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Subject: Soliciting comments by March 30, 2012 on Plans to Replace the Southeastern United States and Gulf of Mexico Marine Weather Web Portal

NWS is proposing to replace the Southeastern United States (SERN US) and Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Marine Weather Web Portal:

http://forecast.weather.gov/mwp/

This service is being proposed for replacement because NWS developers are going to debut a new national and updated marine weather web portal that will have many more capabilities than the SERN US and GOM Marine Weather web portal. While the existing SERN US and GOM portal is limited to just a portion of the nation's coastal waters, the new portal will expand to cover all U.S. coastal waters. NWS plans to post an experimental version of the new portal this spring 2012.

NWS is requesting comments through March 30, 2012, on plans to replace the Southeastern United States and Gulf of Mexico Marine Weather Web Portal with a national product. Send comments to:

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If a decision is made to replace the Southeastern United States and Gulf of Mexico Marine Weather web portal, a Service Change Notice (SCN) will be issued announcing the effective date.

A SCN also will be released announcing when the experimental national marine weather web portal will be available to all users.

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