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SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS BY NOVEMBER 30 2009 ON TESTING OF
NWS MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14...ASSUMING NO CRITICAL WEATHER...
NWS WILL START TESTING MARINE POINT FORECAST AND HOURLY WEATHER
GRAPHS PAGES FOR COASTAL MARINE FORECAST ZONES FROM NWS WEATHER
FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WEB PAGES. SIMILAR MARINE POINT FORECAST
PAGES ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION FROM WFO WEB PAGES WITH
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE GREAT LAKES.

THESE FORECAST WEB PAGES USE INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL DIGITAL
FORECAST DATABASE /NDFD/ TO AUTOMATICALLY GENERATE FORECAST
WORDING FOR THE SELECTED GRID POINT AND GRAPHICAL ICONS.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMPORTANT TO MARINERS...INCLUDING CURRENT
MARINE WATCHES... WARNINGS...ADVISORIES...NEARBY SURFACE
OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN AN
EFFORT TO PROVIDE ONE-STOP SERVICE.

FORECAST INFORMATION FOR THESE MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES IS
BASED ON GRIDDED DATA. EACH GRID SQUARE IS EITHER 2.5 X 2.5 KM OR
5 X 5 KM PER SIDE DEPENDING ON AVAILABLE RESOLUTION. THE SELECTED
FORECAST AREA /GRID SQUARE/ IS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON A MAP ON
THE MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGE. OTHER DESIRED MARINE FORECAST
POINTS CAN BE SELECTED FROM THIS SAME MAP.

MARINERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THESE FORECASTS ARE VALID ONLY FOR THE
SELECTED GRID POINT...NOT FOR THE LARGER SURROUNDING AREAS.
MARINERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ALSO CHECK MARINE FORECASTS FOR
SURROUNDING AREAS OR USE LINK ON THE POINT FORECAST PAGE TO THE
SURROUNDING ZONE FORECAST.

THE FOLLOWING NWS OFFICES WILL TAKE PART IN THIS TEST. THE OFFICE
NAME AND URL IS PROVIDED BELOW:

SEATTLE WA / WEATHER.GOV/SEATTLE

PORTLAND OR / WEATHER.GOV/PORTLAND
MEDFORD OR / WEATHER.GOV/MEDFORD
EUREKA CA / WEATHER.GOV/EUREKA
MONTEREY/SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA CA / WEATHER.GOV/SANFRANCISCO
LOS ANGELES/OXNARD CA / WEATHER.GOV/LOSANGELES
SAN DIEGO CA / WEATHER.GOV/SANDIEGO
HONOLULU HI / WEATHER.GOV/HFO
BROWNSVILLE TX / WEATHER.GOV/BROWNSVILLE
CORPUS CHRISTI TX / WEATHER.GOV/CORPUSCHRISTI
HOUSTON/GALVESTON TX / WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/HGX/
LAKE CHARLES LA / WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/LCH/
NEW ORLEANS LA / WEATHER.GOV/NEWORLEANS
MOBILE AL / WWW.SRH.NOAA.GOV/MOB/
TALLAHASSEE FL / WEATHER.GOV/TALLAHASSEE
TAMPA BAY FL / WEATHER.GOV/TAMPA
KEY WEST FL / WEATHER.GOV/KEYWEST
MIAMI FL / WEATHER.GOV/MIAMI
MELBOURNE FL / WEATHER.GOV/MELBOURNE
JACKSONVILLE FL / WEATHER.GOV/JACKSONVILLE
SAN JUAN PR / WEATHER.GOV/SANJUAN
WAKEFIELD VA /WEATHER.GOV/AKQ

ATLANTIC COASTAL OFFICES NORTH OF WAKEFIELD BY 1 APRIL 2009

ADDITIONAL NWS OFFICES MAY BE ADDED AT A LATER DATE. TO ACCESS THESE MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES...CLICK ON THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL NWS FORECAST PAGE AT ONE OF THE LINKS ABOVE... THEN CLICK ON THE DESIRED POINT IN THE COASTAL WATERS AREA DISPLAYED ON THE MAP.

NWS SOUTHERN REGION OFFICES WILL CONTAIN A LINK TO THE COASTAL WATERS ZONE FORECAST. THIS ZONE FORECAST WILL CONTAIN A MAP FROM WHICH A POINT MARINE FORECAST PAGE CAN BE FOUND.

NWS WILL BE ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON THIS SERVICE AT /USE LOWERCASE/ THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 2009:

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

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[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/os/notif.htm)

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