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SUBJECT: Changes to Atlantic Marine Forecast Zones for the Ocean
Prediction Center effective March 3, 2026

Effective on Tue, March 3, 2026, at 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST),
2100 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the Ocean Prediction Center will
change Marine Forecast Zones encompassing its Atlantic offshore waters.
Upon implementation of this change, all offshore marine forecasts will
use the zone numbers
and names listed below.

If March 3, 2026 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation
will be postponed to March 4, 2026 at 2100 UTC.

Other changes occurring at the same time involve near shore marine zones,
with the outer extent expanding from approximately 0 NM offshore to 60 NM
offshore. These marine zones areas are forecast by Weather Forecast
Offices and for details please see [SCN:25-101](#), SUBJECT: Changes to Marine
Zones for NWS Weather Forecast Offices From Caribou, ME to Charleston, SC
Effective March 3, 2026, which also contains graphical depictions of the
changes.

These changes have been coordinated with partnering agencies and are part
of a National Weather Service effort to make the offshore extent of
coastal marine zones consistent throughout the conterminous United
States. The new zone numbers, names, and zone forecast area descriptions
are listed below.

Zone number: Zone name
ANZ801: Gulf of Maine to the Hague Line
ANZ806: Georges Bank between Cape Cod and 67.8W to 30 NM south
 of 1000 FM
ANZ811: South of New England between Nantucket and Montauk
 Point to 30 NM south of 1000 FM
ANZ816: South of Long Island between Montauk Point and Sandy
 Hook to 30 NM south of 1000 FM
ANZ821: Hudson Canyon to Baltimore Canyon between 60 NM and 120
 NM offshore
ANZ826: Baltimore Canyon to Cape Charles Light between 60 NM

and 120 NM offshore

ANZ831: Cape Charles Light to Oregon Inlet between 60 NM and 120 NM offshore

ANZ836: Oregon Inlet to Cape Hatteras between 60 NM and 120 NM offshore

ANZ841: Cape Hatteras to Surf City NC between 60 NM and 120 NM offshore

ANZ846: Surf City NC to South Santee River SC between 60 NM and 120 NM offshore

ANZ851: South Santee River SC to 31N between 60 NM and 120 NM offshore

ANZ901: Georges Bank between 67.8W and the Hague Line to 30 NM south of 1000 FM

ANZ906: East of 67.8W to the Hague Line from 30 NM south of 1000 FM to 250 NM offshore

ANZ911: Between 70W and 67.8W from 30 NM south of 1000 FM to 250 NM offshore

ANZ916: Baltimore Canyon to 30 NM south of 1000 FM between 120 NM offshore and 70W

ANZ921: Baltimore Canyon to Hatteras Canyon between 120 NM and 250 NM offshore

ANZ926: Hatteras Canyon to Cape Fear between 120 NM and 250 NM offshore

ANZ931: Cape Fear to 31N between 120 NM and 250 NM offshore

The zone numbers, names, and zone area descriptions being replaced are listed below.

Replaced zone number: Replaced zone name

ANZ800: Gulf of Maine to the Hague Line

ANZ805: Georges Bank between Cape Cod and 68W north of 1000 FM

ANZ810: South of New England between the Great South Channel and Montauk Point to 1000 FM

ANZ815: South of Long Island between Montauk Point and Sandy Hook to 1000 FM

ANZ820: Hudson Canyon to Baltimore Canyon to 1000 FM

ANZ825: Baltimore Canyon to Cape Charles Light to 100 NM offshore

ANZ828: Cape Charles Light to Currituck Beach Light to 100 NM offshore

ANZ830: Currituck Beach Light to Cape Hatteras to 100 NM offshore

ANZ833: Cape Hatteras to Cape Fear to 100 NM offshore

ANZ835: Cape Fear to 31N to 1000 FM

ANZ900: Georges Bank between 68W and the Hague Line

ANZ905: East of 69W to the Hague Line between 1000 FM and 39N

ANZ910: East of 69W and south of 39N to 250 NM offshore

ANZ915: Between 1000 FM and 38.5N west of 69W

ANZ920: Baltimore Canyon to 69W east of 1000 FM and south of 38.5N to 250 NM offshore

ANZ925: Baltimore Canyon to Hatteras Canyon between 100 NM and 250 NM offshore

ANZ930: Hatteras Canyon to Cape Fear between 100 NM and 250 NM
offshore
ANZ935: Cape Fear to 31N east of 1000 FM to 250 NM offshore

There will be no changes to the OPC synopses listed below:

ANZ898: Synopsis for New England Waters
ANZ899: Synopsis for Mid Atlc Waters

Updated coastal, offshore, and high seas zone shapefiles are
online at: <https://www.weather.gov/gis/MarineZones>

Final versions of these shapefiles will be available on February
13, 2026.

Graphical depictions of the changes to the Offshore zones are
online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/marine/OPCMarineForecastZoneChanges>

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