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FROM:    THERESE Z. PIERCE
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL BRANCH

SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF HAWAII MARINE ZONES...EFFECTIVE MARCH 28 2002

ON THURSDAY...MARCH 28 AT 2100 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...OR 1100
AM HST...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ OFFICE IN HONOLULU HAWAII WILL
CHANGE THE OUTWARD EXTENT OF THE HAWAIIAN COASTAL WATERS AND OFFSHORE
WATERS MARINE ZONES.

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ IN THE
HAWAII MARINE ZONES. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY THE USERS. THE FOLLOWING
IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

AFFECTED NWS PRODUCT AND ZONES ISSUED BY HONOLULU HI:

PRODUCT NAME: COASTAL AND OFFSHORE FORECAST FOR HAWAII
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ HEADER:              FZHW50 PHFO
ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /AWIPS/ ID:   CWFHI

FOR HAWAIIAN COASTAL WATERS MARINE ZONE /PHZ150/...THE OUTWARD EXTENT WILL
CHANGE FROM WITHIN 100 NAUTICAL MILES /NM/ OF THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TO
WITHIN 40 NM OF THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

FOR OFFSHORE WATERS MARINE ZONE /PHZ180/...THE OUTWARD EXTENT WILL CHANGE
FROM WITHIN 1000 NM OF HONOLULU TO BETWEEN 40 AND 240 NM OF THE MAIN
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. WATERS BETWEEN 240 AND 1000 NM WILL COME UNDER THE HIGH
SEAS FORECAST AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHOWING THE NEW MARINE ZONES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE BY FEBRUARY 19 2002 /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://ISL1715.NWS.NOAA.GOV/MAPDATA/NEWCAT/WSOM/D51_D52.HTM

IN ADDITION...A SHAPEFILE NOW EXISTS FOR CHANNELS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS
MARINE ZONE /PHZ130/ AND IS AVAILABLE FROM THE ABOVE WEB SITE.
FOR HOLDERS OF WEATHER SERVICE OPERATIONS MANUAL /WSOM/ CHAPTER D-51...MARINE SERVICES FOR COASTAL...OFFSHORE...AND HIGH SEAS...PLEASE REFER TO WSOM ISSUANCE 00-04 APPENDIX B...DATED FEBRUARY 29 2000 AND MAKE APPROPRIATE PEN AND INK CHANGES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

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