

**THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS WERE UPDATED IN JULY 2014:**

- **NATIONAL TSUNAMI WARNING CENTRE (NTWC)**
- **TSUNAMI WARNING FOCAL POINT (TWFP)**

Through IOC Adopted Decision EC-CLVII, Dec 3.2.1, Member States agreed to update two tsunami definitions recommended by the IOC TOWS Working Group (IOC/TOWS-WG-VII/3, 2014).

There continues to be emphasis on the need for harmonization of terminology across the ICGs. Based on the development experience since 2005 of CARIBE-EWS, IOTWS and NEAMTWS and the enhancement of PTWS, that (i) the number of NTWCs has significantly increased, and (ii) it is critically important that tsunami bulletins are sent to the appropriate points of contact, the TOWS-WG recommended that the definitions of National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) and Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP), the TOWS-WG, be update to read as follows”

- National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC): A centre officially designated by the government to monitor and issue tsunami warnings and other related statements within their country according to established National Standard Operation Procedures.
- Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP). A 24 x 7 point of contact (office, operational unit or position, not a person) officially designated by the NTWC or the government to receive and disseminate tsunami information from an ICG Tsunami Service Provider according to established National Standard Operation Procedures. The TWFP may or not be the NTWC.

**UPDATES TO TSUNAMI GLOSSARY 2013**

TWFP and NTWC definition updates will be included in the English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese versions of the Tsunami Glossary (e-version only, October 2014).

Additionally, as of 1 October 2013, the West Coast and Alaska Warning Center (WCATWC) was renamed to be the US National Tsunami Warning Center (NTWC).