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Subject: NWS Transferring Forecast and Warning Responsibility for METAREA XVI to Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation of the Navy of Peru (DHN)

At the request of the Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation of the Navy of Peru (DHN), and in coordination with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), NWS will officially transfer meteorological forecast and warning responsibility for METAREA XVI to DHN, effective June 30, 2017, at 1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). The DHN will subsequently be the sole official Issuing and Preparation Service for METAREA XVI.

See the website below for a map of METAREAS:

<http://www.gmdss.org/metareas.html>

The High Seas Forecast and Warnings for METAREA XVI will be prepared by the NWS Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) of the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami, FL, until 1715 UTC June 30, 2017. Dissemination of these forecasts and warnings via SafetyNet will be the responsibility of NWS Telecommunication Operations Center (TOC) until 1715 UTC June 30, 2017.

The NWS will no longer routinely issue the High Seas Forecast product, WMO header below, for METAREA XVI after 1715 UTC June 30, 2017.

WMO Header:  
FZPN04 KNHC XXXXXX (Date/Time of issuance)  
HSFEP3

Refer to the following website for more information on METAREA XVI:

<http://www.gmdss.org/XVI.html>

NWS shall provide primary backup service to DHN when necessary. Backup service will be limited to rebroadcasting and/or preparation of the METAREA XVI forecast and warnings when DHN is unable to perform those services. When backup is requested for forecast preparation, the TAFB and NWS Telecommunications Operations Center (TOC) will prepare and disseminate the forecast following previously employed procedures. All

relevant contact information has been provided by NWS to DHN in the event backup service is required.

If you have questions, please contact:

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