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Subject: Soliciting Comments through February 28, 2021, on Discontinuing
the Marine Weather Discussion Text Product

The NWS is accepting public comments until February 28, 2021 on a proposal to discontinue the Marine Weather Discussion text product produced by the National Hurricane Center (NHC). This product explains the scientific rationale behind NHC's Offshore Waters Forecast for the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and western North Atlantic and summarizes the warnings in effect. The Marine Weather Discussion is used to convey forecast and warning information to federal agencies, weather-sensitive officials and the media.

You can find more information about the Marine Weather Discussion text product at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/abouttafbprod.shtml#MIM>

An example of the Marine Weather Discussion text product can be found at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/MIAMIMATS.shtml>

The Marine Weather Discussion is only available through NHC's website. Website hits reports show very few users for this product. Moreover, NHC now includes content from the Marine Weather Discussion in its Tropical Weather Discussion, a separate NHC text product. The Tropical Weather Discussion, in contrast to the Marine Weather Discussion, has a large number of users based upon monitoring of the NHC website traffic.

The NWS is proposing the Marine Weather Discussion be discontinued since the same information is already available in a more widely known product. This change would reduce the number of text products issued by NHC and allow for more efficient use of NHC forecasters' time.

You can find more information about the Tropical Weather Discussion text product at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/abouttafbprod.shtml#TWD>

To see an example of the Tropical Weather Discussion text product, go to:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/MIATWDAT.shtml>

If public feedback supports this change, NWS will send a Service Change Notice terminating the Marine Weather Discussion text product. Please submit comments regarding the proposal to:

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