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

SUBJECT: EXPERIMENTAL MARINE POINT FORECAST WEB PAGES WILL
BECOME OPERATIONAL ON MARCH 8 2010 FOR THE
CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND HAWAII

EFFECTIVE MONDAY MARCH 8 2010...NWS MARINE POINT FORECAST
CAPABILITY FOR WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE /WFO/ WEB PAGES WILL
TRANSITION FROM EXPERIMENTAL TO OPERATIONAL STATUS FOR MOST
COASTAL FORECAST OFFICES. MARINE POINT FORECASTS FOR THE GREAT
LAKES ARE ALREADY OPERATIONAL. MARINE POINT FORECASTS FOR
ALASKA...GUAM...AMERICAN SAMOA AND MICRONESIA WILL BE
DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE.

LINKS TO MARINE WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES MAY BE FOUND AT THE
LINK BELOW /USE LOWERCASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/MARINE/MARINE_MAP.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/marine_map.htm)

AT PRESENT THERE IS A MIX OF APPROACHES TO REACH THE
EXPERIMENTAL MARINE POINT FORECASTS. EFFECTIVE MARCH 8 2010...
CLICKING ON THE MAP FOR ALL COASTAL WFO/S/ WILL LINK TO THE
ZONE FORECAST FIRST THEN ALLOW FURTHER ZOOMING TO THE POINT OF
INTEREST. FOR WFO/S/ SERVING THE GREAT LAKES...MAPS FOR WEB
PAGES WILL CONTINUE TO LINK TO THE POINT FORECAST FIRST.

FORECAST INFORMATION FOR THESE MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES IS
BASED ON DIGITAL DATA. MARINERS ARE CAUTIONED THESE FORECASTS
ARE VALID ONLY FOR THE SELECTED GRID POINT...NOT FOR THE
LARGER SURROUNDING AREAS. MARINERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO
ALSO CHECK ZONE MARINE FORECASTS FOR SURROUNDING AREAS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMPORTANT TO MARINERS... INCLUDING
CURRENT MARINE WATCHES...WARNINGS...ADVISORIES... NEARBY
SURFACE OBSERVATIONS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IS
PROVIDED ON MARINE POINT FORECAST PAGES.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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