SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 09-08
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
145 PM EST DAY FEB 20 2009

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SUBJECT: FORMAT CHANGE TO THE MONTHLY TROPICAL WEATHER
SUMMARY PRODUCT: EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009

EFFECTIVE MAY 15 2009 THE TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY /TWS/
PRODUCT...PROVIDING A SUMMARY OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONES FOR THE
PRECEDING MONTH IN THE HURRICANE SEASON...WILL CHANGE FROM A
NARRATIVE TO A MAINLY TABULAR FORMAT.

THE COMMUNICATIONS IDENTIFIERS FOR THE AFFECTED PRODUCTS:

HURRICANE BASIN AWIPS ID WMO HEADING
ATLANTIC ABNT30 KNHC TWSAT
EASTERN PACIFIC APBZ30 KNHC TWSEP
CENTRAL PACIFIC ACPN60 PHFO TWSCP

THE TWS HAS TRADITIONALLY CONTAINED A NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THE
LIFE CYCLE OF EACH TROPICAL CYCLONE OCCURRING DURING THE
PRECEDING MONTH FOR USERS WITH HISTORICAL OR CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA
NEEDS. HOWEVER BECAUSE POST-STORM ANALYSIS IS RARELY COMPLETE BY
THE END OF THE MONTH...TWS PRODUCTS CAN USUALLY ONLY PROVIDE
WEATHER INFORMATION ALREADY CONTAINED IN REAL-TIME OPERATIONAL
PRODUCTS. ACCURATE INFORMATION ON IMPACTS IS ALSO GENERALLY
UNAVAILABLE AT THE NORMAL TWS ISSUANCE TIMES.

BEGINNING IN 2009 THE TWS WILL CONTAIN A TABLE OF BASIC
METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS...SUCH AS THE DATES OF OCCURRENCE AND
ESTIMATED PEAK INTENSITY...FOR ALL OF THE SEASON/S TROPICAL
CYCLONES TO DATE. NARRATIVE SUMMARIES FOR INDIVIDUAL CYCLONES
WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED...ALTHOUGH BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS FOR
RECORDS OF INTEREST MAY BE PROVIDED.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE TWS PRODUCT FOR 2009 IS PROVIDED ONLINE AT
/USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/TWS EXAMPLE.SHTML

USERS REQUIRING COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON EACH TROPICAL
CYCLONE...INCLUDING SYNOPTIC HISTORY...METEOROLOGICAL
STATISTICS...CASUALTIES AND DAMAGES...AND THE POST-ANALYSIS BEST
TRACK /SIX-HOURLY POSITIONS AND INTENSITIES/...ARE ENCOURAGED TO
CONSULT THE END OF SEASON TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS:

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN ARE
PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWERCASE/:

HTTP://WWW.NHC.NOAA.GOV/2008ATLAN.SHTML

THE TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORTS FOR 2008 IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC
HURRICANE BASIN ARE PROVIDED ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/CPHC/summaries

THE NHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS
CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR
THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN...NORTH OF THE
EQUATOR AND EAST OF 140 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE CPHC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL METEOROLOGICAL DECISIONS
CONCERNING FORECASTING OF TROPICAL SYSTEMS FOR THE PACIFIC OCEAN
NORTH OF THE EQUATOR FROM 140 DEGREES WEST TO 180 DEGREES WEST
LONGITUDE.

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