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PUBLIC INFO. STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-34...UPDATED  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
415 PM EDT THU AUG 21 2003

TO FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER  
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS  
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS... OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
/NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

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

SUBJECT UPDATED...RESTRUCTURING OF COASTAL WATERS FORECAST  
PRODUCT COLLECTIVES AND MODERNIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
HEADINGS IN ALASKA...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9 2003 AT  
4 PM ADT

UPDATED TO CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION DATE FROM SEPTEMBER 3 2003  
TO SEPTEMBER 9 2003. NO OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ORIGINAL  
SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE FOR THIS CHANGE...ISSUED JULY 2 2003...HAS  
CHANGED.

ON TUESDAY...SEPTEMBER 9 2003...AT 4 PM ALASKA DAYLIGHT TIME  
/ADT/ /8 PM EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME/...THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
/NWS/ WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN ANCHORAGE ALASKA WILL  
MODIFY THEIR SUITE OF COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS /CWF/.

CURRENTLY...WFO ANCHORAGE ISSUES CWF PRODUCTS UNDER 4 UNIQUE WMO  
HEADINGS AND AWIPS IDS TO COVER THE COASTAL MARINE ZONES WITHIN  
THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS CHANGE WILL CONSOLIDATE THOSE  
ZONES INTO 2 PRODUCT COLLECTIVES INSTEAD OF 4. SEE TABLE 1 FOR A  
COMPLETE LISTING OF THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE AND THE  
NEW PRODUCTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTIVE RESTRUCTURING...THE WMO HEADINGS  
FOR THE CWF PRODUCTS WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THE MODERNIZED  
OFFICE ID FOR WFO ANCHORAGE /PAFC/. AWIPS IDS WILL ALSO BE  
UPDATED. SEE TABLE 2 FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF OLD AND NEW WMO  
HEADINGS AND AWIPS IDS.

THE FORMAT OF THE FORECASTS AND WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCTS  
WILL NOT CHANGE...BUT THE LENGTH OF THE PRODUCTS WILL INCREASE  
DUE TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE ZONES.

TABLE 1. WFO ANCHORAGE CWF PRODUCTS BEING CONSOLIDATED.

OLD	OLD
WMO HEADING	PRODUCT

FZAK62 PANC MARINE FORECAST FOR THE NORTH GULF COAST WATERS  
 FZAK63 PANC MARINE FORECAST FOR KODIAK ISLAND WATERS AND COOK  
 INLET  
 FZAK64 PANC MARINE FORECAST FOR BRISTOL BAY AND THE ALASKA  
 PENINSULA WATERS  
 FZAK65 PANC MARINE FORECAST FOR SOUTHWEST ALASKA COASTAL  
 WATERS

NEW NEW  
 WMO HEADING PRODUCT

FZAK51 PAFC MARINE FORECAST FOR THE NORTH GULF COAST+KODIAK  
 ISLAND AND COOK INLET  
 FZAK52 PAFC MARINE FORECAST FOR SOUTHWEST ALASKA+BRISTOL  
 BAY+THE ALASKA PENINSULA WATERS AND THE ALEUTIAN  
 ISLANDS

TABLE 2. WMO HEADING AND AWIPS ID CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH MARINE  
 COLLECTIVE CONSOLIDATION.

OLD WMO HEADING	OLD AWIPS ID	NEW WMO HEADING	NEW AWIPS ID
FZAK62 PANC	CWF062	FZAK51 PAFC	CWFAER
FZAK63 PANC	CWF063	FZAK51 PAFC	CWFAER
FZAK64 PANC	CWF064	FZAK52 PAFC	CWFALU
FZAK65 PANC	CWF065	FZAK52 PAFC	CWFALU

A WEB PAGE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW USERS TO VIEW SAMPLE  
 PRODUCTS EXHIBITING THESE CHANGES. SEE EXAMPLES AT /USE LOWER  
 CASE LETTERS/

<http://www.arh.noaa.gov/marchg.php>

ALL OTHER ALASKA REGION WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES WILL MODERNIZE  
 THEIR WMO HEADINGS FOR THE COASTAL MARINE FORECASTS AND OFFSHORE  
 MARINE FORECASTS LATER THIS YEAR. FUTURE CHANGES WILL ALSO  
 INCLUDE THE TRANSFER OF SOME ZONES TO ADJACENT WFOS...  
 MODIFICATIONS TO SOME MARINE ZONE BOUNDARIES... AND A MAJOR  
 CHANGE TO THE FORMAT OF ALL ALASKA REGION CWF PRODUCTS. LOOK FOR  
 FUTURE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES REGARDING THESE CHANGES.

PARTNERS/CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING POINT OF CONTACT  
 IF THEY BELIEVE THE CHANGES WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEIR  
 OPERATIONS

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THIS NOTICE AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE  
AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/

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