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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-34...UPDATED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
415 PM EDT THU AUG 21 2003

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: UPDATED: RESTRUCTURING OF COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT  
COLLECTIVES AND MODERNIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS HEADINGS IN ALASKA:  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9 2003 AT 4 PM ADT

UPDATED TO CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FROM SEPTEMBER 3 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 9  
2003. NO OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ORIGINAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE FOR THIS  
CHANGE...ISSUED JULY 2 2003...HAS CHANGED.

ON TUESDAY...SEPTEMBER 9 2003...AT 4 PM ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME /ADT/...8 PM  
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER  
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA WILL MODIFY THEIR SUITE OF  
COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS /CWF/.

CURRENTLY...WFO ANCHORAGE ISSUES CWF PRODUCTS UNDER FOUR UNIQUE WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADINGS AND ADVANCED WEATHER  
INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDS TO COVER THE COASTAL MARINE  
ZONES WITHIN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS CHANGE WILL CONSOLIDATE  
THOSE ZONES INTO TWO PRODUCT COLLECTIVES INSTEAD OF FOUR. SEE TABLE 1 FOR  
A COMPLETE LISTING OF THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND THE NEW  
PRODUCTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTIVE RESTRUCTURING...THE WMO HEADINGS FOR THE CWF  
PRODUCTS WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THE MODERNIZED OFFICE ID FOR WFO  
ANCHORAGE /PAFC/. AWIPS IDS WILL ALSO BE UPDATED. SEE TABLE 2 FOR A  
COMPLETE LISTING OF OLD AND NEW WMO HEADINGS AND AWIPS IDS.

THE FORMAT OF THE FORECASTS AND WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS WILL NOT  
CHANGE...BUT THE LENGTH OF THE PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE DUE TO THE  
CONSOLIDATION OF THE ZONES.

TABLE 1. WFO ANCHORAGE CWF PRODUCTS BEING CONSOLIDATED.

OLD WMO HEADING -----	OLD PRODUCT -----
FZAK62 PANC	MARINE FORECAST FOR THE NORTH GULF COAST WATERS
FZAK63 PANC	MARINE FORECAST FOR KODIAK ISLAND WATERS AND COOK INLET
FZAK64 PANC	MARINE FORECAST FOR BRISTOL BAY AND THE ALASKA PENINSULA WATERS
FZAK65 PANC	MARINE FORECAST FOR SOUTHWEST ALASKA COASTAL WATERS
NEW WMO HEADING -----	NEW PRODUCT -----
FZAK51 PAFC	MARINE FORECAST FOR THE NORTH GULF COAST PLUS KODIAK ISLAND AND COOK INLET
FZAK52 PAFC	MARINE FORECAST FOR SOUTHWEST ALASKA+BRISTOL BAY PLUS THE ALASKA PENINSULA WATERS AND THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

TABLE 2. WMO HEADING AND AWIPS ID CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH MARINE COLLECTIVE CONSOLIDATION

OLD WMO HEADING -----	OLD AWIPS ID -----	NEW WMO HEADING -----	NEW AWIPS ID -----
FZAK62 PANC	CWF062	FZAK51 PAFC	CWFAER
FZAK63 PANC	CWF063	FZAK51 PAFC	CWFAER
FZAK64 PANC	CWF064	FZAK52 PAFC	CWFALU
FZAK65 PANC	CWF065	FZAK52 PAFC	CWFALU

A WEBPAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW USERS TO VIEW SAMPLE PRODUCTS EXHIBITING THESE CHANGES. SEE EXAMPLES AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.ARH.NOAA.GOV/MARCHG.PHP](http://www.arh.noaa.gov/marchg.php)

ALL OTHER ALASKA REGION WFOS WILL MODERNIZE THEIR WMO HEADINGS FOR THE COASTAL MARINE FORECASTS AND OFFSHORE MARINE FORECASTS LATER THIS YEAR. FUTURE CHANGES WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE TRANSFER OF SOME ZONES TO ADJACENT WFOS...MODIFICATIONS TO SOME MARINE ZONE BOUNDARIES...AND A MAJOR CHANGE TO THE FORMAT OF ALL ALASKA REGION CWF PRODUCTS. LOOK FOR FUTURE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES REGARDING THESE CHANGES.

PARTNERS/CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING POINT OF CONTACT IF THEY BELIEVE THE CHANGES WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEIR OPERATIONS:

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