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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-09  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
915 AM EST WED FEB 27 2008

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

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE OFFSHORE WATERS FORECAST FOR THE WEST  
CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SLOPE  
WATERS BEYOND 20 NAUTICAL MILES /NM/ TO 250 NM  
OFFSHORE: EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2008

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY APRIL 1 2008 AT 1200 COORDINATED UNIVERAL TIME  
/UTC/...THE NWS WILL CHANGE THE ISSUANCE TIME FOR THE TEXT  
OFFSHORE WATERS FORECAST FOR THE WEST CENTRAL NORTH ATLANTIC  
CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SLOPE WATERS BEYOND 20 NM TO 250  
NM...INCLUDING SOUTH OF GEORGES BANK FROM 1000 FATHOMS /FM/ TO  
250 NM OFFSHORE. THESE PRODUCTS ARE ISSUED BY THE OCEAN  
PREDICTION CENTER /OPC/ USING WMO HEADING /FZNT22 KWBC/ AND AWIPS  
IDENTIFIER /NFDOFFNT2/.

THE CURRENT ISSUANCE TIMES ARE 0230/0800/1430/2000 UTC. THE NEW  
ISSUANCE TIMES FOR THE PRODUCT WILL BE 0300/0900/1500/2100. THE  
ISSUANCE TIMES WILL BE CHANGED TO ALLOW FORECASTERS ADDITIONAL  
TIME TO RECEIVE AND ANALYZE SYNOPTIC MODEL GUIDANCE USED TO  
PREPARE THE NFDOFFNT2 PRODUCTS.

THE VALID TIME PERIOD FOR THE PRODUCT WILL NOT CHANGE. THE  
FORMAT REMAINS UNCHANGED.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE OR THE OPC PRODUCT SUITE...  
PLEASE CONTACT:

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