***Marine Weather Forecaster Performance Criterion 5.1: Direct Observation***

***C5.1 Ensure that all forecasts and warnings are disseminated via the authorized communication channels to user groups***

***Performance criterion comments:***

The forecaster must ensure that the forecast/warning products being produced are disseminated and received by end users in useful time.

**Scenario**:

During an assessment period the forecaster produces and disseminates forecast/warning products common to the area of responsibility, using dissemination methods agreed upon by stakeholders. The forecaster verifies the dissemination and reception of these products.

**Evidence of competency checklist**:

The forecaster disseminates forecast/ warning products via agreed upon dissemination channels and verifies that they are available to and received by end users.

* The foreaster demonstrates knowledge of the communication systems used, including techniques and methods for using them, and limitations and constraints to various customers