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Subject: Change to the census area name and the Federal
 Information Processing Series (FIPS) code for Wade
 Hampton Census Area, AK, effective on June 13, 2017

In response to a request by Governor Bill Walker of Alaska, the U.S. Census Bureau changed the name of the Wade Hampton Census Area to the Kusilvak Census Area on July 1, 2015. The existing census area boundaries remain unchanged. The FIPS code for the census area changed from 02270 to 02158.

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Alaska Broadcasters Association have implemented the name and FIPS code changes in their systems, and the State of Alaska Emergency Alert System (EAS) Plan has been updated.

In the NWS Alaska Region, there are no WFO or National Tsunami Warning Center products conveyed using census area (or borough) names or FIPS codes. Therefore, no actions are required by partners and users receiving and parsing exact text strings for any NWS products associated with this census area. Since there may be NWS partners with systems associating NWS public zones with the census area name and/or FIPS code, a list of the impacted public zones follows:

AKZ155 Kuskokwim Delta
AKZ212 Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills
AKZ214 Yukon Delta
AKZ215 Lower Yukon Valley

Updated AWIPS census area and public forecast zone shape files reflecting the new census area name and new census area FIPS code are online, respectively at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/county/html/county.htm>

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/geodata/catalog/wsom/html/pubzone.htm>

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