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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 05-15
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1025 AM EDT MON APR 4 2005

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA
WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS... EMERGENCY
MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS...NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS...OTHER NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS...AND
NWS EMPLOYEES

FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE
CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR HAZARDOUS SEAS...A NEW
HEADLINE...EFFECTIVE TUESDAY...AUGUST 2 2005...
AT 00 UTC

BEGINNING ON TUESDAY...AUGUST 2 2005...AT 00 COORDINATED
UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ WITH
MARINE AND COASTAL RESPONSIBILITIES MAY ISSUE A NEW MARINE HAZARD
HEADLINE IN THE COASTAL WATERS AND NEARSHORE MARINE FORECAST
PRODUCTS...SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR HAZARDOUS SEAS.

THE SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR HAZARDOUS SEAS WILL BE ISSUED
WHENEVER SEA OR WAVE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY
IMPACT SMALL CRAFT...AND WINDS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN BELOW THE
SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY THRESHOLD. THIS THRESHOLD FOR WIND SPEED
VARIES BY NWS REGION AND IS USUALLY UNDER 20 KNOTS.

THIS NEW HEADLINE DOES NOT REPLACE THE TRADITIONAL SMALL CRAFT
ADVISORY HEADLINE. THE SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY WILL CONTINUE TO BE
ISSUED AS A HEADLINE IN THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST AND THE
NEARSHORE MARINE FORECAST PRODUCTS FOR SIGNIFICANT WINDS AND SEAS
OR WAVES.

BOTH THE SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY AND THE SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR
HAZARDOUS SEAS MAY BE ISSUED AS HEADLINES IN THE ROUTINE COASTAL
WATERS FORECAST AND NEARSHORE MARINE FORECAST BEGINNING ON
TUESDAY...AUGUST 2 2005...AT 00 UTC.

THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT IS DISSEMINATED BY NWS
COASTAL WFOS UNDER THE AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER /CWF/. THE
NEARSHORE MARINE FORECAST PRODUCT IS DISSEMINATED BY NWS GREAT
LAKES WFOS UNDER THE AWIPS PRODUCT IDENTIFIER /NSH/.

EXISTING CUSTOMERS WILL NOT NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THEIR AWIPS
OR WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/ COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

DIRECTORIES. HOWEVER...CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE OR PROVIDE SERVICES
BASED ON THE PARSING OF EXACT TEXT STRINGS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE
NOTE OF THIS CHANGE FOR THEIR SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS OPERATIONS.

NWS INSTRUCTION 10-310 COASTAL MARINE FORECAST SERVICES IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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NWS INSTRUCTION 10-312 GREAT LAKES MARINE SERVICES IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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