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SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT FORMAT:
         EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2010

BEGINNING MAY 15 2010...IN RESPONSE TO USER COMMENTS RECEIVED IN
THE 2009 HURRICANE SEASON...CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THE
HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT /HLS/ PRODUCTS ISSUED BY NWS FORECAST
OFFICES /WFO/S. NWS WILL RETAIN THE FORMAT OF THE HLS ADOPTED IN
2009...WITH AN OVERVIEW BLOCK FOLLOWED BY TROPICAL CYCLONE
WATCH/WARNING VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ SEGMENTS

THE CHANGES FOR 2010 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. WATCHES AND WARNINGS WILL BE ORDERED IN THE OVERVIEW
   BLOCK...PRIMARILY BY HAZARD TYPE AND SECONDARILY BY RELATIVE
   LOCATION...AS FOLLOWS:

   HURRICANE WARNING FOR COASTAL ZONES
   HURRICANE WIND WARNING FOR INLAND ZONES
   HURRICANE WARNING FOR MARINE ZONES
   TROPICAL STORM WARNING AND HURRICANE WATCH FOR COASTAL ZONES
   TROPICAL STORM WIND WARNING AND HURRICANE WIND WATCH FOR INLAND
   ZONES
   TROPICAL STORM WARNING AND HURRICANE WATCH FOR MARINE ZONES
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   TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR COASTAL ZONES
   TROPICAL STORM WIND WATCH FOR INLAND ZONES
TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR MARINE ZONES

2. THE SECTION HEADLINES WITHIN THE MARINE ZONE SEGMENTS CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

THE /MARINE/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL NO LONGER BE USED.
THE /WINDS/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL CHANGE TO /WINDS AND SEAS/.
THE /TORNADOES/ SECTION HEADLINE WILL CHANGE TO /TORNADOES AND WATERSPOUTS/.

A SUMMARY OF THE HLS FORMAT FOR 2010 AND AN HLS EXAMPLE IS PROVIDED ON LINE AT:


THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING:
- AWIPS IDENTIFIERS
- WMO PRODUCT HEADINGS
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE TIMES
- PRODUCT ISSUANCE CRITERIA.

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