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Subject: NWS Hazard Simplification (Haz Simp) Project: Soliciting Public  
Comments through January 11, 2018 on Proposed Consolidation and  
Reformatting of NWS Marine Hazard Messaging Products

NWS will be collecting comments through January 11, 2018, on a proposed  
consolidation (i.e., reduction in the number of) and reformatting of  
marine Watches, Warnings, Advisories (WWA), and Statements.

This comment collection effort is a follow-up from an initial  
consolidation and reformatting proposal. The original Public  
Information Statement can be reviewed here:

[https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns17-31hazsimp\\_marineaaa.pdf](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns17-31hazsimp_marineaaa.pdf)

The initial survey proposed consolidation of all offshore marine  
wave/wind products into a single "Marine Watch," "Marine Warning," and  
"Marine Advisory." Based on feedback from the initial comment period,  
only small craft advisories are being proposed for consolidation at this  
time. No changes have been made to the proposal for coastal product  
consolidation except the name of the consolidated products from "Beach"  
to "Surf Zone," based on feedback from the initial survey. The overall  
changes proposed by the Haz Simp team are based on feedback from the  
results of social science research. Analyses from these efforts indicate  
that users are sometimes confused by the large number of hazard messages  
or "products" NWS currently issues. Feedback has also indicated NWS  
should apply a consistent product formatting approach to communicate  
expected hazards and associated impacts.

The survey for the proposed marine product changes is available at the  
following link and will remain open through January 11, 2018:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P9B25ZY>

Based on feedback received, NWS may implement some or all of the  
proposals. A Service Change Notice with minimum 75-day lead-time would be  
issued in advance of any operational changes.

Additional information regarding the proposed product consolidation and reformatting may be found in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/Marine%20PDDV2.pdf>

Haz Simp website:

<http://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification/>

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