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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
247 PM EDT TUE APR 10 2007

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA  
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
...EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK  
/EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND  
PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE  
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 2007  
ON EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEB PORTAL FOR THE CAROLINAS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30  
2007...THE NWS IS SEEKING USER COMMENTS ON A NEW EXPERIMENTAL  
CAROLINAS COAST MARINE WEB PORTAL. THIS WEB PORTAL PROVIDES A NEW  
INTERFACE FOR ACCESSING MARINE OBSERVATIONS...HAZARDS...AND  
MARINE FORECASTS ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA COASTS. THE  
EXPERIMENTAL CAROLINAS COAST MARINE WEB PORTAL PROVIDES NEAR  
REAL-TIME ACCESS TO CURRENT OBSERVATIONS...FORECASTS...  
TEMPERATURES...BATHYMETRY AND HAZARDS.

THE WEB PORTAL IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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

ACCESS TO THE PORTAL WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED VIA PROMINENT LINKS  
FROM THE HOMEPAGES OF THE NWS FORECAST OFFICES AT MOREHEAD CITY  
NORTH CAROLINA...WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA...AND CHARLESTON SOUTH  
CAROLINA.

THE PORTAL CONTAINS A WEB LINK FOR PROVIDING USER FEEDBACK AND  
COMMENTS. YOUR COMMENTS WILL ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF THE  
PRODUCT AND FUTURE PLANS FOR AN OPERATIONAL CAROLINAS COAST  
MARINE WEB PORTAL. THE COMMENT PERIOD WILL CONTINUE THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30 2007.

BECAUSE THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT ...THE AVAILABILITY AND  
CONTENT OF THE WEB PORTAL MAY BE MODIFIED AT ANY TIME. USERS ARE  
CAUTIONED THE NWS CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OR  
TIMELINESS OF DATA RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE NWS. USERS SHOULD  
FOLLOW OFFICIAL NWS FORECASTS...ADVISORIES...AND WARNINGS FOR  
THEIR CRITICAL WEATHER-SENSITIVE NEEDS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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