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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 02-14  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR A COMBINED PUBLIC/MARINE PRODUCT FOR SELECTED PUBLIC  
AND MARINE ZONES IN ALASKA...A 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD BEGINS MARCH  
26 2002

A NEW COMBINED PUBLIC AND MARINE FORECAST PRODUCT IS BEING PROPOSED FOR  
SELECTED AREAS IN THE ALEUTIAN AND PRIBILOF ISLANDS. THIS COMBINED  
FORECAST PRODUCT WILL REPLACE THE PUBLIC ZONE FORECAST AND THE COASTAL  
MARINE FORECAST FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ZONES AND MARINE COASTAL AREAS IN  
ALASKA:

PUBLIC ZONE TITLE	PUBLIC ZONES UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE /UGC/
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EASTERN ALEUTIANS INCLUDING UNALASKA	AKZ185
WESTERN ALEUTIANS INCLUDING ADAK	AKZ191
PRIBILOF ISLANDS INCLUDING ST. PAUL	AKZ195

MARINE COASTAL AREAS:

AREA	UGC	MARINE ZONE TITLE
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12A	PKZ121	CAPE SARICHEF TO NIKOLSKI
12A1	PKZ123	UNALASKA BAY
12B	PKZ122	NIKOLSKI TO ADAK
13	PKZ130	WESTERN ALEUTIAN ISLANDS ADAK TO ATTU
15	PKZ150	PRIBILOF ISLANDS NEAR-SHORE WATERS

THE PROPOSED PRODUCT WILL BE ISSUED TWICE DAILY WITH REVISIONS AS  
NEEDED...STARTING MARCH 26 AT 0000 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/.  
THERE WILL BE A 60-DAY COMMENT PERIOD FROM MARCH 26 2002 UNTIL MAY 26  
2002...DURING WHICH FEEDBACK WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM OUR CUSTOMERS.  
FEEDBACK GATHERED DURING THIS 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD WILL DETERMINE  
IF THIS COMBINED PRODUCT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ROUTINELY ISSUED. THE  
FOLLOWING PROVISIONS AND CHANGES WILL OCCUR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE

ISSUANCE OF THE PROPOSED PRODUCT:

- THE COMBINED PUBLIC/MARINE FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED IN THE MARINE FORECAST PRODUCT FOR THE ABOVE MARINE AREAS UNDER THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ COMMUNICATIONS HEADER FZAK65 PANC...ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ ID CWF065.
- THE COASTAL MARINE FORECAST FOR AREA 8 /CAPE NEWENHAM TO DALL POINT/ WILL BE MOVED TO THE PRODUCT WITH WMO COMMUNICATIONS HEADER FZAK64 PANC...AWIPS ID CWF064.
- THE COASTAL MARINE FORECAST FOR AREA 12A1 /UNALASKA BAY/ WILL BE REPRESENTED AS TABULAR WIND GROUP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE COMBINED PUBLIC/MARINE FORECAST FOR AREA 12A.
- THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT WITH WMO COMMUNICATIONS HEADER FPAK54 PAFC...AWIPS ID ZFPALU...WILL BE DISCONTINUED. FORECASTS FOR ZONES 185...191...AND 195 CONTAINED IN THAT PRODUCT ARE CONTAINED WITHIN THE COMBINED MARINE/PUBLIC PRODUCT. THE ZONE FORECAST FOR ZONE 181 /ALASKA PENINSULA INCLUDING COLD BAY - SAND POINT/ ALSO CONTAINED IN FPAK54 PAFC...AWIPS ID ZFPALU...WILL BE MOVED INTO THE ZONE FORECAST PRODUCT WITH WMO COMMUNICATIONS HEADER FPAK53 PAFC...AWIPS ID ZFPSWB.

THE PROPOSED PRODUCT PROVIDES A FORECAST OUT TO FIVE DAYS AND INCLUDES ALL THE CURRENT MARINE FORECAST ELEMENTS. IN ADDITION...PUBLIC FORECAST ELEMENTS ARE INCLUDED. THE FORECAST ELEMENTS IN THE COMBINED PUBLIC/MARINE PRODUCT ARE:

- PREDOMINATE WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED IN KNOTS. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT MARINE FORECAST.
- PREDOMINATE SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHT IN FEET. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT MARINE FORECAST.
- SKY CONDITION. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST.
- CHANCES FOR PRECIPITATION AND TYPE PLUS ANY FORECASTED SNOW AMOUNT ON LAND. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST.
- LOW VISIBILITY. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT MARINE FORECAST.
- TEMPERATURE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM. THIS ELEMENT IS THE SAME AS IN THE CURRENT PUBLIC FORECAST.
- WARNING CONDITIONS FOR WIND SPEED AND VESSEL ICING WILL BE BASED UPON MARINE WARNING CRITERIA.
- WARNING AND ADVISORY CONDITIONS FOR OTHER ELEMENTS ARE BASED UPON EXISTING PUBLIC WARNING CRITERIA.

A SAMPLE OF THE NEW COMBINED PUBLIC AND MARINE FORECAST PRODUCT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY MARCH 18 2002 AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ARH.NOAA.GOV/HYBRID.HTM](http://www.arh.noaa.gov/hybrid.htm)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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