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Subject: Soliciting Comments through October 30, 2020 for Potential
Changes to Tsunami Advisory Text Product Formats

The 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 lower-magnitude 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_TsunamiAdvisoryProducts_HazSimp_2020.pdf

Feedback concerning these options can be provided using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tsunamiadvisory>

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

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