***Forecaster Competency 3: Information Note***

***C3*** [***Warn of hazardous marine meteorological phenomena***](https://etrp.wmo.int/draftfile.php/653/user/draft/139599181/COMPETENCY%203.docx)

***Competency Description:***

Warnings are issued in a timely manner when hazardous conditions are expected to reach documented threshold values and are updated, amended or cancelled, as appropriate, according to documented criteria

**Considerations on using Direct Observation**:

Recommendations for Direct Observation procedures for both forecasts and warnings are discussed under C2, and not repeated here. Because the forecast processes are very similar, other than the attention to the increased intensity and potential impacts of situations requiring warnings, as well as the products issued accordingly, these can be Directly Observed simultaneously.

**Recommendations:**

Because it may not be possible to observe a forecaster during a situation involving a warning situation, this competency should be assessed in combination with other methods, such as Experiential Questions, Simulation, Quiz Items, and Portfolio evidence to complete an assessment of competency for C3, Warn of hazardous marine meteorological phenomena. And additional reason to apply other assessment methods is that it is unlikely to be able to observe a forecaster in action during all the severe phenomena experienced frequently enough and creating critical impacts in the region. These other assessment methods can offer support evidence for a competency assessment process that touches upon all important phenomena.