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Subject: Changes in Marine Forecast Zones in the Charlotte  
Harbor Area Across Portions of West and Southwest  
Florida Effective December 3, 2013

Effective Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST), 2000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), one new marine zone will be created within the NWS Tampa Bay Area Florida (TBW) Weather Forecast Office (WFO) area of responsibility. The new zone will provide more accurate forecasts and greater watch, warning, advisory flexibility for marine customers. Specifically, the Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound area will be split from its current marine zone, GMZ856, to become zone GMZ836.

Table 1: Current marine zones and corresponding Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs) for WFO Tampa Bay

Current Marine Zone Name	UGC
Waters from Tarpon Springs to Suwannee River FL out 20 to 60 nm	GMZ870
Waters from Englewood to Tarpon Springs FL out 20 to 60 nm	GMZ873
Waters from Bonita Beach to Englewood FL out 20 to 60 nm	GMZ876
Coastal waters from Tarpon Springs to Suwannee River FL out 20 nm	GMZ850
Coastal waters from Englewood to Tarpon Springs FL out 20 nm	GMZ853
Coastal waters from Bonita Beach to Englewood FL out 20 nm	GMZ856
Tampa Bay Waters	GMZ830

Table 2: Marine zones and UGCs for which WFO Tampa Bay will issue forecasts and warnings effective December 3, 2013

Waters from Tarpon Springs to	GMZ870
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Suwannee River FL out 20 to 60 nm Waters from Englewood to Tarpon Springs FL out 20 to 60 nm Waters from Bonita Beach to Englewood FL out 20 to 60 nm	GMZ873 GMZ876
Coastal waters from Tarpon Springs to Suwannee River FL out 20 nm	GMZ850
Coastal waters from Englewood to Tarpon Springs FL out 20 nm	GMZ853
Coastal waters from Bonita Beach to Englewood FL out 20 nm	GMZ856
Charlotte Harbor and Pine Island Sound Tampa Bay Waters	GMZ836 GMZ830

Table 3: WFO Tampa Bay products affected by the changes in marine forecast zones in the Charlotte Harbor Area effective December 3, 2013.

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Coastal Waters Forecast	FZUS52 KTBW	CWFTBW
Special Marine Warning	WHUS52 KTBW	SMWTBW
Marine Weather Statement	FZUS72 KTBW	MWSTBW
Marine Weather Message	WHUS72 KTBW	MWWTBW
Hazardous Weather Outlook	FLUS42 KTBW	HWOTBW
Hurricane Local Statement	WTUS82 KTBW	HLSTBW
Tsunami Message	WEXX20 PAAQ	TSUAT1
Watch County Notification	WWUS62 KTBW	WCNTBW

Please ensure your systems recognize the new UGC and new zone alignments and names. Updated marine zone maps are online at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/marinezones.htm>

A graphical depiction of WFO TBWs new marine weather forecast zones are online at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rtimages/tbw/TopNews/TBWzonechanges.pdf>

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National service change notices are online at (use lower case):

<http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm>

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