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SUBJECT: Changes to the sea state analyses produced by the Ocean
Prediction Center Effective October 3, 2016

Effective October 3, 2016, beginning at 1200 UTC, the NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) will change the frequency of sea state analysis web images for the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific Oceans.

Currently, sea state analyses are produced every 3 hours for the Internet. Effective October 3, 2016, the OPC will produce these sea state analyses every 6 hours for the synoptic times of 0000 UTC, 0600 UTC, 1200 UTC, and 1800 UTC. This change will align issuance of the sea state analyses with the surface analyses. The change also will increase flexibility in the OPC workflow to test and implement additional marine forecast products to improve safety of life and property at sea.

These products can be found at:

<http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov>

Atlantic:

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/Atl_tab.shtml

Pacific:

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov/Pac_tab.shtml

There will be no effect on the content or schedule via the Worldwide Marine Radiofacsimile Broadcast:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/rfax.pdf>

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