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Subject: Buoy 46089, Offshore Astoria, Oregon, is No Longer
 Supported: Effective Immediately

The National Ocean Service (NOS) Coastal Storms Program (CSP) will discontinue sponsorship of National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) buoy 46089 in 2013. This buoy is considered unfunded. Buoy 46089 is about 85 nautical miles west northwest of Astoria, Oregon, at coordinates 45.893 North 125.819 West. The link below shows the approximate location of the buoy.

<http://batchgeo.com/map/233b6670266d4498fa69809acc3b6554>

Annual cost to operate this buoy is about \$60,000 plus U.S. Coast Guard support to service it. At this time, the buoy is fully operational and transmitting data. If problems with data transmission develop, there is no funding to repair the buoy and it will no longer transmit data. There is no way to determine how long the data will be available.

Buoy 46089 was deployed in November 2004. The Coastal Storms Program is not an operational program and typically does not provide long term funding for projects. The CSP and NDBC have been working together for the past few years to find an alternative funding source for this buoy but have been unsuccessful.

For more information on this buoy and its current data, see the link below.

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46089

Please provide any comments to the following e-mail address with the subject line Unfunded Buoy 46089:

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