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Subject: Discontinuation of the GRIB/GRIB2 data for the Atlantic and East
Pacific Oceans: Effective December 3, 2013

Effective Tuesday December 3, 2013, at 100 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)
or 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the Ocean Prediction Center
(OPC) of the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) will
stop posting gridded binary (GRIB)/GRIB2 data files for the western
Atlantic Ocean and the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The current products have been superseded by OPC's gridded marine data on
the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD). For more information on how
to access OPC's gridded products, go to:

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/opc_gridded_marine.php

The Product Description Document for the GRIB/GRIB2 data for Gridded
Significant Wave Heights is online at:

http://products.weather.gov/PDD/Grid_sigwaveht_2010_Oper_PDD.pdf

There are no World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headers associated
with this data. The GRIB/GRIB2 data was posted to an ftp site that will
no longer be updated as of December 3, 2013.

The ftp sites currently used to post the data are:

<http://ftp.mpc.ncep.noaa.gov/grids/operational/waves/atl/>
<http://ftp.mpc.ncep.noaa.gov/grids/operational/waves/pac/>

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