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Subject: Amended: Minor Changes to High Seas Forecast Areas
Effective December 3, 2013

Corrected to change description for the East Pacific High Seas in
Table 1 (New description) from

E PAC FROM EQ TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO EQ E OF 120W

to

E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO THE
EQUATOR E OF 120W.

There is no change to the original effective date of December 3,
2013 and no other changes in this Service Change Notice.

Effective Tuesday, December 03, 2013, at 1800 Coordinated
Universal Time (UTC), the National Hurricane Center Tropical
Analysis and Forecast Branch will reconfigure its high seas
forecast areas to align with areas of U.S. forecast
responsibility in agreement with the World Meteorological
Organization (WMO).

The high seas forecast area in the Tropical Eastern Pacific
currently described as E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF
140W will be expanded to include the area south of the Equator to
3.4S, east of 120W.

The high seas forecast area in the Tropical Atlantic will be
expanded to include the small triangular area from 7N 48W to the
east coast boundary of Suriname. The description of the area
within the forecast text will not change.

The high seas forecast area near Peru currently described as
S PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 18.5S E OF 120W will be contracted
to exclude the area south of the Equator to 3.4S, east of 120W,

and align with the WMO southern boundary of 18.35S for METAREA XVI.

Table 1: Products affected by the high seas forecast changes effective December 03, 2013

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
High Seas Forecast	FZPN03 KNHC	HSFEP2
High Seas Forecast	FZPN01 KWBC	HSFEP1

Old description used in text forecasts above
E PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W.

New description
E PACIFIC FROM EQUATOR TO 30N E OF 140W AND 3.4S TO EQUATOR E OF 120W

High Seas Forecast	FZNT02 KNHC	HSFAT2
High Seas Forecast	FZNT01 KWBC	HSFAT1

Old description used in text forecasts above
ATLANTIC FROM 07N TO 31N W OF 35W INCLUDING CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF MEXICO

New description, no change
ATLANTIC FROM 07N TO 31N W OF 35W INCLUDING CARIBBEAN SEA AND GULF OF MEXICO

High Seas Forecast	FZPN04 KNHC	HSFEP3
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Old description used in text forecast above
S PACIFIC FROM THE EQUATOR TO 18.5S E OF 120W

New description
S PACIFIC FROM 3.4S TO 18.35S E OF 120W

Users must reprogram affected hardware and software to continue processing the products in Table 1.

An updated zone map shapefile containing the new boundaries for these marine zones is available for download from the following website:

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

Maps showing the current and future high seas forecast areas may be seen at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/zone/hsmz.htm>

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