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Subject: Changes to Alaska Ice Forecasting Services: Effective June 30, 2014

Effective Monday, June 30, 2014, the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Anchorage, AK (ANC) will expand its ice forecasting services to seven days a week. The current ice forecasts are produced Monday through Friday, per the schedule in Table 1 below.

Starting June 30, the forecasts will be produced according to the schedule in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Current Sea Ice Product Schedule

Product Name -----	Issue Day(s) -----
Sea Ice Advisory for Western and Arctic Alaskan Coastal Waters (text)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Sea Ice Outlook for Western and Arctic Alaskan Coastal Waters (text)	4th Thursday of each month
Alaskan Sea Ice Analysis (graphic)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Alaskan Five Day Sea Ice Forecast (graphic)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cook Inlet Ice Analysis (graphic) (seasonal)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (graphic)	Tuesday, Thursday
Full Color Sea Ice Analysis (graphic)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Table 2: New Sea Ice Product Schedule Effective June 30, 2014

Product Name -----	Issue Day(s) -----
Sea Ice Advisory for Western and Arctic Alaskan Coastal Waters (text)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Sea Ice Outlook for Western and Arctic Alaskan Coastal Waters (text)	4th Thursday of each month
Alaskan Sea Ice Analysis (graphic)	Daily
Alaskan Five Day Sea Ice Forecast (graphic)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cook Inlet Ice Analysis (graphic) (seasonal)	Daily

Sea Surface Temperature Analysis (graphic) Daily
Full Color Sea Ice Analysis (graphic) Daily

Users do not need to make any changes to their systems to continue receiving the current products.

In addition, beginning August 1, 2014, the Full Color Sea Ice Analysis will gain a World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Header. This change will make the product retrievable through automatic systems. This product will still be available in its current format, on the web:

<http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/ice.php>

The changes to this product are listed below in Table 3.

Table 3: Changes to Full Color Sea Ice Analysis

Current WMO Header	New WMO Header
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None	PTBA89 PAFC

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