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From:        Therese Z. Pierce  
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Subject: Changes to the format of the Marine Forecast Matrices Issued by  
Weather Forecast Office Honolulu: Effective March 1, 2012

Effective Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 400 AM Hawaiian Standard Time (HST),  
1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Weather Service (NWS)  
Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Honolulu, Hawaii will change the format  
of the text product, Marine Forecast Matrices (MFM). The change will:

- 1) remove references to Swell1, Swell2, Swell3, etc., Period1, Period2,  
Period3, etc., and have all swells and periods designated simply as  
"Swell" and "Period," and
- 2) add line breaks between each swell and period.

This change is being made to improve the clarity, readability and utility  
of the text product. See:

<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/examples/MFM.pdf>

for examples of the current format and proposed new format of the affected  
portions of the product.

Table 1 lists the product issued by WFO Honolulu that will be affected by  
the change to the MFM format.

Table 1: WFO Honolulu Product Affected by the Text Format Changes  
Effective March 1, 2012

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Marine Forecast Matrices	FXHW40 PHFO	MFMHFO

Customers do not need to take any actions in order to continue receiving  
this product.

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