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Subject: Buoy 46089, Offshore Astoria, Oregon, is No Longer Supported:
Effective Immediately

The National Ocean Service (NOS) Coastal Storms Program (CSP) will
discontinue sponsorship of National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) buoy 46089 in
2013. This buoy is considered unfunded. Buoy 46089 is about 85 nautical
miles west northwest of Astoria, Oregon, at coordinates 45.893 North
125.819 West. The link below shows the approximate location of the buoy:

http://batchgeo.com/map/233b6670266d4498fa69809acc3b6554

The annual cost to operate this buoy is about $60,000 plus U.S. Coast
Guard support to service it. At this time, the buoy is fully operational
and transmitting data. If problems with data transmission develop, there
is no funding to repair the buoy and it will no longer transmit data.
There is no way to determine how long the data will be available.

Buoy 46089 was deployed in November 2004. The CSP is not an operational
program and typically does not provide long term funding for projects.
The CSP and NDBC have been working together for the past few years to find
an alternative funding source for this buoy, but have been unsuccessful.

For more information on this buoy and its current data, see the link
below:

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=46089

Please provide any comments to the following e-mail address with the
subject line: Unfunded Buoy 46089, to:

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