

## Attachment II

Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)

Meeting of the Steering Committee, Honolulu, United States of America  
10 - 11 July 2014

MEETING REPORT (excerpt only – page 9 &10)  
Exercise Pacific Wave 2015

Co-Chairs Jo Guard and Laura Kong reported on the recommendations of the Task Team on Exercise Pacific Wave 2015 (PACWAVE 15). They provided a [written report](#) of the meeting of the Task Team.

PACWAVE 13 and regional training feedback indicated that the majority of Member States understand and will be ready for the implementation of the new products on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

In order to be ready for the transition to the new products, it is recommended that countries use existing training scenarios and start exercising/practicing their decision making with the new products.

With respect to the format, it was suggested that sub-regional exercises using the new products could also increase readiness. Discussion also covered the possibility of Regional Working Groups running exercises in future. It was decided that it would be too difficult for PacWave 2015 given the preparation that would be required and the time available (this approach instead was recommended for future exercises). Regional exercise objectives for regionally run exercises could then be divided as follows:

- PTWS Overall Objectives
- Region-determined Objectives
- Trackable indicators that can be measured across exercises (including previous PacWave exercises).

### PacWave 2015

Task Team Members will be made up from each Regional Working Group, PTWC, and NWPTAC, as follows:

- Co-Chairs: Jo Guard, Laura Kong
- Yuelong Miao – Australia
- Carlos Zuñiga, SEP – Chile
- Takeshi Koizumi – Japan
- Chip McCreery – USA
- Rajendra Prasad - IOC
- Anthony Blake - SWP – SPC SOPAC
- H Y Mok - SCS
- Silvia Chacón CA-PAC
- David Coetzee - WG 3 Chair

The Task Team recommended that the aim of PacWave 15 is to test the new products. Draft considerations for PacWave 15 objectives are:

### 1. Test Communications from PTWS Tsunami Service Providers (TSP) to Countries

- Did TWFPs receive products – what, when, who, how since (all are different file sizes)

### 2. TWS TSP products are interpreted by Countries accurately and in a timely manner.

- SOPs for New Products effective?
- Were they followed?
- Did they work, e.g., followed and led to correct interpretation
- Have the Products helped in decision-making?
- Suggested improvements
- Further dissemination of products by Countries – yes or no, who, internal in government, or outside to public or non-govt.

### 3. Facilitating national and regional cooperation

The following timeline, which may change slightly as planning progresses, was agreed.

1 October 2014	Announcement by IOC CL
1 November 2014	Sub-Regional Working Groups to advise the Task Team Co-Chairs on their preferred scenario and exercise date (consider previous PacWave scenarios)
5 January 2015	Exercise Manual available at <a href="http://www.pacwave.info">www.pacwave.info</a> (including scenarios and products).
2-6 February 2015	PacWave15 (all scenarios will start at 1000 local time)
7-21 February 2015	Countries to complete and submit evaluation survey online
20 March 2015	PacWave 15 Preliminary Report available
22-24 April 2015	ICG/PTWS-XXVI
31 May 2015	PacWave 15 Summary Report

The format of the exercise will be left up to each country to decide.

The conduct of the exercise is as follows:

- **Live messages by PTWC**

- o 1. Dummy Text only (5-7 min later) = 1<sup>st</sup> message
- o 2a. Dummy Text only (20-30 min later)
- o 2b. Dummy All Products (20-30 min later)
- o 2c. Dummy Regional Products (may be more than 1 email) (20-30 min later)

- **Live messages by NWPTAC**

- o Dummy Text only (10 min later) = 1<sup>st</sup> message

The SC agreed with the recommendations of the Task Team and requested the WG2 PacWave15 Task Team to continue its work along the above indicated objectives, aim, format and timeline.