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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT...COMMENT REQUEST  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC  
819 AM EDT WED JUL 18 2007

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAA WEATHER WIRE SERVICE /NWS/ SUBSCRIBERS  
EMERGENCY MANAGERS WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/  
SUBSCRIBERS  
NOAAPORT SUBSCRIBERS  
OTHER NWS CUSTOMERS...PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES

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MARINE AND COASTAL SERVICES BRANCH CHIEF

SUBJECT: SOLICITING COMMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE  
PRODUCT THROUGH JULY 31 2008

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1 2007 AND CONTINUING THROUGH JULY 31  
2008...NWS IS SEEKING FEEDBACK ON AN EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE  
PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT IS INTENDED TO BETTER INFORM MARINERS OF MARINE  
WEATHER HAZARDS AND SERVE AS A DEDICATED LONG DURATION MARINE  
WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY PRODUCT.

CURRENTLY...NWS WEATHER FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ ISSUE MARINE WARNINGS AND  
ADVISORIES THROUGH HEADLINES AND VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ STRINGS  
CONTAINED IN THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST /CWF/...THE NEARSHORE MARINE  
FORECAST /NSH/ AND THE GREAT LAKES OPEN LAKE FORECAST /GLF/.

THE MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE PRODUCTS WILL PROVIDE THE MARINE COMMUNITY WITH  
MORE SPECIFICITY AND VITAL MARINE HAZARD INFORMATION...PATTERNED AFTER THE  
WINTER WEATHER WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY /WSW/ PRODUCTS AND THE NON-  
PRECIPITATION WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY /NPW/ PRODUCTS.

THIS EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCT WILL BE ISSUED BY PARTICIPATING COASTAL AND  
GREAT LAKES WFOS FOR THE FOLLOWING SUITE OF MARINE WATCH...WARNING AND  
ADVISORY EVENTS:

HURRICANE/TROPICAL STORM WATCH/WARNING  
HURRICANE FORCE WIND WATCH/WARNING  
STORM WATCH/WARNING  
GALE WATCH/WARNING  
HAZARDOUS SEAS WATCH/WARNING  
HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WATCH/WARNING  
FREEZING SPRAY ADVISORY  
SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY  
BRISK WIND ADVISORY  
LOW WATER ADVISORY  
DENSE FOG ADVISORY  
DENSE SMOKE ADVISORY  
ASHFALL ADVISORY

THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE /MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE/. USERS MUST ADD THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT HEADERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS DATABASES TO RECEIVE THE PRODUCTS FROM THE INITIAL PARTICIPATING GROUP OF WFOS:

WFO	WMO HEADING	AWIPS ID
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BUFFALO NEW YORK	WHUS71 KBUF	MWWBUF
CARIBOU MAINE	WHUS71 KCAR	MWWCAR
DETROIT MICHIGAN	WHUS73 KDTX	MWWDTX
HONOLULU HAWAII	WHHW70 PHFO	MWWHFO
MEDFORD OREGON	WHUS76 KMFR	MWWMFR
MOBILE ALABAMA	WHUS74 KMOB	MWWMOB
TAMPA FLORIDA	WHUS72 KTBW	MWWTBW

A STATIC EXAMPLE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE PRODUCT IS POSTED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww)

THIS WEB SITE WILL ALSO SERVE AS A MEANS TO UPDATE USERS ON THIS EXPERIMENTAL EFFORT AND TO POTENTIALLY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WFOS PROVIDING THE EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTS.

USERS OF THE PRODUCT ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK BY USING THE BRIEF SURVEY AND COMMENT FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/SURVEY/NWS-SURVEY.PHP?CODE=MWW](http://www.weather.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=mww)

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SERVICE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NOTIFICATION/ARCHIVE](https://www.weather.gov/notification/archive)

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