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SUBJECT: Soliciting Comments on Experimental Impact-Based
Marine Hazard Grids until June 30, 2016

The NWS is accepting comments until June 30, 2016, on
Experimental Impact-Based Marine Hazard Grids (IBH) being tested
at the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Medford, OR, (MFR).
Additional coastal WFOs along the Gulf of Mexico may participate
at a future date. A PNS will be sent out at that time.

The Experimental IBH provides the marine community with a
detailed depiction of expected adverse weather conditions.
Unlike zone-based hazards, the Experimental IBH also show parts
of zones where no hazard is expected, which allows for continued
marine operations. The NWS Weather-Ready Nation concept calls for
improving information to users and partners to enhance decision
support. Providing additional hazard details fills that
requirement. The details, combined with the separation of
hazards, allow mariners to make informed decisions based upon
their vessel capabilities and personal level of skill.

The hazard grid information can be viewed at:

<http://digital.weather.gov>
Select "Hazards" from the drop down menu.

The Experimental IBH are described in detail, with example
graphics included, in a Product Description Document available
online at:

<http://products.weather.gov/viewExperimental.php?selrow=559>
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Please provide comments on this experimental service via a short
online survey at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=IBMHG>

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