



# HAZARD SIMPLIFICATION

## Marine



### New Bulleted Format

The Hazard Simplification project aims to provide consistency and clarity when alerting weather hazards to the public. This includes transistioning NWS products into a new **What, Where, When** bulleted format.

...HIGH RIP CURRENT RISK IN EFFECT THROUGH LATE TONIGHT...

- \* **WHAT...**Dangerous rip currents are expected.
- \* **WHERE...**Northwest to north central and southwest to southeast beaches of Puerto Rico and St Croix beaches.
- \* **WHEN...**Through late tonight.
- \* **IMPACTS...**Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

#### PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Swim near a lifeguard. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help.



### 12/3/2019 Implementation

Coastal and marine products (e.g. Coastal Flood Advisory, High Surf Warning, Gale Watch) will change to the bulleted format on December 3, 2019.



### Small Craft Advisory Consolidation

In addition, four types of Small Craft Advisories will be consolidated to one. The Small Craft Advisories for Hazardous Seas, Rough Bar, and Winds will now be issued as a single "Small Craft Advisory" product. The type of hazard will be listed in the product's **WHAT** bullet.



## Affected Products

### WARNINGS

- High Surf Warning
- Lakeshore Flood Warning
- Coastal Flood Warning
- Gale Warning
- Hurricane Force Wind Warning
- Ashfall Warning
- Hazardous Seas Warning
- Storm Warning
- Heavy Freezing Spray Warning
- Hurricane Warning\*
- Tropical Storm Warning\*

### WATCHES

- Heavy Freezing Spray Watch
- Lakeshore Flood Watch
- Coastal Flood Watch
- Gale Watch
- Hurricane Force Wind Watch
- Hazardous Seas Watch
- Storm Watch
- Hurricane Watch\*
- Tropical Storm Watch\*

### STATEMENTS

- Coastal Flood Statement
- Lakeshore Flood Statement
- Beach Hazards Statement
- Rip Current Statement

### ADVISORIES

- High Surf Advisory
- Lakeshore Flood Advisory
- Coastal Flood Advisory
- Brisk Wind Advisory
- Dense Fog Advisory
- Low Water Advisory
- Small Craft Advisory
- Dense Smoke Advisory
- Freezing Spray Advisory
- Ashfall Advisory

\*Changes are only for coastal waters