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Subject: Soliciting Comments on Discontinuing the OPC Marine Weather
Discussion (MIM): Effective March 12, 2021

The NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction's (NCEP's) Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) is accepting comments until March 12, 2021 on a proposal to discontinue the Marine Weather Discussion (MIM) text product produced by the OPC.

You can find more information about the MIM at:

<https://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01003011curr.pdf>

Examples of the MIM can be found at:

<https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDMIMATN.php>

<https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDMIMPAC.php>

NWS introduced this product at a time without as many avenues of collaboration between NWS offices. In addition, a survey conducted in August 2015 assessing MIM usage, received only 23 responses.

If NWS decides to terminate the MIM, OPC forecasters will focus more effort on providing impact-based decision support services for core users and partners. If feedback supports this change, NWS will send a Service Change Notice before terminating this product.

Please submit comments regarding the proposal to:

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