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SUBJECT: MARINE ZONE RECONFIGURATION FOR COASTAL WATERS FROM WASHINGTON TO  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TO EVALUATE USE OF SMALLER NEARSHORE ZONES: EFFECTIVE  
APRIL 1 2009

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY...APRIL 1 2009 AT 500 AM PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME  
/PDT/...1200 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE NWS WEATHER FORECAST  
OFFICES /WFOS/ IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON...PORTLAND AND MEDFORD OREGON...AND  
MONTEREY CALIFORNIA WILL RECONFIGURE THEIR COASTAL MARINE ZONES.

AREAS AFFECTED INCLUDE THE COASTAL WATERS FROM CAPE FLATTERY WASHINGTON TO  
POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS CALIFORNIA. THIS CHANGE DOES NOT INVOLVE WFO  
SEATTLE INNER WATERS OR WFO MONTEREY BAY FORECASTS. THE PURPOSE OF THE  
RECONFIGURATION IS TO EVALUATE USING SMALLER MARINE ZONES NEAR THE  
COASTLINE.

WFO EUREKA BEGAN ITS EVALUATION ON JULY 8 2008. THE WFOS IN  
SEATTLE...PORTLAND...MEDFORD AND MONTEREY WILL BEGIN A SIMILAR EVALUATION  
ON APRIL 1 2009. THE EVALUATION IS PLANNED TO RUN AT LEAST THROUGH APRIL  
1 2010. IF FEEDBACK FROM MARINERS IS FAVORABLE...NWS WILL MAKE THE ZONE  
CHANGES PERMANENT. IF FEEDBACK OR OTHER FACTORS ARE NOT FAVORABLE...THE  
ZONES WILL REVERT TO THEIR CURRENT CONFIGURATION.

USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THIS MARINE ZONE  
RECONFIGURATION BY USING THE BRIEF SURVEY AND COMMENT FORM AVAILABLE AT  
/USE LOWER CASE/:

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=WCMARZONRECONFIG](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=WCMARZONRECONFIG)

TABLES 1 THROUGH 4 LIST PRODUCTS ISSUED BY WFOS  
SEATTLE...PORTLAND...MEDFORD...AND MONTEREY AFFECTED BY THIS MARINE ZONE  
RECONFIGURATION BEGINNING APRIL 1 2009.

TABLE 1: WFO SEATTLE PRODUCTS AFFECTED

PRODUCT NAME -----	AWIPS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	CWFSEW	FZUS56 KSEW
MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE	MWWSEW	WHUS76 KSEW
SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	SMWSEW	WHUS56 KSEW
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT	MWSSEW	FZUS76 KSEW
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOWSEW	FPUS76 KSEW
WEATHER WATCH CLEARANCE NOTIFICATION	WCNSEW	WWUS66 KSEW
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	/PLANNED/	

TABLE 2: WFO PORTLAND PRODUCTS AFFECTED

PRODUCT NAME -----	AWIPS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	CWFPQR	FZUS56 KPQR
MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE	MWWPQR	WHUS76 KPQR
SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	SMWPQR	WHUS56 KPQR
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT	MWSPQR	FZUS76 KPQR
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWOPQR	FLUS46 KPQR
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOWPQR	FPUS76 KPQR
WEATHER WATCH CLEARANCE NOTIFICATION	WCNPQR	WWUS66 KPQR

TABLE 3: WFO MEDFORD PRODUCTS AFFECTED

PRODUCT NAME -----	AWIPS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	CWFMFR	FZUS56 KMFR
MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE	MWWMFR	WHUS76 KMFR
SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	SMWMFR	WHUS56 KMFR
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT	MWSMFR	FZUS76 KMFR
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWOMFR	FLUS46 KMFR
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOWMFR	FPUS76 KMFR
WEATHER WATCH CLEARANCE NOTIFICATION	WCNMFR	WWUS66 KMFR

TABLE 4: WFO MONTEREY PRODUCTS AFFECTED

PRODUCT NAME -----	AWIPS ID -----	WMO HEADING -----
COASTAL WATERS FORECAST	CWFMTR	FZUS56 KMTR
MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE	MWWMTR	WHUS76 KMTR
SPECIAL MARINE WARNING	SMWMTR	WHUS56 KMTR
MARINE WEATHER STATEMENT	MWSMTR	FZUS76 KMTR
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK	HWOMTR	FLUS46 KMTR
SHORT TERM FORECAST	NOWMTR	FPUS76 KMTR
WEATHER WATCH CLEARANCE NOTIFICATION	WCNMTR	WWUS66 KMTR

TABLES 5-8 CONTAIN LISTS OF THE CURRENT MARINE ZONES AFFECTED BY THE RECONFIGURATION IN WFOS SEATTLE...PORTLAND...MEDFORD...AND MONTEREY MARINE AREAS RESPECTIVELY.

TABLE 5: CURRENT MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UNIVERSAL GEOGRAPHIC CODES /UGCS/ FOR WFO SEATTLE

CURRENT MARINE ZONE NAME	CURRENT UGC
CAPE FLATTERY TO JAMES ISLAND...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ150
CAPE FLATTERY TO JAMES ISLAND...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ170
JAMES ISLAND TO POINT GRENVILLE...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ153
JAMES ISLAND TO POINT GRENVILLE...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ173
POINT GRENVILLE TO CAPE SHOALWATER...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ156
POINT GRENVILLE TO CAPE SHOALWATER...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ176

TABLE 6: CURRENT MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO PORTLAND

CURRENT MARINE ZONE NAME	CURRENT UGC
CAPE SHOALWATER TO CASCADE HEAD...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ250
CAPE SHOALWATER TO CASCADE HEAD...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ270
CASCADE HEAD TO FLORENCE...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ255
CASCADE HEAD TO FLORENCE...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ275

TABLE 7: CURRENT MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO MEDFORD

CURRENT MARINE ZONE NAME	CURRENT UGC
FLORENCE TO CAPE BLANCO...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ350
FLORENCE TO CAPE BLANCO...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ370
CAPE BLANCO TO PT. ST. GEORGE...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ356
CAPE BLANCO TO PT. ST. GEORGE...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ376

TABLE 8: CURRENT MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO MONTEREY

CURRENT MARINE ZONE NAME	CURRENT UGC
POINT ARENA TO POINT REYES...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ540
POINT REYES TO PIGEON POINT...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ545
PIGEON POINT TO POINT PINOS...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ560
POINT PINOS TO POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS...OUT TO 20 NM	PZZ565
POINT ARENA TO PIGEON POINT...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ570
PIGEON POINT TO POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS...20 TO 60 NM	PZZ575

TABLES 9-12 CONTAIN LISTS OF THE RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES TO BE EVALUATED IN THE WFO SEATTLE...PORTLAND...MEDFORD AND MONTEREY MARINE AREAS RESPECTIVELY...EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2009

TABLE 9: RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO SEATTLE

MARINE ZONE NAME	NEW UGC
CAPE FLATTERY TO JAMES ISLAND...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ150
CAPE FLATTERY TO JAMES ISLAND...10 NM TO 60 NM	PZZ170
JAMES ISLAND TO POINT GRENVILLE...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ153
JAMES ISLAND TO POINT GRENVILLE...10 NM TO 60 NM	PZZ173
POINT GRENVILLE TO CAPE SHOALWATER...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ156

POINT GRENVILLE TO CAPE SHOALWATER...10 NM TO 60 NM PZZ176

TABLE 10: RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO PORTLAND

MARINE ZONE NAME -----	NEW UGC -----
CAPE SHOALWATER TO CASCADE HEAD...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ250
CAPE SHOALWATER TO CASCADE HEAD...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ270
CASCADE HEAD TO FLORENCE...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ255
CASCADE HEAD TO FLORENCE...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ275

TABLE 11: RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO MEDFORD

MARINE ZONE NAME -----	NEW UGC -----
FLORENCE TO CAPE BLANCO...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ350
FLORENCE TO CAPE BLANCO...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ370
CAPE BLANCO TO PT. ST. GEORGE...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ356
CAPE BLANCO TO PT. ST. GEORGE...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ376

TABLE 12: RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES AND CORRESPONDING UGCS FOR WFO MONTEREY

MARINE ZONE NAME -----	NEW UGC -----
POINT ARENA TO POINT REYES...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ540
POINT REYES TO PIGEON POINT...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ545
PIGEON POINT TO POINT PINOS...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ560
POINT PINOS TO POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS...OUT TO 10 NM	PZZ565
POINT ARENA TO PIGEON POINT...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ570
PIGEON POINT TO POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS...10 TO 60 NM	PZZ575

THE ZONE NAMES WILL CHANGE ONLY WITH REGARD TO THE ZONE DISTANCES FROM SHORE. THE BOUNDARY SEPARATING INNER AND OUTER WATERS WILL SHIFT 10 NM CLOSER TO SHORE. UGCS WILL NOT CHANGE.

BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN ZONE DISTANCES TO SHORE SHOWN IN TABLES 5-8 AND 9-12...CUSTOMERS MUST REPROGRAM AFFECTED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO CONTINUE CORRECTLY PROCESSING THE PRODUCTS IN TABLES 1-4.

THERE ARE LESS FREQUENTLY ISSUED PRODUCTS...SUCH AS TSUNAMI WARNINGS...WHICH ALSO USE THESE MARINE ZONES.

AN UPDATED ZONE MAP SHAPEFILE CONTAINING THE RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/MARINEZONES.HTM](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GEODATA/CATALOG/WSOM/HTML/MARINEZONES.HTM)

MAPS SHOWING THE EXISTING AND RECONFIGURED MARINE ZONES THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2009 ARE POSTED ON THE SEATTLE...PORTLAND...MEDFORD AND MONTEREY WEB PAGES RESPECTIVELY AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/IMAGES/SEW/OLDSEWMZ.JPG](http://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/IMAGES/SEW/OLDSEWMZ.JPG)

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[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/PQR/OLDMZONES.PHP](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/oldmzones.php)

[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/PQR/NEWMZONES1.PHP](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/newmzones1.php)

[HTTP://WWW.WRH.NOAA.GOV/MFR/MARINE/CURRENTZONES.PHP](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mfr/marine/currentzones.php)

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