***Forecaster Competency 2: Direct Observation Information Note***

***C2 Forecast marine weather phenomena, variables and parameters***

***Competency Description:***

Forecasts of meteorological parameters and phenomena are prepared and issued in accordance with documented requirements, priorities and deadlines.

**Note on using Direct Observation**:

Competency C1, Analyse and Monitor continually the marine weather situation, and competency C2 both require analysis and diagnosis of the marine weather situation. For this reason, the assessment tool provided in the Toolkit is in this case identical for C1.1 and C2.1. Note however that that additional performance criteria (C1.2-1.3 and C2.2-2.4) are provided different assessment tool examples in the Toolkit, because C1 is focused on making decisions about issuing amendments to forecasts and updates to warnings, and C2 is focused on issuing new forecasts and warnings.

**Recommendations:**

Additional assessment methods should be combined with Direct Observation to ensure that competency in addressing all important phenomena is being assessed such as Experiential Questions, Simulation, Quiz Items, and/or Portfolio.