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Subject: Change to Dissemination of Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm and Chiniak and Marmot Bays Coastal Waters Forecast Products: Effective January 9, 2013

Effective Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 4PM Alaska Standard Time (AKST), 8PM Eastern Standard Time (EST), 0100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) Thursday January 10, 2013, the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Anchorage, AK (AFC) will stop issuing individual Coastal Waters Forecasts (CWF) for Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm, and Chiniak and Marmot Bays. Instead, these products will be included in the Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf of Alaska Coast Up to 100 nautical miles (nm) Out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet (see Tables 1 and 2 below). This change is required to upgrade the Anchorage WFO weather forecasting computer system.

Table 1: Current Product Names and Headers for the Coastal Waters Forecasts for Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm and Chiniak and Marmot Bays, and the Northern Gulf of Alaska Up to 100 nm Out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet

Current Product Name Current WMO/AWIPS Header Coastal Waters Forecast for Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm Coastal Waters Forecast for Chiniak and Marmot Bay Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf Alaska Up to 100 nm out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet Table 2: New Product Name and Header for the Coastal Waters Forecasts for Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm and Chiniak and Marmot Bays which will be included in the Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf of Alaska Up to 100 nm Out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet: Effective January 9, 2013

New Product Name New WMO/AWIPS Header Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf FZAK51 PAFC/CWFAER of Alaska Up to 100 nm Out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet

Customers currently receiving the forecast products in Table 1 will need to change to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)/Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) header shown in Table 2 to continue receiving this product.

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