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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 04-50 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC 330 PM EDT THU AUG 5 2004

- TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES
- FROM: JAMES E. LEE CHIEF...FIRE AND PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES BRANCH

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SUBJECT MARINE AND PUBLIC ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 30 2004 AT 4 PM AKST

ON TUESDAY...NOVEMBER 30 2004...AT 4 PM AKST /8 PM EST/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA WILL IMPLEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY CHANGES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC AND MARINE PROGRAMS.

NWS CUSTOMERS WILL NEED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO CONTINUE TO PROPERLY RECEIVE WFO ANCHORAGE MARINE AND PUBLIC PRODUCTS FOR THE RECONFIGURED ZONES...INCLUDING ALL FORECAST AND WARNING PRODUCTS. IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS...THESE CHANGES ARE BEING MADE TO ENHANCE THE MARINE FORECASTS FOR THE KODIAK ISLAND WATERS AND THE PUBLIC FORECASTS FOR THE CENTRAL ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

THE TWO MARINE ZONES BEING MODIFIED ARE:

PKZ130 - BARREN ISLANDS AND KAMISHAK BAY WATERS PKZ132 - GORE POINT TO SITKINAK

THE CHANGE WILL MODIFY THE BOUNDARY FOR PKZ132 TO EXTEND FROM SITKINAK ONLY TO SHUYAK ISLAND. THEN...THE BOUNDARY FOR PKZ130 WILL BE EXTENDED SOUTHEAST ACROSS THE OLD PORTION OF PKZ132 THAT COVERED FROM SITKINAK TO GORE POINT.

THE PUBLIC ZONE BEING MODIFIED IS:

AKZ191 - WESTERN ALEUTIANS

THIS CHANGE WILL DIVIDE AKZ191 INTO TWO ZONES. A NEW ZONE WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS AKZ187 - CENTRAL ALEUTIANS - WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE COMMUNITIES OF ATKA AND ADAK. THE BOUNDARY OF AKZ191 - WESTERN ALEUTIANS - WILL BE ADJUSTED FURTHER WEST. AKZ191 WILL STILL INCLUDE THE COMMUNITIES OF SHEMYA AND AMCHITKA. UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES /USE LOWER CASE/:

FOR PUBLIC ZONES: WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/PUBZONE.HTM

FOR MARINE ZONES: WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/MARINEZONES.HTM

FOR PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS WHO USE MARINE ZONE NUMBERS AS LOCATION CODES FOR NOAA WEATHER RADIO /NWR/ AND EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM /EAS/ APPLICATIONS...THE COASTAL AND OFFSHORE MARINE CODE LISTINGS FOR NWR AND EAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/MARINENWREAS.HTM

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

HTTP://PAFC.ARH.NOAA.GOV/CHANGES.PHP

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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