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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-48
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
220 PM EDT WED JULY 23 2008

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SUBJECT: NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN DULUTH MINNESOTA
WILL BEGIN ISSUING SURF ZONE FORECASTS WITH RIP
CURRENT INFORMATION EFFECTIVE FRIDAY AUGUST 1
2008

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY AUGUST 1 2008 AT 1300 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...OR 0900 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME
/EDT/...OR 0800 CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME /CDT/...THE NWS
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ IN DULUTH MINNESOTA WILL
BEGIN ISSUING SURF ZONES FORECASTS /SRF/ WITH RIP CURRENT
INFORMATION.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHANGE IS SOONER THAN SPECIFIED
IN NWS POLICY /NWS INSTRUCTION 10-1805/. THE REDUCTION OF
THE NORMAL ADVANCE LEAD TIME WAS APPROVED BECAUSE WE ARE
CURRENTLY IN THE ACTIVE BEACH SEASON AND IT IS CRITICAL TO
GET THIS INFORMATION TO NWS CUSTOMERS...INCLUDING PARK AND
RECREATION STAFF...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

REFER ALSO TO NWS INSTRUCTION 10-310 FOR STANDARD PROCEDURE
GOVERNING SURF ZONE FORECASTS AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/DIRECTIVES/SYM/PD01003010CURR.PDF](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01003010curr.pdf)

THE SURF ZONE IS THE AREA OF WATER BETWEEN THE HIGH WATER
/OR TIDE/ LEVEL ON THE BEACH AND THE SEAWARD SIDE OF
BREAKING WAVES. THE SRF HAS BEEN ISSUED BY SELECT COASTAL
WFO SINCE 2002. WFO DULUTH WILL BE THE FIRST GREAT LAKES
WFO TO ISSUE THE SURF ZONE FORECAST.

TABLE 1 BELOW LISTS THE COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE
SURF ZONE FORECAST /SRF/ ISSUED BY WFO DULUTH. TABLE 2
LISTS THE COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE
FORECASTS...CONTAINING RIP CURRENT INFORMATION...THAT OTHER
GREAT LAKES WFO MAY ELECT TO BEGIN ISSUING IN SPRING 2009.

TABLE 1: COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE

FORECAST /SRF/ ISSUED BY WFO DULUTH EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 2008.

ISSUING WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
DULUTH MN	FZUS53 KDLH	SRFDLH

CUSTOMERS ARE ADVISED TO REPROGRAM THEIR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS NEW SURF ZONE FORECAST ON AUGUST 1 2008.

TABLE 2: COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS FOR THE SURF ZONE FORECAST /SRF/ FOR OTHER GREAT LAKES WFOS THAT MAY ELECT TO BEGIN ISSUING THE SRF IN SPRING 2009.

ISSUING WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
GRAND RAPIDS MI	FZUS53 KGRR	SRFGRR
NORTHERN INDIANA	FZUS53 KIWX	SRFIWX
CHICAGO IL	FZUS53 KLOT	SRFLOT

CUSTOMERS DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME FOR THE IDENTIFIERS LISTED IN TABLE 2. WHEN THE ABOVE WFOS ELECT TO ISSUE THE SURF ZONE FORECAST...THE NWS WILL ISSUE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ANNOUNCING THE NEW PRODUCTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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NWS SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM)

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