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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 11:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Hi Paul,

I heard back from Sam Albanese MIC WFO Anchorage on Monday and he addressed it to you and I but didn't include you on the email...just caught that now. :-/ Been super busy setting up and facilitating Regional meetings all week...TGIF. Here is the message from Sam. Have a great weekend! Let me know if you need anything else.

-- Jeff

Paul, Jeff

The reason the headline appeared then was gone then reappeared is due to the text formatters performing incorrectly. The heavy freezing spray warning is not suppose to be in a public zone forecast, it s only in the marine forecast. When the forecaster on duty caught the mistake, it was corrected by removing it. Subsequent running of the formatter repeated the mistake and that forecaster on duty at that time sent it out without realizing this mistake. We have since fixed our formatter to not put the marine headlines in the public products.

On Fri, Apr 28, 2017 at 9:36 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Any luck or feedback? I have a meeting with coast guard, etc... on May 9th so I should know more then about coast guard hearing, etc... I'll let you know therein. Have a good Friday!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Paul, I spoke with a couple of folks on Friday of last week. This morning...I sent an email to a broad group at WFO Anchorage and here at ARH...in hopes of getting an answer for you. I should hear back from folks today and I will let you know what I find. - Jeff

On Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 4:45 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning Jeff,

I appreciate you checking on this. I just need to be able to explain it in my weather factual and want to have the details correct. So the last reports from the vessel (from AIS data) were in PKZ179 right next to St. George Island. I have captured PKZ 179, 414, and 170 since those are all the marine waters of travel. However, I wanted to capture the closest land zone (AKZ195) since they were right next to St. George Island when accident happened.... The marine zones have all the correct headlines, etc... from what it looks like, but AKZ195 flips back and forth (see attachment). For my weather factual I need to be able explain this if at all possible for AKZ195, even though not the marine forecast? Formatters with human input? Formatters catching the marine headline sometime and sometimes not? Just want to make sure and capture things correctly! thanks Jeff!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Paul, Sorry for the delay on this...fell off my radar. So I coordinated with a couple of folks here. The forecasts that you are using are public forecasts AKZ195...shouldn't you be looking at the marine forecasts PKZ185? As far as the formatters go...I don't think that the headlines are supposed to be in the public forecasts...need to verify that with Shaun Baines at WFO AFC and he is on a day off today. The formatters put the headlines in and although the forecasters are not supposed to touch them...they do have the capability to edit the headlines if needed. Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions. - Jeff

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 11:16 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon Jeff,

Any luck on the email question below? Thanks!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Thanks for the answer on the formatters... then for my question below why would the headline not be in the text for St. Paul? It was in the marine headlines the whole time... but dropped in and out of the St. Paul headline (see text)... would that be human or formatter? Thanks!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:31 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Hi Jeff,

One more additional question... would you happen to know the reason the headlines in the ZFP kept going from having one to going away, to having one, to going away:

AKZ195-100145-

PRIBILOF ISLANDS-

INCLUDING THE CITY OF...SAINT PAUL

401 AM AKST THU FEB 9 2017

...HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING

TO 6 PM AKST FRIDAY...

.TODAY...PARTLY CLOUDY. FLURRIES IN THE MORNING. HIGHS IN THE MID 20S. NORTHEAST WIND 15 TO 20 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 35 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 15. NORTHEAST WIND 25 TO 35 MPH.

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 20S. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS 15 TO 20.

.SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 20 TO 25. LOWS 15 TO 20.

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TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION

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AKZ195-100115-

PRIBILOF ISLANDS-

INCLUDING THE CITY OF...SAINT PAUL

852 AM AKST THU FEB 9 2017

.REST OF TODAY...PARTLY SUNNY. FLURRIES EARLY IN THE MORNING...

THEN A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS IN THE MID

20S. NORTHEAST WIND 20 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS.

LOWS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS.

HIGHS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 35 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW

SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 15. NORTHEAST WIND 25 TO 35 MPH.

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS.

HIGHS IN THE LOWER 20S. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

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SHOWERS. LOWS 15 TO 20.

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SHOWERS. HIGHS 20 TO 25. LOWS 15 TO 20.

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TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION

SAINT PAUL 17 18 14 20 / 40 20 20 20

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AKZ195-100115-

PRIBILOF ISLANDS-

INCLUDING THE CITY OF...SAINT PAUL

1013 AM AKST THU FEB 9 2017

...HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 6 PM THIS EVENING

TO 6 PM AKST FRIDAY...

.TODAY...PARTLY SUNNY. FLURRIES IN THE MORNING...THEN A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS IN THE AFTERNOON. HIGHS IN THE MID 20S. NORTHEAST WIND 15 TO 20 MPH.

.TONIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 35 MPH.

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TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION

SAINT PAUL 23 17 18 / 40 20 20

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AKZ195-101330-

PRIBILOF ISLANDS-

INCLUDING THE CITY OF...SAINT PAUL

339 PM AKST THU FEB 9 2017

.TONIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS

AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.FRIDAY...PARTLY SUNNY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS

AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 35 MPH.

.FRIDAY NIGHT...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS

AROUND 15. NORTHEAST WIND 25 TO 35 MPH.

.SATURDAY...PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS

AROUND 20. NORTHEAST WIND 20 TO 30 MPH.

.SATURDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS

15 TO 20. NORTHEAST WIND 15 TO 25 MPH.

.SUNDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS. HIGHS 20 TO

25.

.SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH WEDNESDAY NIGHT...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A

CHANCE OF SNOW SHOWERS. LOWS AROUND 20. HIGHS 20 TO 25.

.THURSDAY...MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SNOW. HIGHS IN THE MID

20S.

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TEMPERATURE / PRECIPITATION

SAINT PAUL 17 18 14 20 / 50 40 40 30

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Thanks!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea

Hi Jeff,

I have a NWS policy question... I've reviewed the NWSI10-303 and 310 documents and they state that a forecast should only include freezing spray/heavy freezing spray up to 5 periods down the line.... I remember the formatters being setup that way when I worked for NWS so that even if freezing spray/heavy freezing spray criteria were met beyond 5 periods... like through day 5; the standard formatter would only put freezing spray/heavy freezing spray in first 5 periods (to match headline)... is that still the case? I know Alaska may have something different, but I reviewed the Alaska only policy I didn't see anything that supersedes the NWSI-303 and 310 on that specific point... thanks (see wording below... nothing freezing spray wise in Monday through Wednesday even with high wind/cold temps/cold seas)....

...HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WARNING THROUGH SUNDAY...

.TODAY...NE WIND 15 TO 25 KT. SEAS 5 TO 10 FT. HEAVY FREEZING
SPRAY N OF 55N.

.TONIGHT...NE WIND 10 TO 20 KT. SEAS 3 TO 8 FT. HEAVY FREEZING
SPRAY N OF 55N.

.SUN...NE WIND 10 TO 25 KT. SEAS 3 TO 7 FT. HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY N
OF 55N.

.SUN NIGHT...N WIND 15 TO 30 KT. SEAS 5 TO 10 FT.

.MON THROUGH WED...N WIND 30 TO 45 KT. SEAS 9 TO 14 FT.

Thanks!

Paul

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 11:32 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: gathering weather information for the CFV Destination sinking in Bering Sea