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Subject: Updated: Discontinuation of the condensed versions of offshore marine forecast products on January 6, 2026

Updated to correct the date in the sentence below to January 6.

The NWS's Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) and National Hurricane Center (NHC) will discontinue the condensed versions of offshore marine forecast products starting on January 6, 2026.

These condensed products are provided to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) for broadcast over their HF radio transmitters, commonly referred to as High Frequency Voice Broadcasts (HF VOBRA) (a list of the products to be discontinued are listed in Table 1). The condensed products do not broadcast over NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) transmitters, only via HF radio stations operated by the USCG. No change is being proposed to NWS marine forecast products that are broadcast over NWR. No other changes are being considered for the Offshore Waters Forecasts (OFF), High Seas Forecast (HSF), or NAVTEX products (see Table 2 for a list of products continuing).

OFF and NAVTEX products provide the same information over the same area, including warnings for hazardous conditions like gales, storms, tropical storms, hurricanes, and freezing spray. The full offshore text forecasts will continue to be available over the internet from OPC at <https://ocean.weather.gov>, and from NHC at <https://hurricanes.gov>. A map of the condensed offshore forecasts can be found here for OPC: [https://ocean.weather.gov/product\\_description/abtoffshore\\_vobra.php](https://ocean.weather.gov/product_description/abtoffshore_vobra.php) and from NHC: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/abouttafbprod.shtml#VOBRA>

The NWS's National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) <https://digital.weather.gov/> provides graphical forecasts of winds, wind gusts, wave heights, and other weather-based hazards over the oceanic domain. These forecasts provide more localized information than the broader condensed versions of offshore forecasts.

Table 1: NWS Products to be Discontinued starting on January 6, 2026

Marine Weather HF Voice

Broadcast Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----	AWIPS ID -----
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for New England	FZNT33 KWBC	OFFN31
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for Mid-Atlantic	FZNT34 KWBC	OFFN32
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for Caribbean Sea and Tropical N Atlantic	FZNT31 KWBC	OFFN20
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for Gulf of America	FZNT32 KWBC	OFFN21
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for SW N Atlantic including the Bahamas	FZNT31 KWBC	OFFN20
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for Washington, Oregon	FZPN35 KWBC	OFFN35
Condensed Offshore Waters Forecast for California	FZPN36 KWBC	OFFN36

The NHC and OPC will add to the text products a note that the products will be discontinued on January 6, 2026.

Table 2: NWS Products That Are Not Being Proposed for Discontinuation and Will Remain

Offshore Waters Forecast Product Name -----	WMO Heading -----	AWIPS ID -----
Offshore Waters Forecast for New England	FZNT21 KWBC	OFFNT1
Offshore Waters Forecast for Mid- Atlantic	FZNT22 KWBC	OFFNT2
Offshore Waters Forecast for Caribbean Sea and Tropical N Atlantic	FZNT23 KWBC	OFFNT3
Offshore Waters Forecast for Gulf of America	FZNT24 KWBC	OFFNT4
Offshore Waters Forecast for SW N Atlantic including the Bahamas	FZNT25 KWBC	OFFNT5
Offshore Waters Forecast for Washington, Oregon	FZPN25 KWBC	OFFNZ5
Offshore Waters Forecast for California	FZPN26 KWBC	OFFNZ6

Offshore Waters Forecast for Eastern Gulf of Alaska	FZAK67 KWBC	OFFFAJK
Offshore Waters Forecast for Western Gulf of Alaska	FZAK61 KWBC	OFFFAER
Offshore Waters Forecast for Bering Sea	FZAK62 KWBC	OFFFALU
Offshore Waters Forecast for U.S. Arctic	FZAK69 KWBC	OFFFAFG
Offshore Waters Forecast for Hawaii	FZHW60 KWBC	OFFFHFO
Offshore Waters Forecast for Eastern Pacific - Mexico	FZPN27 KWBC	OFFFPZ7
Offshore Waters Forecast for Western Pacific - Equatorial	FZPN28 KWBC	OFFFPZ8
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for NE US Waters	FZNT23 KWNM	OFFN01
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Mid-Atlantic States Waters	FZNT24 KWNM	OFFN02
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Southeast U.S. Waters	FZNT25 KWNM	OFFN03
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Southeast Gulf of America	FZNT25 KNHC	OFFN04
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for San Juan Atlantic Waters	FZNT26 KNHC	OFFN05
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Northwest Gulf of America	FZPN27 KNHC	OFFN06
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Southern California Waters	FZPN22 KWNM	OFFN07
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Northern California Waters	FZPN23 KWNM	OFFN08
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Washington and Oregon Waters	FZPN24 KWNM	OFFN09
NAVTEX Marine Forecast for Hawaiian Waters	FZHW61 PHFO	OFFN10

Comments can be submitted to:

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Ocean Prediction Center  
National Weather Service  
[marine.weather@noaa.gov](mailto:marine.weather@noaa.gov)

National Public Information Statements are online at:  
<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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