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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
202 PM EDT TUE AUG 29 2006

TO: NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/
CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...USERS OF GREAT LAKES WEATHER
FORECASTS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL GREAT LAKES PORT
FORECAST PRODUCT BEGINNING OCTOBER 3 2006

FROM OCTOBER 3 2006 THROUGH JANUARY 31 2007... NWS WILL BE
SEEKING COMMENTS ON THE EXPERIMENTAL GREAT LAKES PORT FORECAST
PRODUCT.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY OCTOBER 3 AT 0001 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/ THE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES SERVING THE UNITED STATES
GREAT LAKES WILL IMPLEMENT AN EXPERIMENTAL PORT FORECAST. EACH
PORT FORECAST WILL BE PRESENTED IN TWO FORMATS: A CODED MAFOR
FORMAT AND A TABULAR FORMAT.

THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE ISSUED DAILY AROUND 0200 UTC...
...0800 UTC...1400 UTC...AND 2000 UTC. PRODUCTS ARE FOR THE
FOLLOWING LAKES AND PORTS USING NEW WMO AND NEW AWIPS HEADINGS.
USERS MUST ADD THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT HEADERS TO THEIR DATABASES
TO BEGIN RECEIVING THESE PRODUCTS:

LAKE SUPERIOR WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

TWO HARBORS MINNESOTA	FZUS53 KDLH	CPFDLH
DULUTH HARBOR MINNESOTA	FZUS53 KDLH	CPFDLH
PRESQUE ISLE HARBOR	FZUS53 KMQT	CPFMQT
WHITEFISH POINT MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KAPX	CPFAPX
THE SOO LOCKS MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KAPX	CPFAPX

LAKE MICHIGAN WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

ESCANABA HARBOR MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KMQT	CPFMQT
FRANKFORT MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KAPX	CPFAPX
STURGEON BAY ENTRANCE	FZUS53 KGRB	CPFGRB
GREEN BAY WISCONSIN	FZUS53 KGRB	CPFGRB
MILWAUKEE HARBOR WISCONSIN	FZUS53 KMKX	CPFMKX
CALUMET RIVER ENTRANCE	FZUS53 KLOT	CPFLOT
BURNS HARBOR INDIANA	FZUS53 KLOT	CPFLOT
ST. JOSEPH HARBOR MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KIWX	CPFIWX
GRAND HAVEN HARBOR MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KGRR	CPFGRR

LAKE HURON

WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

CALCITE HARBOR MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KAPX	CPFAPX
ALPENA HARBOR MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KAPX	CPFAPX
PORT OF SAGINAW MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KDTX	CPFDTX
PORT HURON MICHIGAN	FZUS53 KDTX	CPFDTX

THE DETROIT RIVER

WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

PORT OF DETROIT	FZUS53 KDTX	CPFDTX
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LAKE ERIE

WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

TOLEDO HARBOR	FZUS51 KCLE	CPFCLE
CLEVELAND HARBOR	FZUS51 KCLE	CPFCLE
ASHTABULA HARBOR	FZUS51 KCLE	CPFCLE
BUFFALO HARBOR	FZUS51 KBUF	CPFBUF

LAKE ONTARIO

WMO HEADING AWIPS HEADING

ROCHESTER HARBOR	FZUS51 KBUF	CPFBUF
OSWEGO HARBOR	FZUS51 KBUF	CPFBUF

THE PORT FORECASTS WILL BE DISSEMINATED VIA THE GREAT LAKES DIGITAL MARINE WEATHER DISSEMINATION SYSTEM /DMAWDS/...AND ON THE HOME PAGES OF THE GREAT LAKES WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/. ACCESS TO EACH OF THE GREAT LAKES WFO WEB PAGES IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAIN NWS WEBSITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV](http://www.weather.gov)

THE PORT FORECASTS WILL PROVIDE A FORECAST FOR A VALID TIME PERIOD OF 24 HOURS. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE PORT FORECASTS IS PROVIDED IN THE PRODUCT DESCRIPTION DOCUMENT POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://PRODUCTS.WEATHER.GOV/VIEWLISTE.PHP](http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php)

THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE. USERS OF THE PRODUCT ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK BY USING THE BRIEF SURVEY AND COMMENT FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=CPF](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=CPF)

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