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Service Change Notice 11-40 Corrected
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Subject: Corrected: Changes in Offshore Waters Marine Zones for the
Caribbean and Southwest North Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico: Effective
April 3, 2012

Corrected zone map shapefile.

NWS created an Offshore Marine Waters shape file for the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Atlantic waters that incorrectly eliminated the NWS Eastern Region (ER) coastal marine zones, 20-40 nautical miles (nm) from shore, from the shapefile. These 20-40 nm zones extend from Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Charleston, SC, marine area of responsibility northward to WFO Caribou, ME, marine area of responsibility. This incorrect shapefile was implemented operationally on April 3, 2012.

The corrected zone map shapefile is available for download from the following website:

www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/marinezones.htm

NWS ER WFOs issue short-term warnings for these 20-40 nm zones. For long-term warning and forecast purposes, these areas are shared with the NWS Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) offshore marine zones:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/south/stheastmz.htm>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/east/ermzn.htm>

Graphic locations of these 20-40 nm zones from shore:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/wrdoffmz.htm>

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