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SUBJECT: Changes to the format of the Marine Forecast
Matrices Issued by Weather Forecast Office
Honolulu: Effective March 1, 2012

Effective Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 400 AM Hawaiian Standard Time (HST), 1400 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Honolulu, Hawaii will change the format of the text product, Marine Forecast Matrices (MFM). The change will; 1) remove references to Swell1, Swell2, Swell3 etc., Period1, Period2, Period3 etc., and have all swells and periods designated simply as "Swell" and "Period," and 2) add line breaks between each swell and period.

This change is being made to improve the clarity, readability and utility of the text product.

See
<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/examples/MFM.pdf>
for examples of the current format and proposed new format of the affected portions of the product.

Table 1 lists the product issued by WFO Honolulu that will be affected by the change to the MFM format.

Table 1: WFO Honolulu product affected by the text format changes effective March 1, 2012.

PRODUCT NAME	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
Marine Forecast Matrices	FXHW40 PHFO	MFMHFO

Customers do not need to take any actions in order to continue receiving this product.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact

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