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Subject: Changes to West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center  
(WCATWC) Products Effective November 1, 2012

Effective, Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the WCATWC will implement changes to its tsunami products including formatting, readability, forecasts, and advice to customers. Two products are being eliminated.

The products listed in Tables 1-4 will use new formats. The products in Table 5 will be eliminated. There are no changes to headers or message definitions.

These changes are the first phase of a multi-phase approach to improve tsunami message content. Future phases will include input based on a social science review of the message content.

Table 1. The text above the segmentation in WCATWC warning, advisory and watch products for Alaska, British Columbia, the United States (US) West Coast, Gulf of Mexico coast, East Coast, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the eastern Canadian coast has been eliminated. Segmented content is adapted for text-to-speech usability for Weather Forecast Offices and other automated systems.

Tsunami Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Tsunami Message	WEPA41 PAAQ	TSUWCA
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1

Table 2. WCATWC warning, advisory and watch non-segmented products for Alaska, British Columbia, the US West Coast, Gulf of Mexico coast, East Coast, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the eastern Canadian coast have changed to a bulleted format and the forecast and observation table has been reformatted.

Tsunami Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Public Tsunami Message	WEAK51 PAAQ	TSUAK1

Table 3. WCATWC non-segmented informational public products for Alaska, British Columbia, the US West Coast, Gulf of Mexico coast, East Coast, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the eastern Canadian coast have changed to a bulleted format.

Tsunami Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Public Tsunami Information Statement	WEAK53 PAAQ	TIBAK1
Public Tsunami Information Statement	WEXX32 PAAQ	TIBATE

Table 4. WCATWC non-segmented informational products for Alaska, British Columbia, the US West Coast, Gulf of Mexico coast, East Coast, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the eastern Canadian coast have changed to a bulleted format.

Tsunami Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Tsunami Seismic Information Statement	SEAK71 PAAQ	EQIAKX
Tsunami Seismic Information Statement	SEUS71 PAAQ	EQIWOC
Tsunami Seismic Information Statement	SEXX60 PAAQ	EQIAT1

Table 5. WCATWC non-segmented informational products for Alaska, British Columbia, the US West Coast, Gulf of Mexico coast, East Coast, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the eastern Canadian coast have been eliminated. Content of these bulletins is contained in the products listed in Table 3.

Tsunami Product	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
Tsunami Information Statement	WEPA43 PAAQ	TIBWCA
Tsunami Information Statement	WEXX22 PAAQ	TIBAT1

Please see the following web site for links to examples of both the old and the new products.

<http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov/ExampleProducts>

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