



Friends, Colleagues,

Next week is [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#) . Below I have pasted NOAA's recent releases on predictions. But hurricanes are not about a week or about a prediction. They are about being prepared. We look forward to working closely with you to be better prepared as a nation and as individuals. While we already have many [Hurricane Preparedness Tools](#) , we intend to provide additional web-ready and other useful information for your communication channels next week. - Dan

NOAA Releases -

North Atlantic Hurricane Seasonal Outlook out...

http://www.noaaneews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110519_atlantichurricaneoutlook.html

East Pacific Hurricane Seasonal Outlook out...

http://www.noaaneews.noaa.gov/stories2011/20110519_eastpacifichurricaneoutlook.html

Central Pacific Hurricane Seasonal Outlook – NOAA Press Release

http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/examples/2011_Press_Release.pdf

Background

NOAA issues three hurricane outlooks each year:

Central Pacific Hurricane Season: June 1-Nov 30.

<http://www.prh.noaa.gov/peac/data/2010cphc.pdf>

This outlook covers the tropical systems that could affect Hawaii. The 2011 Central Pacific Hurricane Seasonal Outlook is scheduled to be published today, May 18 in Hawaii.

North Atlantic Hurricane Season: June 1-Nov 30.

<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane-archive.shtml>

These are the tropical systems that garner the most media attention and affect the Gulf and East Coasts. This outlook is scheduled to be released on May 19. Also, NOAA will issue its final seasonal outlook for the North Atlantic on August 4 (scheduled at this time), just prior to the peak of the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Finally, NOAA will issue an end of the 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Season press release: Late November (actual date TBD).

Eastern Pacific Hurricane Season: May 15-Nov 30.

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/Epac_hurr/Epac_hurricane.html

Eastern Pacific tropical storms most often track westward over open waters, sometimes reaching Hawaii and beyond. However, occasionally some of these systems change direction and may bring rainfall to the arid southwestern United States during the summer months. This outlook is scheduled to be released on May 19.