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Subject: Corrected: Changes in Eastern Region Outer Coastal
Marine Zone Boundaries, Names, and Universal Geographic
Codes (UGCs) effective December 2, 2014

Corrected to change Stonington ME to Schoodic Point ME in the
first row (ANZ070) of the spreadsheet below (see marine zone
subdivisions in this notice)

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/pns/maine_ugc.xlsx

Effective Tuesday December 2, 2014, at 200 pm Eastern Standard
Time (EST), or 1900 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), eight
Eastern Region (ER) Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) serving the
Atlantic coastal waters will each subdivide their one outer
marine zone (generally 20 nm to 40 nm from the coastline) into
several smaller outer marine zones. Subdividing the outer marine
zones will create additional boundaries, marine zone names, and
Universal Geographic Codes (UGCs).

The reconfiguration of ER outer marine zones to smaller zones
will allow WFOs to provide more area specific Special Marine
Warnings and follow up statements. The reconfiguration also
facilitates the effort to eventually expand Storm Prediction
Center (SPC) watches (Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm) to all
outer marine zones surrounding the CONUS. At present SPC watches
extend only to the inner coastal marine zones, generally 0 to 20
nm from the coastline.

Table 1 lists WFOs subdividing their outer marine zones. Table 2
lists the products affected by the outer marine zone
subdivisions.

Table 1. Eastern Region WFOs subdividing their outer marine zones

Caribou ME (CAR)

Gray/Portland ME (GYX)
New York NY (OKX)
Philadelphia/Mt. Holly PA/NJ (PHI)
Wakefield, VA (AKQ)
Newport/Morehead City, NC (MHX)
Wilmington, NC (ILM)
Charleston, SC (CHS)

WFO Boston's outer marine zones are already subdivided and WFO Baltimore/Washington marine area of responsibility does not include marine zones along the Atlantic coastline. Therefore these two ER coastal WFOs are not included in this project.

Table 2: Issuing WFO products affected by the outer marine zone subdivisions

Product Name

Special Marine Warning
Marine Weather Statement
Watch County Notification
Hazardous Weather Outlook

For a complete list of product identifiers by issuing WFOs in Table 1 and product names in Table 2, see:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/pns/maine_ids.xlsx

Users are encouraged to read details of the marine zone subdivisions (this is the corrected spreadsheet), listed by each WFO, at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/pns/maine_ugc.xlsx

Users must make changes to their communications systems by December 2, 2014 to receive the new marine zone names and UGCs in the products listed in Table 2.

A graphical image of the current ER coastal marine zones is available on-line at:

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

A graphical image of the ER coastal marine zones, with the subdivided outer marine zones effective December 2, 2014, is available at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/pns/east14.jpg>

An updated zone map shape file containing the new boundaries for the marine zones effective December 2, 2014 is available for download at:

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

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