



HAZARD SIMPLIFICATION

Marine



New Bulleted Format

The Hazard Simplification project aims to provide consistency and clarity when alerting weather hazards to the public. This includes transistioning NWS products into a new **What, Where, When** bulleted format.

...HIGH RIP CURRENT RISK IN EFFECT THROUGH LATE TONIGHT...

* **WHAT...**Dangerous rip currents are expected.

* **WHERE...**Northwest to north central and southwest to southeast beaches of Puerto Rico and St Croix beaches.

* **WHEN...**Through late tonight.

* **IMPACTS...**Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Swim near a lifeguard. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help.



12/3/2019 Implementation

Coastal and marine products (e.g. Coastal Flood Advisory, High Surf Warning, Gale Watch) will change to the bulleted format on December 3, 2019.



Small Craft Advisory Consolidation

In addition, four types of Small Craft Advisories will be consolidated to one. The Small Craft Advisories for Hazardous Seas, Rough Bar, and Winds will now be issued as a single "Small Craft Advisory" product. The type of hazard will be listed in the product's **WHAT** bullet.



Affected Products

WARNINGS

High Surf Warning
Lakeshore Flood Warning
Coastal Flood Warning
Gale Warning
Hurricane Force Wind Warning
Ashfall Warning
Hazardous Seas Warning
Storm Warning
Heavy Freezing Spray Warning
Hurricane Warning*
Tropical Storm Warning*

WATCHES

Heavy Freezing Spray Watch
Lakeshore Flood Watch
Coastal Flood Watch
Gale Watch
Hurricane Force Wind Watch
Hazardous Seas Watch
Storm Watch
Hurricane Watch*
Tropical Storm Watch*

STATEMENTS

Coastal Flood Statement
Lakeshore Flood Statement
Beach Hazards Statement
Rip Current Statement

ADVISORIES

High Surf Advisory
Lakeshore Flood Advisory
Coastal Flood Advisory
Brisk Wind Advisory
Dense Fog Advisory
Low Water Advisory
Small Craft Advisory
Dense Smoke Advisory
Freezing Spray Advisory
Ashfall Advisory

*Changes are only for coastal waters