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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 /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/
SUBSCRIBERS
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND 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 0000 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 0000
UTC.

THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST PRODUCT IS DISSEMINATED BY NWS COASTAL WFOS
UNDER THE ADVANCED WEATHER INTERACTIVE PROCESSING SYSTEM /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/:

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

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

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