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COASTAL HAZARD MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY NC
1013 PM EDT WED APR 18 2012

...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FOR THE OUTER BANKS DARE BEACHES
THURSDAY...

.LONG PERIOD EASTERLY SWELLS WILL BE IMPACTING THE COAST THURSDAY
INCREASING THE RIP CURRENT RISK ALONG THE BEACHES FROM HATTERAS INLET
NORTH.

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OUTER BANKS DARE-
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...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FOR RIP CURRENTS FROM 8 AM EDT
THURSDAY THROUGH THURSDAY EVENING...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN NEWPORT/MOREHEAD CITY HAS ISSUED
A BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT FOR A HIGH RISK OF RIP CURRENTS...WHICH
IS IN EFFECT FROM 8 AM EDT THURSDAY THROUGH THURSDAY EVENING.

* HAZARDS...HIGH RIP CURRENT RISK.

* LOCATION...ALONG OUTER BANKS DARE BEACHES.

* TIMING AND TIDES...THE MOST LIKELY TIME FOR LIFE THREATENING RIP
CURRENTS WILL BE A COUPLE HOURS EITHER SIDE OF LOW TIDE. LOW TIDE WILL
OCCUR AROUND 1 PM THURSDAY.

* SURF HEIGHT...3 TO 5 FEET.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

RIP CURRENTS ARE POWERFUL CHANNELS OF WATER FLOWING QUICKLY AWAY FROM
SHORE...WHICH OCCUR MOST OFTEN AT LOW SPOTS OR BREAKS IN THE SANDBAR
AND IN THE VICINITY OF STRUCTURES SUCH AS GROINS... JETTIES AND PIERS.
HEED THE ADVICE OF LIFEGUARDS AND THE BEACH PATROL. PAY ATTENTION TO
FLAGS AND POSTED SIGNS POSTED NEAR BEACH ACCESS POINTS AND LIFEGUARD
STATIONS.

IF YOU BECOME CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT...DO NOT PANIC. REMAIN CALM AND
BEGIN TO SWIM PARALLEL TO SHORE. ONCE YOU ARE AWAY FROM THE FORCE OF
THE RIP CURRENT...BEGIN TO SWIM BACK TO THE BEACH. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO
SWIM DIRECTLY AGAINST A RIP CURRENT...SINCE IT CAN EXHAUST AND EVEN
KILL THE STRONGEST SWIMMER.

BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENTS ARE ISSUED WHEN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS RELATED

TO WEATHER, WAVE AND CURRENTS, ENVIRONMENT, OR UNUSUAL EVENTS ARE EXPECTED TO AFFECT BEACH/COASTAL/SHORELINE AREAS AND ADJACENT NEARSHORE WATERS.

PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT...

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