***Marine Weather Forecaster Performance Criteria 2.4: Direct Observation***

***C2.4 4. Ensure that forecasts of weather parameters and phenomena are consistent (spatially and temporally) across boundaries of the area of responsibility as far as practicable, while maintaining meteorological integrity. This will entail monitoring forecasts and warnings issued for other regions, and liaising with adjacent regions as required.***

***Performance criterion comments:***

The forecaster must be aware of forecasts/warnings for adjacent regions.  In particular, the forecaster should be prepared to explain inconsistencies or differences to colleagues or to end users. The forecaster coordinates products with adjacent regions.  In particular, the forecaster discusses inconsistencies or differences with colleagues as much as is practical.

**Scenario**:

During an assessment period the forecaster is asked about forecasts for adjacent regions and their level of consistency. During an assessment period the forecaster communicates with forecasters for adjacent regions.

For direct observation C2.4, the forecaster can be asked to apply a “think-aloud” protocol to describe what is noted about adjacent forecasts and the need to communicate and coordinate.

**Evidence of competency checklist**:

The forecaster examines forecasts for adjacent regions and explains differences or inconsistencies.

* forecaster locates bulletins or other forecasts for neighbouring regions beyond the area of responsibility
* forecaster diagnoses conditions along the boundary and within the area of responsibility
* forecaster considers the level of impact of approaching weather phenomena (for example, tropical cyclone, large waves, etc.) in the area if responsibility and provides appropriate forecasts and warnings

The forecaster communicates with personnel in adjacent regions if possible, to discuss identified inconsistencies

* forecaster contacts colleagues in neighbouring regions
* forecaster shares ideas and listens to opinions of others
* where practical consensus is reached to satisfy a mutual goal of seamless forecasts for end users