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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 4 PM Alaska Standard Time (AKST), 8 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST), 0100 Thursday January 10, 2013, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 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 100nm 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 100nm out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet.

Current Product Name	Current WMO/AWIPS Header
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Coastal Waters Forecast for Valdez Port, Narrows and Arm	FZAK58 PAVW/CWFWWS
Coastal Waters Forecast for Chiniak and Marmot Bay	FZAK58 PADQ/CWFADQ
Coastal Waters Forecast for the Northern Gulf of Alaska Up to 100nm out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet	FZAK51 PAFC/CWFAER

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 100nm 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 of Alaska Up to 100nm Out Including Kodiak Island and Cook Inlet	----- FZAK51 PAFC/CWFAER

Customers currently receiving the forecast products in Table 1 will need to change to the WMO/AWIPS header shown in Table 2 to continue receiving this product.

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