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Subject: NWS is Soliciting Public Comments on the Experimental Use of Bulleted Coastal/Lakeshore Hazard Message and Marine Weather Message. Comments will be Accepted until May 31, 2011

Through May 31, 2011, NWS Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) with marine responsibility in the Continental United States (CONUS) and Outside CONUS will issue Coastal/Lakeshore Hazard Message (CFW) and Marine Weather Message (MWW) using an experimental bulleted format. NWS is requesting comments during this period through the following Web address:

http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=bcfwmww

The experimental bulleted format is similar to the current format for severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings. The bulleted format should make it easier for users to quickly read vital information during hazardous weather events. During the experimental period, WFOs may temporarily revert back to the current, non-bulleted format to maintain mission critical warning services.

A Product Description Document for these experimental products, which includes examples of bulleted CFW and MWW products, is online at:

http://products.weather.gov/viewliste.php

A list of all coastal and Great Lakes WFOs is online at:

http://www.weather.gov/om/marine/marine map.htm

At the close of the public comment period, the NWS will evaluate all comments to determine whether to implement bulleted CFW/MWW products nationwide.

If you have comments or questions, please contact:

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