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Service Change Notice 11-40 Corrected  
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SUBJECT: Corrected: Changes in Offshore Waters Marine Zones  
For the Caribbean and Southwest North Atlantic  
and the Gulf of Mexico Effective April 3, 2012

NWS created an Offshore Marine Waters shape file for the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean, and Atlantic waters that incorrectly eliminated the NWS Eastern Region (ER) coastal marine zones, 20-40 nautical miles (nm) from shore, from the shape file. These 20-40 nm zones extend from Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Charleston, SC, marine area of responsibility northward to WFO Caribou, ME, marine area of responsibility. This incorrect shapefile was implemented operationally on April 3, 2012.

The corrected zone map shape file is available for download from the following web site:

[www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/marinezones.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/marinezones.htm)

NWS ER WFOs issue short term warnings for these 20-40 nm zones. For long term warning and forecast purposes, these areas are shared with the NWS Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) offshore marine zones:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/south/steastmz.htm>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/east/ermzn.htm>

graphic locations of these 20-40 nm zones from shore:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/wrdoffmz.htm>

for graphic images of the offshore marine zones.

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