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NTHMP WCS Minutes & Attendance (in bold)

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**Agenda Items covered:**

### **1) Status of the Haz Sim Project**

Haz Simp recommendation by WCS has been put forward to NOAA / NWS HQ.

Ian / Dave: in light of recent event, please consider any changes and new recommendations. Updates are still welcome.

Status: Nothing is finalized for the new message name or content.

### **2) WCS Work Plan update (for CC meeting next week)**

Workplan: items were reviewed with updates and next actions (see attached spreadsheet) with associated discussion.

Important discussion included: plea to members to get the right people to the WCS meetings to improve outcomes. And clarification on which subcommittee is responsible for work on Exercises (CaribeWave, Lantex, Pacifex).

Pacifex 22 is canceled due to the recent tsunami event.

### **3) Potential for NWS to add tide gauges and breakpoints**

-Update on the effort by NWS to address gaps in water-level coverage.

-Clarification on breakpoint vs forecast points.

-NTWC is unable to change, edit, or move breakpoints right now.

### **4) TWC Protocol Updates (if any)**

-PTWC updates

-NTWC updates: "under evaluation" means that confidence in analysis is not high enough to say "no threat", but risk remains low at this time- and not at advisory level.

NTWC is available to give State operational teams a procedural walk-through

Suggestion made for future meetings to review where TWC's Special Procedures exist.

### **5) Tonga Tsunami event- please share news/response updates from WCS members.**

-PTWC is engaging US Pacific and International interests

-NTWC is beginning State/Provincial event reviews next week. WCS full event review will follow once complete.

WA - no damage, no impacts. A good exercise. More review with state and fed partners coming.

CA: \$6.5-\$10M in damage so far.

### **Future meeting topics:**

WEA usage awareness: Reminder that Wireless Emergency Alerts do not automatically trigger for the current Tsunami Advisory-level alerts. Result: Some cities and counties used local alerts to communicate the threat. Q: Does WCS have a concern with this result?