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SUBJECT: Transition to operational status of offshore and high
 seas gridded forecasts from the NHC TAFB and
 the offshore gridded forecasts from the OPC in
 the Atlantic Basin effective December 12, 2017.

Effective Tuesday, December 12, 2017, the experimental offshore and high seas gridded forecasts from the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) of the National Hurricane Center (NHC), and the offshore gridded forecasts from the Ocean Prediction Center (OPC), will transition to operational in the Atlantic Basin. The five elements transitioning to operational are:

- 10-meter wind speed
- 10-meter wind direction
- 10-meter wind gusts
- significant wave height
- marine hazards.

Transitioning these forecasts to operational status is another milestone for the NWS National Digital Forecast Database (NDFD). Users do not need to take any action when the experimental forecasts transition to operational status. Gridded forecasts from TAFB and OPC over the Pacific Basin, and from OPC in the rest of its high seas domain over the Atlantic, will remain experimental. Another Service Change Notice (SCN) will be issued when they are ready to move to operational status.

For details on this product, please see:

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

Until December 12, 2017, the gridded forecasts are online at:
<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.001-003/>

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.expr/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.004-007/>

On December 12, 2017 these URLs will change to:

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.001-003/>

<ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.004-007/>

The gridded forecasts can also be found at:

<https://digital.weather.gov/>

<https://ocean.weather.gov/>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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