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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
150 PM EDT FRI SEP 26 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 PACIFIC COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG
HAWAII COASTS...NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND AMERICAN SAMOA...EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 2 1997

THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE PACIFIC COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG THE
HAWAII COASTS...NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND AMERICAN SAMOA ON DECEMBER 2
1997...AT 1300 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/. THESE RECONFIGURATIONS
WILL PROVIDE MARINE WEATHER FORECASTERS THE ABILITY TO ISSUE MORE SITE-
SPECIFIC FORECASTS TO USERS.

TABLES 1...2 AND 3 LIST THE PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING
NEW ZONES. 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 IN THE TABLES 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.

++++ NOTE - SOME 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. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING HAWAII MARINE ZONES /ISSUED BY HONOLULU HI/

PRODUCT	NWWS ID	WMO/FOS HEADER
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COASTAL/OFFSHORE MARINE FORECASTS	--NONE--	FZHW40 PHNL
SPECIAL MARINE WARNINGS...INCLUDED WITH TORNADO AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS	HNLTORHNL	WOHW42 PHNL
SPECIAL MARINE STATEMENTS INCLUDED WITH:		
SEVERE WEATHER STATEMENT	HNLSVSHNL	WWHW40 PHNL
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	HNLSPSHNL	WWHW41 PHNL
PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT	HNLPNSHNL	ABHW40 PHNL

UGC	ZONE
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PHZ150-	HAWAIIAN COASTAL WATERS
PHZ130-	CHANNELS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS
PHZ190-	OUTLOOK FOR HAWAIIAN WATERS

TABLE 2. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND MARINE ZONE /ISSUED BY GUAM/

UGC	ZONE
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PMZ150-	MARIANA COASTAL WATERS...GUAM TO SAIPAN INCLUSIVELY

PRODUCT	NWWS ID	WMO/FOS HEADER
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COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	--NONE--	FZGM40 PGUM
SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT	--NONE--	FXPQ40 PGUM

TABLE 3. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MARINE ZONE /ISSUED BY PAGO PAGO...AMERICAN SAMOA/

PRODUCT NWWS ID WMO/FOS HEADER++++
 ...CALL OR CONTACT MIKE SIERCHIO /PHONE NUMBER BELOW/ FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION...

UGC	ZONE
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PSZ150-	COASTAL WATERS OF TUTUTILA...MANUA AND SWAIN/S ISLANDS

THIS INFORMATION UPDATES APPENDICES A AND B OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ 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)

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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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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