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SUBJECT: Updated: Continuing experimental status in offshore
 and high seas gridded forecasts from NHC TAFB and
 offshore gridded forecasts from OPC in the Pacific
 Basin through December 31, 2018

Updated to extend comment period through December 31, 2018

The NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) will continue to provide gridded forecasts of five marine weather elements to the National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD) on an experimental basis for its Pacific Basin offshore waters and high seas forecast areas of responsibility.

The NCEP Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) also will continue to provide gridded forecasts of five marine weather elements to the NDFD on an experimental basis for its offshore waters in the Pacific basin. TAFB began production of the experimental NDFD grids on March 20, 2013, for all of its offshore and high seas Area of Responsibility (AOR). OPC began producing experimental offshore grids on May 1, 2013; experimental high seas forecasts grids for the Pacific Basin are under development.

The marine weather elements that will remain experimental in the Pacific Basin from TAFB and OPC are 10-m wind speed, 10-m wind direction, 10-m wind gusts, significant wave heights, and marine hazards. The experimental gridded forecasts can be found at:

<https://digital.weather.gov/>
<https://ocean.weather.gov/>
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Feedback will be accepted through December 31, 2018 at the following link: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/survey/nws-survey.php?code=EGOSWHSMF>

For details on this experimental product suite, please see:

<https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD%20OFF%20HSF%20Grids%20experimental%202017.pdf>

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