1.562
0.02	0.771	1.656	0.456	0.980	0.771	1.656
0.03	0.847	1.832	0.502	1.086	0.847	1.832
0.05	1.028	2.262	0.599	1.321	1.028	2.262
0.075	1.212	2.704	0.696	1.559	1.212	2.704
0.1	1.384	3.093	0.791	1.773	1.384	3.093
0.15	1.591	3.536	0.920	2.047	1.591	3.536
0.2	1.650	3.669	0.953	2.119	1.650	3.669
0.3	1.412	3.107	0.860	1.893	1.412	3.107
0.4	1.184	2.589	0.754	1.648	1.184	2.589
0.5	0.987	2.148	0.657	1.429	0.987	2.148
0.75	0.633	1.378	0.472	1.029	0.633	1.378
1	0.440	0.955	0.346	0.752	0.440	0.955
1.5	0.262	0.567	0.220	0.475	0.262	0.567
2	0.179	0.385	0.160	0.345	0.179	0.385
3	0.095	0.204	0.090	0.192	0.095	0.204
4	0.058	0.122	0.062	0.130	0.062	0.130
5	0.041	0.085	0.049	0.101	0.049	0.101
7.5	0.020	0.039	0.030	0.060	0.030	0.060
10	0.011	0.022	0.020	0.040	0.020	0.040

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PERIOD (SEC)	CMS (g)		
	T = 0.2 SEC	T = 2.0 SEC	
0.01	0.791	0.483	
0.02	0.832	0.504	
0.03	0.913	0.554	
0.05	1.087	0.659	
0.075	1.281	0.769	
0.1	1.447	0.879	
0.15	1.755	1.031	
0.2	1.864	1.076	
0.3	1.534	0.963	
0.4	1.269	0.831	
0.5	1.058	0.719	
0.75	0.665	0.513	
1	0.449	0.370	
1.5	0.249	0.232	
2	0.169	0.169	
3	0.087	0.087	
4	0.053	0.053	
5	0.038	0.038	
7.5	0.020	0.020	
10	0.012	0.012	

 Table 13. CMS Conditioned at 0.2 and 2.0 Sec for the 975-Year Return Period



	VERTICAL SPECTRAL ACCELERATION (g)				
PERIOD (SEC)	72-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	475-YEAR RETURN PERIOD	975-Year Return Period	2,475-Year Return Period	
0.01	0.086	0.259	0.377	0.574	
0.02	0.090	0.275	0.401	0.614	
0.03	0.102	0.320	0.474	0.731	
0.05	0.141	0.473	0.724	1.151	
0.075	0.202	0.683	1.042	1.686	
0.1	0.227	0.744	1.121	1.805	
0.15	0.221	0.674	0.984	1.536	
0.2	0.213	0.608	0.860	1.308	
0.25	0.184	0.522	0.738	1.124	
0.3	0.162	0.455	0.642	0.975	
0.4	0.134	0.373	0.520	0.790	
0.5	0.112	0.307	0.427	0.642	
0.75	0.074	0.202	0.278	0.420	
1.0	0.055	0.149	0.206	0.308	
1.5	0.034	0.091	0.126	0.188	
2.0	0.024	0.064	0.089	0.134	
3.0	0.013	0.036	0.050	0.075	
4.0	0.008	0.023	0.032	0.048	
5.0	0.006	0.017	0.024	0.036	
7.5	0.002	0.008	0.011	0.017	
10.0	0.001	0.004	0.006	0.010	

Table 14. Vertical Spectra for Vs30 760 m/sec



## **Figures**



































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# Appendix A 72-Year Return Period Time Histories



No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	ClstD (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	PGD (cm)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	Scale Factor
						Se	ed							
								E	0.3430	10.2063	1.4414	0.6660	8.3050	1.22
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	268.7	750	N	0.3041	11.7309	1.5665	0.5141	9.4700	1.22
								Z	0.1425	5.1955	1.2141	0.2124	37.6750	1.07
								E	0.0563	3.9591	1.6251	0.0540	20.6500	3.13
2	2000037	2001	Nisqually	ELW	6.8	63.8	438	N	0.0553	3.6990	0.8752	0.0592	19.6300	3.13
								Z	0.0348	2.7854	1.6143	0.0227	26.3600	2.40
								237	0.1482	10.0484	1.7871	0.2163	20.6300	1.54
3	2000081	2001	Nisqually	2130	6.8	2.7	399	327	0.1516	6.8689	1.4717	0.2086	21.7000	1.54
								UP	0.1572	4.4054	0.9067	0.1856	17.0150	0.99
	3001313		CentralAmerica & Mexico (143)	3687	7.32	165.7		01	0.0659	4.1480	1.3442	0.0838	28.3500	3.17
4		2014					382	02	0.0552	3.2301	0.9181	0.0798	27.7050	3.17
								03	0.0320	2.5142	0.5936	0.0264	35.6150	2.69
								S2	0.0806	4.2633	1.0771	0.1341	33.0100	2.36
5	4007388	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	NARUKO	7.15	109.8	398.6	W2	0.1040	4.3153	2.0079	0.1425	31.7000	2.36
								D2	0.0620	3.7540	2.1907	0.0827	29.0400	1.64
								E	0.3269	21.1491	3.9229	1.1796	13.0600	0.80
6	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1	KAU042	7.02	24.0	815.5	N	0.2338	11.1403	3.3129	0.9278	12.8900	0.80
								U	0.1185	6.3817	1.4668	0.1465	17.6950	0.78
								E	0.1966	34.0226	14.2395	0.8412	10.2300	0.59
7	7006531	2006	006 Pingtung.Doublet2	CHY068 6.94	6.94	78.1	196	Ν	0.3468	17.8487	3.6722	0.9766	11.4350	0.59
		2000						U	0.0810	5.1139	2.4137	0.0943	17.0450	0.94

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No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	Rrup (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	PGD (cm)
					Matche	d							
								E	0.2041	10.5028	3.1560	0.2361	8.6450
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	268.7	750	N	0.1796	13.0199	3.1499	0.2485	6.9750
								Z	0.1219	6.3994	2.2139	0.2060	38.9500
								E	0.1951	9.7395	5.9260	0.5311	23.3600
2	2000037	2001	Nisqually	ELW	6.8	63.8	438	Ν	0.1883	10.0641	3.3608	0.5927	21.5700
								Z	0.0755	4.3419	3.3187	0.1239	27.0000
								237	0.2099	15.1375	2.9361	0.3914	20.4500
3	2000081	2001	Nisqually	2130	6.8	2.7	399	327	0.2205	6.6547	2.2417	0.3810	20.4200
								UP	0.0947	4.6834	1.1696	0.1338	21.1650
								01	0.2347	9.3017	4.4456	0.7856	32.0400
4	3001313	2014	CentralAmerica & Mexico (143)	3687	7.32	165.7	382	02	0.1850	8.3726	3.1187	0.7574	31.4450
								03	0.0964	4.9064	1.4330	0.1834	36.1250
								S2	0.1825	10.4287	2.9151	0.6356	33.2800
5	4007388	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	NARUKO	7.15	109.8	398.6	W2	0.2195	9.1362	3.9353	0.6733	32.1400
								D2	0.0953	5.7289	3.8408	0.2172	29.1400
								E	0.2446	15.4153	3.0673	0.5852	13.3200
6	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1	KAU042	7.02	24.0	815.5	N	0.1640	8.8914	2.9713	0.4042	13.3500
								U	0.0857	6.1678	1.2624	0.0888	17.6550
								E	0.1440	13.1658	4.8141	0.3278	13.1850
7	7006531	2006	Pingtung.Doublet2	CHY068	6.94	78.1	196	Ν	0.2634	9.8491	1.3450	0.4218	12.0300
								U	0.0854	3.9226	1.9328	0.0901	17.8700

### Table A-2. Properties of Spectrally-Matched Time Histories for 72yr UHS



# Appendix B 475-Year Return Period Time Histories



No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	ClstD (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	PGD (cm)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	Scale Factor
	•				•	Se	ed						•	
								E	0.3430	10.2063	1.4414	0.6660	8.3050	3.5010
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	289.8	750	Ν	0.3041	11.7309	1.5665	0.5141	9.4700	3.5010
								Z	0.1425	5.1955	1.2140	0.2124	37.6750	3.1529
								090	0.2107	18.5791	3.8612	0.5830	25.3750	2.6930
2	1002957	2016	Iniskin	Ак:Anchorage;FS 07 (new)	7.15	253.9	332	360	0.1815	11.6382	3.0530	0.3803	31.6250	2.6930
				<i>or</i> ( <i>new</i> )				68	0.0488	3.5732	1.3068	0.0406	76.0500	4.7481
					7.04	70.0	510	EW	0.1875	25.2016	7.2953	1.9886	32.4400	2.0320
3	3000185	1982	CentralAmerica & Mexico (69)	2747	7.31	70.0	STA	NS	0.1695	28.0196	11.6039	1.4604	32.9400	2.0320
			1112/100 (05)					VERT	0.1116	13.2660	2.7654	0.7245	40.9450	1.8290
	4007389	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	TOUWA	7.15	73.0	940.9	S2	0.5504	14.6663	3.2504	7.7157	26.0300	1.7190
4		2011					849.8	W2	0.6416	19.7945	3.8003	5.7279	21.7100	1.7190
								D2	0.5189	8.8432	4.6808	4.9876	18.0000	1.3128
				Cround	7.15	54.6	850	EW	0.5625	19.0495	2.1092	5.0979	21.5200	1.6660
5	4040459	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Observation Point				NS	0.5365	21.3315	2.3529	7.2011	17.6600	1.6660
								UD	0.5301	8.1220	2.7247	7.2359	18.4400	1.1774
					_		100	E	0.1783	33.5260	9.2419	1.0159	17.5450	2.0710
6	7005934	2006	Pingtung.Doublet 1	HEN	7.02	42.8	198	N	0.1891	31.4529	8.4314	1.0565	18.1050	2.0710
			1					U	0.0756	7.5578	1.6863	0.1637	21.4350	2.6134
					7.00	505	815.549	E	0.3269	21.1486	3.9228	1.1796	13.0600	2.3020
7	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet 1	KAU042	7.02	50.5	8	Ν	0.2338	11.1400	3.3128	0.9277	12.8900	2.3020
			<u> </u>					U	0.1185	6.3817	1.4668	0.1465	17.6950	2.2979

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No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	Rrup (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	PGD (cm)
				Ν	latched	•							
								Е	0.6050	24.6848	7.4758	1.9170	8.5450
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	289.8	750	Ν	0.5955	35.8803	8.1311	1.6515	8.8350
								Z	0.3462	17.6181	6.5257	1.8113	38.7050
								090	0.5941	33.5702	7.8653	3.0941	31.4300
2	1002957	2016	Iniskin	AK:Anchorage;FS 07 (new)	7.15	253.9	332	360	0.4413	31.4559	12.1423	2.2795	36.4350
								68	0.3200	15.0865	5.3121	1.0727	60.5800
								EW	0.7151	38.3964	7.4720	6.2334	48.7850
3	3000185	1982	CentralAmerica & Mexico (69)	2747	7.31	70.0	519	NS	0.5669	24.9248	17.9263	4.4121	48.0900
								VERT	0.2615	13.2544	3.9914	1.6093	47.4550
			Miyagi_Pre.Off	TOUWA	7 15	72.0	940.9	S2	0.4952	28.4987	9.4060	5.7413	27.8700
4	4007389	2011			7.15	73.0	045.0	W2	0.5662	31.3636	13.6071	4.8951	21.9900
								D2	0.3915	15.8168	8.4616	5.2002	21.3400
					7 15	54.6	850	EW	0.5328	27.9381	11.7333	4.4847	24.0000
5	4040459	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Ground Observation Point	7.15	54.0	050	NS	0.5328	31.2541	8.7004	5.9349	19.7600
								UD	0.3482	10.1958	3.5303	3.1887	20.4400
								E	0.4117	27.9942	11.2693	3.2142	23.7950
6	7005934	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1	HEN	7.02	42.8	198	N	0.5150	28.3808	8.1303	4.0623	20.7750
								U	0.3050	14.5487	4.3871	0.7726	24.7600
								E	0.6957	44.0410	8.6803	4.5989	13.3100
7	7006045	2006	6 Pingtung.Doublet1	KAU042 7.	7.02	50.5	815.5498	Ν	0.4461	23.0335	8.9138	3.2609	13.3350
								U	0.2711	17.2863	3.4236	0.7864	17.2100

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# Appendix C 975-Year Return Period Time Histories



No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	ClstD (km)	Vs30 (m/sec )	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	PGD (cm)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	Scale Factor
						Se	ed							
								E	0.3430	10.2064	1.4415	0.6660	8.3050	4.947
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	289.8	750	N	0.3041	11.7310	1.5664	0.5141	9.4700	4.947
								Z	0.1425	5.1952	1.2156	0.2124	37.6750	4.514
				AK: Anchorago (ES				090	0.2107	18.5789	3.8612	0.5830	25.3750	3.805
2	1002957	2016	Iniskin	AK:Anchorage ;FS 07 (new)	7.15	253.9	332	360	0.1815	11.6381	3.0529	0.3803	31.6250	3.805
								68	0.0488	3.5734	1.3030	0.0406	76.0500	6.799
								EW	0.1875	25.2023	7.2955	1.9888	32.4400	2.871
3	3000185	3000185         1982         CentralAmerica & Mexico (69)         2747	2747	7.31	70.0	519	NS	0.1695	28.0204	11.6042	1.4605	32.9400	2.871	
								VERT	0.1116	13.2666	2.8467	0.7245	40.9450	2.619
								S2	0.5504	14.6667	3.2502	7.7162	26.0300	2.429
4	4007389	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	TOUWA	7.15	73.0	849.8	W2	0.6417	19.7952	3.8006	5.7282	21.7100	2.429
								D2	0.5189	8.8081	4.6640	4.9876	18.0000	1.879
				Ground				EW	0.5625	19.0495	2.1093	5.0979	21.5200	2.354
5	4040459	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Observation Point	7.15	54.6	850	NS	0.5365	21.3316	2.3529	7.2011	17.6600	2.354
								UD	0.5301	8.1398	2.6847	7.2359	18.4400	1.686
								E	0.1783	33.5258	9.2418	1.0159	17.5450	2.921
6	7005934	2006	Pingtung.Doublet	HEN	7.02	42.8	198	N	0.1891	31.4527	8.4313	1.0564	18.1050	2.921
			_					U	0.0756	7.5578	1.6863	0.1637	21.4350	3.742
								E	0.3269	21.1491	3.9229	1.1796	13.0600	3.2475
7	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet 1	t KAU042	7.02	50.5	815	N	0.2338	11.1403	3.3129	0.9278	12.8900	3.2475
		2000						U	0.1185	6.3824	1.4672	0.1465	17.6950	3.290

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No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	Rrup (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	PGD (cm)
				1	Aatched		•		•				
								E	0.8661	34.6894	11.5981	3.8274	8.5100
1	1002922	2016	Iniskin	ARTY	7.15	289.8	750	Ν	0.8420	41.0684	10.1109	3.6841	7.4400
								Z	0.5803	29.0058	7.1087	1.7242	35.4750
						252.0		090	0.7938	48.7254	11.0945	6.1255	31.4150
2	1002957	2016	Iniskin	AK:Anchorage;FS 07 (new)	7.15	253.9	332	360	0.7986	36.2304	12.1766	4.3009	38.5550
								68	0.4187	18.6305	8.1321	2.4663	63.0950
								EW	0.9855	45.9413	13.4100	12.5226	48.5150
<b>3</b> 3000185		1982	CentralAmerica&Mexico (69)	2747	7.31	70.0	519	NS	0.8927	40.5838	24.4017	8.7884	47.9650
								VERT	0.3957	19.5444	7.2099	4.4798	52.0000
			Miyagi_Pre.Off	TOUWA				S2	0.6761	40.5023	8.6536	11.3102	27.9100
4	4007389	2011			7.15	73.0	849.8	W2	0.7634	49.8610	22.6746	9.7004	21.9100
								D2	0.3851	18.4661	8.6967	2.5099	17.8400
				Ground Observation Point	7 15	54.6	850	EW	0.8229	46.0914	14.3405	9.2369	23.5700
5	4040459	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Ground Observation Fornt	7.15	54.0	050	NS	0.7489	42.4306	9.7992	11.8021	19.7000
								UD	0.3271	19.6132	7.2328	3.0812	18.9900
				HEN				E	0.5513	34.8662	14.6850	6.6042	23.5450
6	7005934	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1		7.02	42.8	198	N	0.7390	37.5028	8.9729	8.0446	20.6500
								U	0.4616	19.0750	6.0703	1.6440	24.4950
								E	0.9916	62.5286	10.9539	9.5644	13.1250
7	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1	KAU042 7	7.02	2 50.5	5 815	Ν	0.6256	29.6632	14.7655	6.4767	13.2800
								U	0.4147	24.1257	5.3762	1.5773	17.4150

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# Appendix D 2475-Year Return Period Time Histories



No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	ClstD (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	PGD (cm)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	Scale Factor	
			•	•			Seed								
								000	0.2156	24.1222	4.6212	1.0459	19.3800	4.31	
1	2000015	2001	Nisqually	HAR	6.8	66.2	131	090	0.1868	30.8870	9.0596	0.9947	25.8900	4.31	
								DWN	0.0881	9.2762	2.3413	0.2191	29.0400	5.50	
								180	0.2745	34.7797	5.7389	1.0179	34.8150	3.87	
2	2000023	2001	Nisqually	SDS	6.8	66.8	200	270	0.2142	36.8208	11.0630	0.7468	36.4400	3.87	
								DWN	0.1069	12.8548	2.8741	0.2892	28.3250	4.88	
				27.47				EW	0.1875	25.2018	7.2954	1.9887	32.4400	4.33	
3	3000185	1982	CentralAmerica & Mexico (69)	2747	7.31	70.0	519	NS	0.1695	28.0198	11.6040	1.4605	32.9400	4.33	
								VERT	0.1116	13.2660	2.7654	0.7245	40.9450	4.01	
								EW	0.5625	19.0500	2.1093	5.0981	21.5200	3.55	
4	4040459	2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Ground Observation Point	7.15	54.6	850	NS	0.5365	21.3319	2.3531	7.2014	17.6600	3.55	
								UD	0.5301	8.1220	2.7247	7.2359	18.4400	2.58	
								L	0.2850	11.1993	1.8207	2.1966	16.7700	5.16	
5	6000989	1997	(610157)	COMISARIA	7.09	80.1	486	Т	0.3692	16.1665	1.9331	2.7542	16.7150	5.16	
								V	0.1937	5.2595	1.0566	0.6992	20.6600	4.54	
			Dingtung Doublet					Е	0.3269	21.1491	3.9229	1.1796	13.0600	4.90	
6	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet	KAU042	7.02	50.5	816	Ν	0.2338	11.1403	3.3129	0.9278	12.8900	4.90	
								U	0.1185	6.3817	1.4668	0.1465	17.6950	5.04	
			Diseture Deublet					Е	0.1966	34.0219	14.2392	0.8412	10.2300	3.62	
7	7006531	2006	Pingtung.Doublet 2	KAU080 6	6.94	34.7	399	Ν	0.3468	17.8484	3.6722	0.9766	11.4350	3.62	
		2000	2	2					U	0.0810	5.1139	2.4138	0.0943	17.0450	6.07

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No	RSN	Year	Earthquake Name	Station Name	Mag	Rrup (km)	Vs30 (m/sec)	Comp	PGA (g)	PGV (cm/sec)	Arias (m/s)	Dur5-95 (sec)	PGD (cm)
					Matched	•			•				
								000	1.2485	58.6728	14.8912	15.0459	28.3800
1	2000015	2001	Nisqually	HAR	6.8	66.2	131	090	1.0448	64.9437	19.2839	13.8118	31.8300
								DWN	0.7317	28.8383	10.0990	5.4243	30.7300
								180	1.4672	63.3061	11.1957	13.0237	37.2000
2	2000023	2001	Nisqually	SDS	6.8	66.8	200	270	1.1184	77.6089	21.7198	10.1818	47.0700
								DWN	0.6126	32.1431	11.4706	5.0389	33.0200
								EW	1.4503	63.5374	19.0870	27.7684	48.6200
3	3000185	1982	CentralAmerica & Mexico (69)	2747	7.31	70.0	519	NS	1.3068	65.3985	38.3634	20.3255	47.4700
								VERT	0.6512	30.5627	10.1386	7.9065	46.0350
		2011	Miyagi_Pre.Off	Ground Observation Point				EW	1.1076	63.5885	20.1447	20.4969	23.6600
4	4040459				7.15	54.6	850	NS	1.1334	49.7696	12.6989	26.8135	19.6600
								UD	0.7939	21.6774	7.7810	17.4351	20.4400
			SouthAmorica					L	1.0148	66.1271	15.7309	26.4498	17.1550
5	6000989	1997	(610157)	ILLAPEL COMISARIA	7.09	80.1	486	Т	1.1755	76.6251	14.3701	33.1411	17.0900
			. ,					V	0.6452	24.0800	7.1505	12.0455	21.8600
								E	1.4378	107.6383	17.1249	20.7341	13.2600
6	7006045	2006	Pingtung.Doublet1	KAU042	7.02	50.5	816	Ν	0.9512	51.9981	19.4114	14.6628	13.1800
								U	0.6535	35.5915	7.3936	3.8419	17.4700
								E	0.8883	89.2866	28.4581	11.6672	13.3800
7	7006531	2006	Pingtung.Doublet2	KAU080	6.94	34.7	7 399	Ν	1.5497	58.4473	8.5859	14.7361	12.0400
								U	0.5866	23.7493	12.7450	4.0986	16.9700

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