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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE PART 1 OF 2  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
130 PM EDT THU SEP 25 1997

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE PIERCE  
CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG ALASKA  
COASTS...EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2 1997  
...PART 1 OF 2-PART MESSAGE...

THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG THE ALASKA  
COASTS ON DECEMBER 2 1997...AT 1300 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ OR  
400 AM ALASKA STANDARD TIME. THESE RECONFIGURATIONS WILL PROVIDE MARINE  
WEATHER FORECASTERS THE ABILITY TO ISSUE MORE SITE-SPECIFIC FORECASTS TO  
USERS BY AFFORDING NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO GROUP NEW SMALLER ZONES TOGETHER  
OR SEPARATE THEM TO MORE ACCURATELY HIGHLIGHT ONGOING AND PREDICTED  
WEATHER.

TABLES 1...2 AND 3 LIST PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED FOR THE NEW ZONES THAT  
FOLLOW. MARINE FORECAST ZONES ARE DEFINED BY RECOGNIZABLE GEOGRAPHIC  
LANDMARKS /COASTAL CITIES...CAPES...POINTS...ETC./ AND EXTEND UP TO 60  
NAUTICAL MILES /NM/ OFFSHORE.

MARINE FORECAST ZONE IDENTIFIERS FOLLOW THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE  
/UGC/ CONVENTION SSZNNN...WHERE SS IN THESE CASES IS AN OCEAN AREA AND NNN  
IS THE ZONE /Z/ NUMBER...WHICH IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

LEFT N = ISSUING NWS OFFICE FOR WARNINGS  
MIDDLE N = TYPE OF BODY OF WATER  
RIGHT N = ZONE NUMBER SEQUENCE...INCREASING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND WEST  
TO EAST.

OTHER PRODUCTS ISSUED /NOT JUST COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS/ WILL BE AFFECTED  
BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC USED IN  
CERTAIN PRODUCTS WILL CONTAIN THE NEW ZONE NUMBERS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY  
SPECIFIC AREAS BY ZONE. THE MARINE PRODUCTS THAT USE THE Z FORM OF THE  
UGC ARE LISTED WITH THEIR NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ AND FAMILY OF  
SERVICES /FOS/ IDENTIFIERS. USERS SELECTING INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC  
ZONES WILL NEED TO USE THE NEW UGCs FOR THE RECONFIGURED ZONES.

THIS INFORMATION UPDATES APPENDICES A AND B OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS  
MANUAL CHAPTER D-51.

UPDATED MARINE ZONE MAPS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE FOLLOWING URL /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MODERNIZE/ST-MAPS/MAPS.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/modernize/st-maps/maps.htm)

++++ NOTE - SOME WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO//FOS HEADERS WILL BE CHANGED SOMETIME AFTER DECEMBER 2 1997. THE NWS OFFICE OF SYSTEMS OPERATIONS WILL BE SENDING SPECIAL NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CHANGES. +++++

TABLE 1: MARINE PRODUCT CATEGORIES FOR MARINE ZONES IN SECTIONS 1A THROUGH 1B /ISSUED BY JUNEAU AK EXCEPT WHERE NOTED/.

PRODUCT	NWWS ID	WMO/FOS HEADER
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SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	JNUSMWJNU	WHAK77 PAJK
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT	JNUMWSJNU	FZAK57 PAJK
COMBINED TORNADO/SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	JNUTORJNU	WWAK47 PAJN
COMBINED SEVERE THUNDERSTORM/SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	JNUSVRJNU	WWAK57 PAJN
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	JNUPNSJNU	ABAK34 PAJN
COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	.....SEE BELOW.....	
1A. COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	JNUCWF061	FZAK61 PAJN
UGC ZONE		
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PKZ110- SOUTHEAST ALASKA...INSIDE WATERS...DIXON ENTRANCE TO SKAGWAY		
PKZ120- SOUTHEAST ALASKA...OUTSIDE WATERS...DIXON ENTRANCE TO CAPE FAIRWEATHER		
PKZ210- EASTERN GULF COAST...CAPE FAIRWEATHER TO CAPE SUCKLING		
1B. COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	JNUCWFYAK	FZAK47 PAYA
PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT	JNUPNSYAK	ABAK34 PAYA
/BOTH ISSUED BY YAKUTAT AK/		
UGC ZONE		
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PKZ211- YAKUTAT BAY		

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THESE ZONES...OR WISH TO REQUEST HARD COPIES OF MARINE ZONE MAPS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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