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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Experimental Beach Forecast
 Webpage and Rip Current Risk Graphic Through
 April 1, 2020

The NWS is accepting public comments until April 1, 2020, on the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages and Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphics from participating Weather Forecast Offices (WFO).

The Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage is available at <http://www.weather.gov/beach>

This national map allows beach goers to click on an area of interest and easily see hazards and forecasts for beaches in that area. The map has links to Experimental Beach Forecast Webpages of WFOs participating in the experiment (Table 1). Each WFO's Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage provides an Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic highlighting areas that have a moderate or high risk of dangerous rip currents, surf zone and beach forecasts for popular beaches within the office's forecast area, and other important beach/surf zone information such as:

- Daily outlooks for surf zone hazards, including rip currents

- Advisories and/or statements alerting people of imminent or expected beach/surf zone hazards
- Ultraviolet index information
- Tide tables and predictions

Each WFO's Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage may also contain other information such as local radar, water temperature and safety information.

The following enhancements were made for 2019:

- WFOs allowed to add surrounding WFOs to the rip current graphic
- Addition of wave information
- Format change to enable the beach forecast to be printed on one page

Table 1: NWS offices participating in the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage and the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic

Participating WFO -----	Web Address -----
Boston, MA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/box
Brownsville, TX	https://www.weather.gov/beach/bro
Buffalo, NY	https://www.weather.gov/beach/buf
Caribou, ME	https://www.weather.gov/beach/car
Charleston, SC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/chs
Chicago, IL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/lot
Cleveland, OH	https://www.weather.gov/beach/cle
Corpus Christi, TX	https://www.weather.gov/beach/crp
Detroit/Pontiac, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/dtx
Duluth, MN	https://www.weather.gov/beach/dlh
Gaylord, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/apx
Grand Rapids, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/grr
Gray/Portland, ME	https://www.weather.gov/beach/gyx
Green Bay, WI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/grb
Jacksonville, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/jax
Los Angeles, CA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/lox
Marquette, MI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mqt
Melbourne, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mlb
Miami, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mfl
Milwaukee/Sullivan, WI	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mkx

Mobile, AL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mob
Morehead City/Newport, NC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/mhx
New York, NY	https://www.weather.gov/beach/okx
Northern Indiana	https://www.weather.gov/beach/iwx
Philadelphia/Mount Holly, NJ	https://www.weather.gov/beach/phi
San Diego, CA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/sgx
Tallahassee, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/tae
Tampa Bay, FL	https://www.weather.gov/beach/tbw
Wakefield, VA	https://www.weather.gov/beach/akq
Wilmington, NC	https://www.weather.gov/beach/ilm

Please provide feedback until April 1, 2020, on the Experimental Beach Forecast Webpage at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExpBeachForecastWebPage>

Please provide feedback until April 1, 2020, on the Experimental Rip Current Risk Graphic at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExpRipCurrentRiskGraphic>

For information on rip currents and other beach hazards safety and awareness, please refer to the following website:

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent>

The Product description document for the Experimental Beach Forecast webpage can be accessed from:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_ExpBeachForecastWebpage_2019.pdf

The Product description document for the Rip Current Risk Graphic can be accessed from:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_ExpRipCurrentRiskGraphic_2019.pdf

At the end of the comment period, responses will be evaluated for transition of the beach forecast and rip current displays to operational status; however, the beach forecast and rip current displays will remain experimental until implementation of an NWS web-based GIS viewer, which is planned to host an operational version of the products.

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