



Develop NOAA/State Coordination and Technical Support

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Chip McCreery reported the IOC/ITSU Eighteenth Session of the International Coordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific meeting was held in Cartagena, Colombia. The session focused on improvement of procedures and criteria for issuing warnings, watches, and cancellations. He reported that both the Historical Tsunami Database and the National Geophysical Data Center tsunami databases contain errors and omissions. An effort is underway to have the regional coordinator obtain missing information and to correct incorrect entries. One report at the IOC meeting showed that uniform signage and symbols are very important tools and the IOC has adopted the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP) signs.

Dr. Bernard reported briefly on TROIKA, a proposal to expand the scope of the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program approach globally.

The U.S. and Chile agree that there is a need to expand the tide gauge network along the western Chilean and Peruvian coasts. In some cases gauges are in place but the U.S. does not have access to this data.