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Subject: Soliciting Comments through August 31, 2026 on Discontinuing
National Weather Service's Regional Sea State Analyses while Increasing
Full Ocean Basin Sea State Analyses to Twice Daily

The National Weather Service (NWS) is accepting public comments until
August 31, 2026 on a proposal to increase the frequency of issuing full-
ocean basin sea state analyses to twice daily as a substitute for
regional sea state analyses.

Compared to the full-basin sea state analyses, the regional sea state
analyses are for smaller areas off of parts of the U.S. Atlantic and
Pacific coasts. Further, the small regional areas are already a part of
the full-basin sea state analyses.

Currently, regional sea state analyses are issued four times daily with
effective times of 00 Universal Time Coordinated (UTC), 06 UTC, 12 UTC,
and 18 UTC.

Regional sea state analysis can be found at:

https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/A_reg_00hrww.gif (ATlantic)
https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/P_reg_00hrww.gif (Pacific)

Full-basin sea state analyses covering the north Atlantic and north
Pacific Oceans are currently only issued once daily for each ocean with
effective times of 12 UTC in the Atlantic, and 00 UTC in the Pacific.

This proposal would increase the frequency of full-basin sea state
analyses to twice daily with effective times of 00 UTC and 12 UTC in both
oceans, while at the same time also discontinuing the regional sea state
analyses.

Full-basin sea state analyses can be found at:

https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/A_00hrww.gif (ATlantic)
https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/P_00hrww.gif (Pacific)

Table 1: Regional sea state analysis products proposed to be discontinued

Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----
Atlantic Wind and Wave Analysis, 00 UTC	PWAA88 KWNM
Atlantic Wind and Wave Analysis, 06 UTC	PWAB88 KWNM
Atlantic Wind and Wave Analysis, 12 UTC	PWAA89 KWNM
Atlantic Wind and Wave Analysis, 18 UTC	PWAD89 KWNM
Pacific Wind and Wave Analysis, 00 UTC	PWBA88 KWNM
Pacific Wind and Wave Analysis, 06 UTC	PWBB88 KWNM
Pacific Wind and Wave Analysis, 12 UTC	PWBA89 KWNM
Pacific Wind and Wave Analysis, 18 UTC	PWBD89 KWNM

Table 2: Current full-ocean sea state analyses products

Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----
Atlantic Sea State Analysis, 12 UTC	PJAA99 KWNM
Pacific Sea State Analysis, 00 UTC	PJBA99 KWNM

Table 3: New full-ocean sea state analysis products if proposal is implemented

Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----
Atlantic Sea State Analysis, 00 UTC	PJAA98 KWNM
Atlantic Sea State Analysis, 12 UTC	PJAA99 KWNM
Pacific Sea State Analysis, 00 UTC	PJBA98 KWNM
Pacific Sea State Analysis, 12 UTC	PJBA99 KWNM

The proposed changes further align marine products and services across NWS marine centers, improving the consistency and integration of marine operations for the benefit of all mariners. Any change would occur in fall, 2026 announced by a Service Change Notice.

We always value feedback on our products and services. For questions or comments on this proposal, please contact:

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