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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1045 AM EST THU JAN 8 2009

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

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14 2009...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/
WEBPAGES. SIMILAR MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION
FROM WFO WEBPAGES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE GREAT LAKES.

THESE FORECAST WEBPAGES 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 VA BY APRIL 1 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 LOWER CASE/ 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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