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From: Mark Tew
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Subject: Expansion of the National Official Offshore Text Forecast Product
to Include the U.S. Arctic Waters: Effective June 4, 2013

Effective Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 4:00 PM Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT),
8:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Wednesday June 5, 2013, the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in
Fairbanks, Alaska, will implement the official text forecast and synopsis
for the offshore waters area of responsibility in U.S. Arctic Waters.

The experimental phase of this forecast was implemented on June 2, 2009,
as announced in Service Change Notice (SCN) 09-02, which can be found
here:

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn09-02afg_arctic1.pdf

The evaluation of the additional zone forecasts resulted in favorable
comments and the zones, synopsis and forecast will be included as part of
the official product on June 4, 2013.

Table 1 lists the product issued by WFO Fairbanks that will be affected by
the change from experimental to operational status.

Table 2 lists all the marine zones and Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs)
issued by WFO Fairbanks that will be affected by this change from
experimental to operational status.

Table 1: WFO Fairbanks Products Affected by the Marine Zone Changes
Effective June 4, 2013

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Offshore Waters Forecast for the U.S. Arctic Waters	FZAK69 PAFG	OFFAFG

Table 2: Current Arctic Offshore Forecast Zones, Synopsis and Corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs)

Current Marine Zone Name	UGC
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Western U.S. Arctic Offshore	PKZ500
Central U.S. Arctic Offshore	PKZ505
Eastern U.S. Arctic Offshore	PKZ510
Synopsis for U.S. Arctic Offshore	PKZ599

No action is needed to continue receiving this product.

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