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1. Introduction: This regional supplement provides additional guidance and instructions for Marine Weather Messages (AWIPS ID: MWW). Written instructions cannot address every situation. Operational personnel must exercise initiative and professional judgement to minimize risk to public safety and property in instances when written instructions do not provide appropriate guidance. Protection of life and property is of primary importance.

2. Initial Issuance and Update Frequency.

a. Warnings and Advisories: MWW products for marine warnings (e.g. Gale Warning, Storm Warning, or Hurricane Force Wind Warning) will initially be issued when conditions warrant and updated in accordance with NWSI 10-315. The only exception is for Small Craft Advisories (as noted in paragraph 3).

b. Watches: MWW products for marine watches should be issued when warning conditions (gale, hazardous seas, storm, or hurricane force wind) are expected in the next 12-48 hours and updated in accordance with NWSI 10-315.

3. Small Craft Advisory Overview and Segment Information: Forecasters are not required to send out any text in the overview or segmented portion of the advisory with the exception of the header. Any text enhancement is at the discretion of the forecaster. Additional information, if included, should be limited to the specific criteria of the Advisory. For example, a Small Craft Advisory for Hazardous Seas should be limited to mention of seas information and associated major weather features causing the hazard.

4. Cancellation and Expiration Statements: MWW products will be issued to cancel Marine Warnings, Advisories, and Watches when hazards have ended and are no longer expected. Expiration statements are not required.

5. Broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio (NWR): Broadcasts of marine advisories, watches, and warnings on NWR is optional as long as the CWF is broadcast on NWR (including appropriate headline(s)).