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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBER...NOAA WEATHER WIRE
SERVICE /SUBSCRIBERS/...EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER
INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN /EMWIN/...SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND
PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
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SUBJECT: NEW PUBLIC TSUNAMI PRODUCTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 27 2006

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY JANUARY 27 2006 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE WEST COAST/ALASKA TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER /WC/ATWC/...
WILL IMPLEMENT A NEW SUITE OF EVENT-DRIVEN TSUNAMI TEXT PRODUCTS FOR
THE FOLLOWING AREAS: ALASKA...BRITISH COLUMBIA...AND THE UNITED STATES /US/
WEST COAST THE US GULF OF MEXICO COAST...THE US EAST COAST...AND THE
EASTERN CANADIAN PROVINCES

THESE NEW PRODUCTS ARE INTENDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THE NORMAL 120 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE
CHANGE NOTICES INTRODUCING NEW NWS PRODUCTS WAS WAIVED IN THE
INTEREST OF PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY WITH THESE NEW PRODUCTS.

THE NEW PUBLIC TSUNAMI MESSAGES WILL CONTAIN ADVISORY/WATCH/AND
WARNING INFORMATION ABOUT A POTENTIAL TSUNAMI...THE SOURCE OF THE
TSUNAMI...THE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL FOR WAVES...AN ALERT TO
RESIDENTS OF THE RISK OF FLOODING...AND CALL TO ACTION STATEMENTS.
THE NEW PUBLIC TSUNAMI INFORMATION STATEMENTS WILL CONTAIN
INFORMATION ABOUT SIGNIFICANT EARTHQUAKES WHICH ARE NOT EXPECTED TO
TRIGGER TSUNAMIS.

THE WMO AND AWIPS COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS FOR THESE NEW PRODUCTS
ARE LISTED IN TABLES 1 AND 2. CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THESE
NEW PRODUCTS MUST TAKE ACTION TO ADD THESE IDENTIFIERS TO THEIR
DATABASES.

TABLE 1. NEW PUBLIC TSUNAMI PRODUCTS FOR ALASKA...BRITISH COLUMBIA
...AND THE US WEST COAST

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC TSUNAMI MESSAGE	WEAK51 PAAQ	TSUAK1
PUBLIC TSUNAMI INFORMATION STATEMENT	WEAK53 PAAQ	TIBAK1

EXAMPLES OF THESE TEXT PRODUCTS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT /USE
LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV/WEAK51EXAMPLE.TXT](http://WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV/WEAK51EXAMPLE.TXT)
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TABLE 2. NEW PUBLIC TSUNAMI PRODUCTS FOR THE US GULF OF MEXICO COAST...THE US EAST COAST... AND THE EASTERN CANADIAN PROVINCES

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
PUBLIC TSUNAMI MESSAGE	WEXX30 PAAQ	TSUATE
PUBLIC TSUNAMI INFORMATION STATEMENT	WEXX32 PAAQ	TIBATE

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THESE NEW PUBLIC PRODUCTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING SUITE OF TSUNAMI PRODUCTS SHOWN IN TABLES 3 AND 4 BELOW. THE PRODUCTS LISTED IN TABLES 3 AND 4 ARE PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR EMERGENCY MANAGERS.

TABLE 3. EXISTING TSUNAMI ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING AND INFORMATIONAL PRODUCTS FOR ALASKA...BRITISH COLUMBIA...AND THE UNITED STATES /US/ WEST COAST

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
TSUNAMI ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA
TSUNAMI INFORMATION BULLETIN	WEPA43 PAAQ	TIBWCA
ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION	SEAK71 PAAQ	EQIAKX
WEST COAST EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION	SEUS71 PAAQ	EQIWOC

TABLE 4. EXISTING TSUNAMI ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING AND INFORMATIONAL PRODUCTS FOR THE US GULF OF MEXICO COAST...THE US EAST COAST... AND THE EASTERN CANADIAN PROVINCES

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
TSUNAMI ADVISORY/WATCH/WARNING	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
TSUNAMI INFORMATION BULLETIN	WEXX22 PAAQ	TIBAT1
EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION	SEXX60 PAAQ	EQIAT1

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CHANGE OR THE EXISTING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WC/ATWC CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV](http://WCATWC.ARH.NOAA.GOV)

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