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Subject: WFOs to be Allowed to Issue Coastal Hazard Message, Special Weather Statements, and Surf Zone Forecast Products during Tropical Cyclone Events: Effective on or about May 31, 2018

Effective on or about May 31, 2018, Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) will be allowed to issue Coastal Hazard Message (CFW), Special Weather Statement (SPS), and Surf Zone Forecast (SRF) products, as appropriate, for areas where tropical cyclone related warnings and watches are also in effect.

The current policy suspends issuance of CFW, SPS and SRF products when certain tropical cyclone warnings and watches are in effect. After May 31, 2018, all WFOs will be able to use these products to communicate the hazards from tropical cyclones.

NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-320, Surf Zone Forecast and Coastal/Lakeshore Hazard Services provides the issuance policy for SRF and CFW products:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01003020curr.pdf>

Current policies concerning when CFW, SPS and SRF products can be issued during tropical cyclone events can be seen in Tables 1, 2a, 2b, 3 and 4 in NWSI 10-601, Weather Forecast Office Tropical Cyclone Products:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01006001curr.pdf>

NWSI 10-601 and NWSI 10-320 are expected to be updated by June 1, 2018. The updated Instructions will reflect the new policies that WFOs can issue CFW, SPS, and SRF products during tropical cyclone events. The new policies will also be reflected in Tables 1, 2a, 2b, 3 and 4 of NWSI 10-601.

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