

Action Items from the Second Meeting of the NTHMP Tsunami Warning Coordination Subcommittee

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Action	Office	Status
1: Western and northern Alaska tsunami warning protocol must be established. (Action Item 16 from previous meeting).	WCATWC – AK DHS&EM	Done
2: WCATWC to use Santa Barbara as an ETA point instead of San Pedro; Westport, WA instead of Astoria; add Cape Scott, B.C., Craig, AK, Prince Rupert, BC and Bella Bella, BC to web site lists. (Action Item 19 from previous meeting).	WCATWC	Done
3: Review Watch definitions in products and web site to ensure consistency with other international regions that use watches.	WCATWC - PTWC	New domestic watch definition proposed at PTWS TWC meeting in January, '07. Internationally, watch has a meaning which is interpreted differently country-by-country. Most countries also have their own meaning of warning and advisory. Compatibility between domestic watch and international meanings is difficult as there is no international standard.
4: Convene team with same participants from last year's product working team to re-examine message types (i.e., are warning/watch/advisory/information messages appropriate) - Melinda Hinojosa will lead group. ITIC representative will be added to group.	Hinojosa – Product Wording Improvement Team – ITIC	Done – New product definitions compiled. Implementation awaiting NWS Service Change Notice issuance.
5: Add km in parenthesis when distance (or depth) is given in miles.	WCATWC	Done
6: Tim Rulon will work with TWCs to add VTEC codes and UGCs as necessary.	Rulon – TWCs	Addition of VTEC to tsunami products will cause a significant change in format and content of segmented, expanding w/w/a messages. Change to VTEC-based messages will require buy-in from Warning Guidance Subcom before implementation. Alternatives such as CAP/XML should be considered.
7: WCATWC will remove ETAs from advisories but will keep ETAs on web site available through a link.	WCATWC	Done
8: WCATWC and PTWC will coordinate on wave height reporting format and report in a consistent manner in products.	WCATWC – PTWC	Done – will use amplitude in messages using meters and feet.
9: Display hyper-linked maps in html-based products in new browser window.	WCATWC	Main page thumbnail graphics now link to full-size maps in a separate browser window.
10: Convene warning criteria review panel for WCATWC Pacific and Atlantic AORs.	WCATWC – reviewers	Pacific region criteria review underway
11: PTWC to add countries in which the warning is cancelled in cancellation headline.	PTWC	Done
12: WCATWC to add warning criteria link to message definitions.	WCATWC	Done
13: NWS should work to identify and decrease amount of NWR quiet zones along the Pacific, Caribbean and Atlantic coasts.	Rhoades - Maier	NWS is implementing the Weather Radio Improvement Plan (WRIP). This plan will modernize the way the system operates by using satellite communications to send signal to transmitters. The plan will not expand the number of transmitters in low coverage areas. However, under the new infrastructure the system will be easier to expand. Full implementation is expected to begin in 2010. NWS will continue to look for new opportunities to fund and maintain transmitters under the existing system.