

NWSI 10-302 - 2023 Updates - Changes to marine zones by NWS Region/Center

Changes to marine zones listed by NWS Region/National Center

Eastern Region:

- 1) WFO New York City. Long Island Sound split into ANZ331 and ANZ332.
- 2) WFO Morehead City/Newport. New zones AMZ230 and AMZ231 were created to separate Albemarle Sound and Roanoke and Croatan Sounds.
- 3) WFO Baltimore/Washington. Portions of the Sassafras, Bohemia, Elk and North East Rivers were absorbed into ANZ530. There were no name or number changes.

Southern Region:

- 1) WFO Corpus Christi. New Zones GMZ231, GMZ232, GMZ236 and GMZ237 were created to represent the Bays from Port Aransas to Port O'Connor.
- 2) WFO San Juan. New marine zones AMZ711, AMZ716, AMZ723, AMZ726 and AMZ733 were created replacing AMZ710, AMZ715, AMZ722, AMZ725 and AMZ732.
- 3) WFO Lake Charles. Marine Zone GMZ435 "Vermilion Bay" was renamed GMZ435 "Vermilion and West Cote Blanche Bays." GMZ436 "Atchafalaya and East Cote Blanche Bays," was created.

Central Region:

- 1) WFO Duluth. New zone LSZ150 (Previously part of WFO MQT zone LSZ162. LSZ162 (WFO MQT) was decreased in size.
- 2) Open Lake Forecast for Lake Michigan transferred from WFO Chicago to WFO Milwaukee. No zones or products were changed.

Western Region:

- 1) WFO Eureka. Created new zones PZZ410 and PZZ415 representing Humboldt Bay.
- 2) WFO Portland. Four coastal waters zones were converted into six new coastal waters zones, PMZ251, PMZ252, PMZ253 PMZ271, PMZ272, PMZ273.

Alaska Region:

- 1) Extensive changes to all of Alaska Region's coastal marine zones in March 2023. See the following Service Change Notices 22-128-130 for details. WFO [Fairbanks](#), [Anchorage](#) and [Juneau](#).
- 2) Offshore marine zone (Juneau area) PKZ310 was split into two zones, PKZ311 and PKZ312.

Pacific Region:

- 1) WFO Guam. Marine zones for WFO Guam were not changed. The nearby land forecast information was removed from the coastal waters forecast and new land zones were created which contain the land forecast information.
- 2) WSO Pago Pago. New marine zones PSZ154, PSZ155, PSZ156, PSZ157, PSZ158, PSZ159 were created. PSZ152 was unchanged.

National Hurricane Center (NHC) / Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB):

- 1) Resized and renamed all of the offshore zones in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean and Tropical Atlantic.
- 2) Added eastern Pacific offshore zones: Fourteen marine zones cover the area within 300 NM of the Pacific coast of Mexico, with seven marine zones covering the area within 250 NM of the Pacific coast of Central America, Colombia, and Ecuador.
- 3) High Seas (METAREA XVI) – In 2017, Peru took over responsibility for METAREA XVI from TAFB. Changes were not included in the last update of NWSI 10-302.
- 4) Eastern Pacific Marine Offshore Zones PMZ015, PMZ023 and PMZ027 were divided into new zones PMZ014, PMZ016, PMZ022, PMZ024, PMZ026, PMZ028, and PMZ029.