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Subject: Soliciting Comments until March 15, 2016 on the Expansion of the Operational Marine Forecast Matrix Produced by WFO Honolulu to National Scope

Effective immediately and continuing through Tuesday March 15, 2016, NWS is seeking comments on its proposal to expand the Marine Forecast Matrix (MFM) to national scope.

The MFM is an alphanumeric text product that provides a tabular forecast of wind direction and speed, wind gust, swell direction, swell height, swell period, wind wave height, significant wave height, cloud cover, probability of precipitation and precipitation type.

At present, the MFM is only issued by the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Honolulu, HI. The NWS is considering expanding this product to all marine WFOs. For the latest issuance of this operational product by WFO Honolulu, see the link below:

<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/MFM.php>

Table 1: Product Name and Identifiers for WFO Honolulu Marine Forecast Matrix:

Product Name	WMO Heading	AWIPS ID
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Marine Forecast Matrix	FXHW40 PHFO	MFMHFO

The Marine Forecast Matrix is described in detail in a Product Description Document available online at:

http://products.weather.gov/PDD/MFM_PDD.pdf

Please provide comments on this proposed expansion via a short online survey at:

www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EXPPMFM

After March 15, 2016, the NWS will assess any comments and determine whether to expand the MFM to other marine WFOs.

If NWS decides to expand the MFM to other marine WFOs, a Service Change Notice will be issued announcing the effective date and the additional participating WFOs.

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