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Subject: Soliciting comments through October 30, 2020, on potential changes to Tsunami Advisory text product formats.

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NWS is collecting comments through October 30, 2020, on proposed changes to its Tsunami Advisory products. This proposal is part of the broader Hazard Simplification effort within NWS.

NWS currently issues Tsunami Advisory products to alert stakeholders to lowermagnitude tsunami events that may pose a danger to coastal communities. In some situations, Tsunami Advisory products may be misunderstood in terms of their expected impacts to coastal populations, along with the associated protective actions that need to be taken. It is proposed that a new way of communicating the exact nature of the danger may reduce some of the confusion surrounding these lower-magnitude products. Therefore, the NWS is soliciting comments on potential new product options as follows:

Option A: Tsunami Warning for Strong Currents [with Tsunami in Header] Option B: Harbor and Beach Warning [without Tsunami in Header] Option C: Harbor and Beach Tsunami Warning [with Tsunami in Header] Please see the NWS Product Description Document (PDD) for more details: https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_Tsunami_Advisory_Products_for_HazSim p_2020-9-25-20.pdf

Please provide feedback concerning these options using the following link: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tsunamiadvisory</u>

En español: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpanishTsunami

Based on feedback received, NWS may implement this new product language and text format.

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