PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE PART 1 OF 2
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
200 PM EDT MON SEP 22 1997

TO:  FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
     NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
     OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES

FROM:  THERESE PIERCE
        CHIEF...HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: RECONFIGURATION OF ATLANTIC COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG
         THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTS...EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2 1997
         ...PART 1 OF A 2-PART MESSAGE...

THE NWS WILL RECONFIGURE ATLANTIC COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES ALONG THE
NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC COASTLINE ON DECEMBER 2 1997...AT 1300
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL /UTC/...OR 800 AM EST.  THESE RECONFIGURATIONS WILL
PROVIDE MARINE WEATHER FORECASTERS THE ABILITY TO ISSUE MORE SITE-SPECIFIC
FORECASTS TO USERS BY ALLOWING NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO GROUP NEW SMALLER
ZONES TOGETHER OR SEPARATE THEM TO MORE ACCURATELY HIGHLIGHT ONGOING AND
PREDICTED WEATHER.

TABLE 1 LISTS THE PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED.  TABLE 2 IS A LIST OF THE
NEW ZONES.  MARINE FORECAST ZONES ARE DEFINED BY RECOGNIZABLE GEOGRAPHIC
LANDMARKS /COASTAL CITIES...CAPES...POINTS...ETC./ AND EXTEND UP TO 60
NAUTICAL MILES /NM/ OFFSHORE.

MARINE FORECAST ZONE IDENTIFIERS FOLLOW THE UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODE
/UGC/ CONVENTION SSZNNN...WHERE SS IN THESE CASES IS AN OCEAN AREA AND NNN
IS THE ZONE /Z/ NUMBER...WHICH IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

LEFT N = ISSUING NWS OFFICE FOR WARNINGS
MIDDLE N = TYPE OF BODY OF WATER
RIGHT N = ZONE NUMBER SEQUENCE...INCREASING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND WEST
TO EAST.

OTHER PRODUCTS ISSUED /NOT JUST COASTAL WATERS FORECASTS/ WILL BE AFFECTED
BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS.  THIS IS BECAUSE THE Z FORM OF THE UGC USED IN
CERTAIN PRODUCTS WILL CONTAIN THE NEW ZONE NUMBERS TO FURTHER IDENTIFY
SPECIFIC AREAS BY ZONE.  THE MARINE PRODUCTS THAT USE THE Z FORM OF THE
UGC ARE LISTED IN TABLE 1 WITH THEIR NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ AND
FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ IDENTIFIERS.  USERS SELECTING INFORMATION BY
SPECIFIC ZONES WILL NEED TO USE THE NEW UGCS FOR THE RECONFIGURED ZONES.
### TABLE 1. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AFFECTED BY ZONE RECONFIGURATIONS.

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<td>FZUS6 KXXX</td>
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XXX IS THE ISSUING OFFICE
CCC IS THE NWWS SATELLITE UPLINK SITE

++++ NOTE – WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO//FOS HEADERS WILL BE CHANGED SOMETIME AFTER DECEMBER 2 1997. THE NWS OFFICE OF SYSTEMS OPERATIONS WILL BE SENDING SPECIAL NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CHANGES. ++++

### TABLE 2. NEW MARINE ZONES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2 1997 AT 1300 UTC.

2A. CWF SMW MWS TOR SVR PNS Issued by Portland ME XXX=PWM CCC=PWM

UGC ZONE
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ANZ150- COASTAL WATERS FROM EASTPORT ME TO MERRIMACK RIVER MA OUT 25 NM
ANZ190- OUTLOOK FOR EASTPORT ME TO MERRIMACK RIVER MA OUT 25 NM

2B. CWF SMW MWS TOR SVR PNS Issued by Boston MA XXX=BOS CCC=BOS

ANZ250- COASTAL WATERS FROM MERRIMACK RIVER MA TO CHATHAM MA EXCLUDING BOSTON HARBOR...OUT 25 NM
ANZ230- BOSTON HARBOR
ANZ231- CAPE COD BAY
ANZ255- COASTAL WATERS FROM CHATHAM MA TO WATCH HILL RI OUT 25 NM
ANZ232- NANTUCKET SOUND
ANZ233- VINEYARD SOUND
ANZ234- BUZZARDS BAY
ANZ235- RHODE ISLAND SOUND
ANZ236- NARRAGANSETT BAY
ANZ237- BLOCK ISLAND SOUND
ANZ290- OUTLOOK FOR MA AND RI WATERS

2C. CWF SMW MWS TOR SVR PNS Issued by New York NY XXX=NYC CCC=NYC

ANZ350- COASTAL WATERS EAST OF 73W OUT 20 NM
ANZ355- COASTAL WATERS WEST OF 73W OUT 20 NM
ANZ330- LONG ISLAND SOUND EAST OF BRIDGEPORT CT TO PORT JEFFERSON NY
ANZ335- LONG ISLAND SOUND WEST OF BRIDGEPORT CT TO PORT JEFFERSON NY
ANZ338- NEW YORK HARBOR
ANZ390- OUTLOOK FOR LONG ISLAND WATERS AND NEW YORK HARBOR
BOTH PARTS OF THIS MESSAGE AND ALL NATIONAL SERVICE CHANGE NOTICES ARE ONLINE AT /SMALL CASE/:  
HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE

END OF PART 1 OF 2
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