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Service Change Notice 13-50 Corrected  
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Subject: Corrected: Minor Changes to High Seas Forecast Areas: Effective  
December 3, 2013

Corrected to change description for the East Pacific High Seas in Table 1  
(New description) from:

E PAC FROM EQ TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO EQ E OF 120W

to:

E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO THE EQUATOR E OF  
120W.

There is no change to the original effective date of December 3, 2013 and  
no other changes in this Service Change Notice.

Effective Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time  
(UTC), the National Hurricane Center Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch  
(TAFB) will reconfigure its high seas forecast areas to align with areas  
of U.S. forecast responsibility in agreement with the World Meteorological  
Organization (WMO).

The high seas forecast area in the Tropical Eastern Pacific currently  
described as E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W will be expanded  
to include the area south of the Equator to 3.4S, east of 120W.

The high seas forecast area in the Tropical Atlantic will be expanded to  
include the small triangular area from 7N 48W to the east coast boundary  
of Suriname. The description of the area within the forecast text will  
not change.

The high seas forecast area near Peru currently described as S PACIFIC  
FROM THE EQUATOR TO 18.5S E OF 120W will be contracted to exclude the area  
south of the Equator to 3.4S, east of 120W, and align with the WMO  
southern boundary of 18.35S for METAREA XVI.

Table 1: Products Affected by the High Seas Forecast Changes: Effective December 3, 2013

Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----	AWIPS ID -----
High Seas Forecast	FZPN03 KNHC	HSFEP2
High Seas Forecast	FZPN01 KWBC	HSFEP1

Old description used in text forecasts above: E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W.

New description:

E PACIFIC FROM EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO EQUATOR E OF 120W

High Seas Forecast	FZNT02 KNHC	HSFAT2
High Seas Forecast	FZNT01 KWBC	HSFAT1

Old description used in text forecasts above:

ATLANTIC FROM 07N TO 31N W OF 35W INCLUDING CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF MEXICO

New description, no change:

ATLANTIC FROM 07N TO 31N W OF 35W INCLUDING CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF MEXICO

High Seas Forecast	FZPN04 KNHC	HSFEP3
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Old description used in text forecast above:

S PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 18.5S E OF 120W

New description:

S PACIFIC FROM 3.4S TO 18.35S E OF 120W

Users must reprogram affected hardware and software to continue processing the products in Table 1.

An updated zone map shapefile containing the new boundaries for these marine zones is available for download from the following website:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/marinezones.htm>

Maps showing the current and future high seas forecast areas may be seen at:

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

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