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FROM: THERESE Z. PIERCE

CHIEF...MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH

SUBJECT: SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 2007 ON EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEB PORTAL FOR THE CAROLINAS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 2007...THE NWS IS SEEKING USER COMMENTS ON A NEW EXPERIMENTAL CAROLINAS COAST MARINE WEB PORTAL. THIS WEB PORTAL PROVIDES A NEW INTERFACE FOR ACCESSING MARINE OBSERVATIONS...HAZARDS AND MARINE FORECASTS ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA COASTS. THE EXPERIMENTAL CAROLINAS COAST MARINE WEB PORTAL PROVIDES NEAR REAL-TIME ACCESS TO CURRENT OBSERVATIONS...FORECASTS...TEMPERATURES...BATHYMETRY AND HAZARDS.

THE WEB PORTAL IS ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CAROLINASCOAST

ACCESS TO THE PORTAL WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED VIA PROMINENT LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGES OF THE NWS FORECAST OFFICES AT MOREHEAD CITY NORTH CAROLINA...WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA AND CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE PORTAL CONTAINS A WEB LINK FOR PROVIDING USER FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS. YOUR COMMENTS WILL ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF THE PRODUCT AND FUTURE PLANS FOR AN OPERATIONAL CAROLINAS COAST MARINE WEB PORTAL. THE COMMENT PERIOD WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 2007.

BECAUSE THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT ...THE AVAILABILITY AND CONTENT OF THE WEB PORTAL MAY BE MODIFIED AT ANY TIME. USERS ARE CAUTIONED THE NWS CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OR TIMELINESS OF DATA RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE THE NWS. USERS SHOULD FOLLOW OFFICIAL NWS FORECASTS...ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS FOR THEIR CRITICAL WEATHER-SENSITIVE NEEDS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...PLEASE CONTACT:

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