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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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c/VP.004-007/

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:
General information on using NDFD elements is online at: https://www.weather.gov/mdl/ndfd_info

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