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Subject: Addition of ESTOFS Pacific over the SBN and NOAAPORT.  
GRIB Encoding Change to ESTOFS Pacific on NCEP Servers  
Effective June 9, 2015

Effective June 9, 2015, beginning with the 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) cycle, ESTOFS Pacific will be added to the Satellite Broadcast Network (SBN) and NOAAPORT. These grids will be disseminated in GRIB2 format. The GRIB2 header for grids will be updated so that the Process ID identifies the Extra-tropical Storm Surge Pacific Domain. The Process ID identifier will change from 14 to 17 on NCEP's servers.

For technical details about ESTOFS please see: Technical Information Notice (TIN) 14-27:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/tin14-27estofs\\_pac.htm](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/tin14-27estofs_pac.htm)

ESTOFS Pacific output is reprojected from the ADvanced CIRCulation (ADCIRC) native finite element grid to the 2.5 km National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) Continental United States grid for the west coast, 2.5 km NDFD Hawaii grid, and 6 km NDFD Alaska grid.

GRIB2 files are created for each hourly prediction during a forecast cycle, consisting of records of combined water level (surge with tide), harmonic tidal prediction (astronomical tides), and sub-tidal water levels (the isolated surge). GRIB2 files will be available 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours after the synoptic time (OO, 06, 12, 18 UTC). The per cycle data volume will be approximately 412 MB.

The WMO Headings for these products will be as follows:

T1: Data Format of GRIB2 - E

T2: Parameter code - C, E, or H  
A1: Grid code - A for Alaska, D for CONUS (west coast),  
H for Hawaii  
A2: Forecast time interval- one of  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
II: Layer or level: 88  
CCCC: KWBM

For a complete listing of ESTOFS Pacific WMO Headers please refer to the following web page:

[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/images/estof\\_pac.pdf](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/images/estof_pac.pdf)

ESTOFS Pacific is also available as netCDF and GRIB2 files via the NCEP server at:

<http://www.ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/data/nccf/com/estofs/prod>

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ESTOFS Pacific GRIB2 output is also disseminated via NCEP's NOAA Operational Model Archive and Distribution System (NOMADS) server at:

<http://nomads.ncep.noaa.gov/>

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