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Subject: Modification of National Tsunami Warning Center Public Tsunami  
Warning, Advisory, and Watch Messages Starting November 30, 2015

Effective November 30, 2015 at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC) will issue modified public tsunami warning, advisory, and watch products WEAK51/61 and WEXX30/40. The updates include recommendations from the NOAA Social Science review as approved by the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) Warning Coordination Subcommittee. Content has been changed to reword and reorder parts of the messages. In addition, for the WEAK 51/61 messages (Pacific Coast), the alert areas will be listed by state. Alaska is effectively broken into three states.

A detailed list of changes are:

WEAK51/61 only:

- Headlines modified to break alert levels out by state.

WEAK51/61 and WEXX30/40:

- Sections of the message have been reordered to put the most important information at the top.
- Additions to the Impacts and Recommended Actions sections have been made.
- If there has been no change to the alert levels, the Impacts and Recommended Actions sections are shortened after Bulletin 3, referring to the previous message, which contained those lengthier descriptions.
- Next update time has been moved to the very bottom.
- Tsunami arrival forecasts have been rounded down to the nearest five minutes.
- An observation section is always given (even if no observations are recorded).

The product headers are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Public Messages Affected by Improvements

WMO ID	AWIPS ID
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WEAK51 PAAQ	TSUAK1
WEAK61 PAAQ	TSUSPN
WEXX30 PAAQ	TSUATE
WEXX40 PAAQ	TSUSPN

Product examples comparing old versus new are provided at:

[http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov/?page=product\\_list](http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov/?page=product_list)

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