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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 03-34
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1245 PM EST WED JUL 2 2003

TO FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ 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 RESTRUCTURING OF COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT
COLLECTIVES AND MODERNIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS
HEADINGS...EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 3 2003 AT 4 PM ADT

ON WEDNESDAY...SEPTEMBER 3 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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