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Subject:      Adjusting Issuance Times for Oceanic Gridded Marine  
              Offshore and High Seas Forecasts in NDFD Effective  
              on or about September 10, 2019

Effective on or about Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 1610 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) will increase the frequency of issuance times for gridded forecasts of marine elements over Atlantic and Pacific offshore waters and high seas forecast areas.

NWS will issue grids for forecast days 1-3 at approximately 01:20 UTC, 04:20 UTC, 07:20 UTC, 10:20 UTC, 13:20 UTC, 16:20 UTC, 19:20 UTC, and 22:20 UTC. This increases the grid issuance frequency for days 1-3 from every 6 hours to every 3 hours. Grids for forecast days 4-6 will remain the same, at approximately 04:20 UTC, 10:20 UTC, 16:20 UTC and 22:20 UTC.

This change will affect files for the NDFD Oceanic domain. Gridded forecasts for the NDFD Oceanic domain, both operational and experimental, can be found at the following locations:

The links to the grid files are at:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.001-003/>

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.004-007/>

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<http://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.001-003/>

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More details regarding these elements are available at:

<https://ocean.weather.gov/>

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Graphics for the oceanic grid are available via the NDFD web page:

<https://digital.weather.gov/>

General information on using NDFD elements is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/mdl/ndfd\\_info](https://www.weather.gov/mdl/ndfd_info)

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