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SUBJECT: Soliciting Comments on Discontinuing the OPC Marine
 Weather Discussion (MIM) Effective March 12, 2021

The NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction's (NCEP) Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) is accepting comments until March 12, 2021, on a proposal to discontinue the Marine Weather Discussion (MIM) text product produced by the OPC.

You can find more information about the MIM at:
<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01003011curr.pdf>

Examples of the MIM can be found at:
<https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDMIMATN.php>
<https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDMIMPAC.php>

NWS introduced this product at a time without as many avenues of collaboration between NWS offices. In addition, a survey conducted in August 2015 assessing MIM usage, received only 23 responses.

If NWS decides to terminate the MIM, OPC forecasters will focus more effort on providing impact-based decision support services for core users and partners. If feedback supports this change, NWS will send a Service Change Notice before terminating this product. Please submit comments regarding the proposal to:

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<https://www.weather.gov/notification/>

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