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Subject: Disestablishment of the Coastal Marine Automated Network Station
at Cape Arago Lighthouse near Coos Bay, Oregon in 2013

The Coastal Marine Automated Network (C-MAN) observation station at Cape Arago, Oregon, (CARO3) will be decommissioned in 2013. The station is at the Cape Arago Lighthouse at coordinates 43.342 North 124.375 West and is operated by the U.S. Coast Guard. In accordance with legislation signed in 2008, the Coast Guard will turn the lighthouse over to the confederated tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians in 2013.

The observation equipment must be removed to facilitate maintenance of the lighthouse prior to the transfer. The National Data Buoy Center does not plan to re-establish the observation station.

Alternate stations are available to obtain wind information. The National Estuarine Research System operates a platform near the entrance to Coos Bay, (CHNO3) south slough reserve. Efforts are underway to use this station in lieu of the Cape Arago station in NOAA weather radio broadcasts from the Weather Forecast Office in Medford, Oregon.

Click on the link below to view the approximate location of CARO3 (labeled A) and the alternate wind observation site CHNO3 (labeled B):

<http://batchgeo.com/map/eab3b4e0f05d80dc437dca25d7f2daf0>

For more information on station CARO3, please click the link below:

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=caro3

For more information on the alternate wind observation site, station CHNO3, click the link below:

http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=CHNO3

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Disestablishment of CARO3, to:

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