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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-09
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
915 AM EST WED FEB 27 2008

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FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE

CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE OFFSHORE WATERS FORECAST FOR THE WEST CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SLOPE WATERS BEYOND 20 NAUTICAL MILES /NM/ TO 250 NM OFFSHORE: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...APRIL 1 2008 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WILL CHANGE THE ISSUANCE TIME FOR THE TEXT OFFSHORE WATERS FORECAST FOR THE WEST CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SLOPE WATERS BEYOND 20 NM TO 250 NM...INCLUDING SOUTH OF GEORGES BANK FROM 1000 FATHOMS /FM/ TO 250 NM OFFSHORE. THESE PRODUCTS ARE ISSUED BY THE OCEAN PREDICTION CENTER /OPC/ USING WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADING /FZNT22 KWBC/ AND ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ IDENTIFIER /NFDOFFNT2/.

THE CURRENT ISSUANCE TIMES ARE 0230/0800/1430/2000 UTC. THE NEW ISSUANCE TIMES FOR THE PRODUCT WILL BE 0300/0900/1500/2100. THE ISSUANCE TIMES WILL BE CHANGED TO ALLOW FORECASTERS ADDITIONAL TIME TO RECEIVE AND ANALYZE SYNOPTIC MODEL GUIDANCE USED TO PREPARE THE NFDOFFNT2 PRODUCTS.

THE VALID TIME PERIOD FOR THE PRODUCT WILL NOT CHANGE. THE FORMAT REMAINS UNCHANGED.

FOR OUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE OR THE OPC PRODUCT SUITE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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