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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
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TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
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OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND
EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE
PRODUCT THROUGH JULY 31 2008

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1 2007 AND CONTINUING THROUGH JULY 31
2008...NWS IS SEEKING FEEDBACK ON AN EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE
PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED TO BETTER INFORM MARINERS OF MARINE
WEATHER HAZARDS AND SERVE AS A DEDICATED LONG DURATION MARINE
WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCT.

CURRENTLY NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ ISSUE MARINE WARNINGS AND
ADVISORIES THROUGH HEADLINES AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ STRINGS
CONTAINED IN THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST /CWF/...THE NEARSHORE MARINE
FORECAST /NSH/ AND THE GREAT LAKES OPEN LAKE FORECAST /GLF/.

THE MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE PRODUCTS WILL PROVIDE THE MARINE COMMUNITY WITH
MORE SPECIFICITY AND VITAL MARINE HAZARD INFORMATION...PATTERNED AFTER THE
WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY /WSW/ PRODUCTS AND THE NON-
PRECIPITATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY /NPW/ PRODUCTS.

THIS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT WILL BE ISSUED BY PARTICIPATING COASTAL AND
GREAT LAKES WFOS FOR THE FOLLOWING SUITE OF MARINE WATCH...WARNING AND
ADVISORY EVENTS:

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM WATCH/WARNING
HURRICANE FORCE WIND WATCH/WARNING
STORM WATCH/WARNING
GALE WATCH/WARNING
HAZARDOUS SEAS WATCH/WARNING
HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WATCH/WARNING
FREEZING SPRAY ADVISORY
SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY
BRISK WIND ADVISORY
LOW WATER ADVISORY
DENSE FOG ADVISORY
DENSE SMOKE ADVISORY
ASHFALL ADVISORY

THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE /MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE/. USERS MUST ADD THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT HEADERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS DATABASES TO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS FROM THE INITIAL PARTICIPATING GROUP OF WFOS:

WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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BUFFALO NEW YORK	WHUS71 KBUF	MWWBUF
CARIBOU MAINE	WHUS71 KCAR	MWWCAR
DETROIT MICHIGAN	WHUS73 KDTX	MWWDTX
HONOLULU HAWAII	WHHW70 PHFO	MWWHFO
MEDFORD OREGON	WHUS76 KMFR	MWWMFR
MOBILE ALABAMA	WHUS74 KMOB	MWWMOB
TAMPA FLORIDA	WHUS72 KTBW	MWWTBW

A STATIC EXAMPLE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE PRODUCT IS POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww)

THIS WEB SITE WILL ALSO SERVE AS A MEANS TO UPDATE USERS ON THIS EXPERIMENTAL EFFORT AND TO POTENTIALLY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WFOS PROVIDING THE EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS.

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=MWW](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=mww)

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SERVICE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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