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Subject: Expansion of the National Official Offshore Text
Forecast Product to Include the US 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 Wednesday June 5, 2013 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), 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:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn09-02afg_arctic1.txt

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 |
|--|-------------|----------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Offshore Waters Forecast for the US Arctic Waters | FZAK69 PAFG | OFFAFG |

Table 2: Current Arctic Offshore forecast zones, synopsis and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGC).

| Current Marine Zone Name ----- | UGC ----- |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Western US Arctic Offshore | PKZ500 |
| Central US Arctic Offshore | PKZ505 |
| Eastern US Arctic Offshore | PKZ510 |
| Synopsis for US Arctic Offshore | PKZ599 |

No action is needed to continue receiving this product.

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