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SUBJECT: Updated: 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 February 6, 2018

Updated to change the implementation date to February 6, 2018, or the next available non-critical weather day.

Effective on or about Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 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:

Until February 6, 2018, the gridded forecast files 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 February 6, 2018 these URLs will change to:
ftp://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/SL.us008001/ST.opnl/DF.gr2/DC.ndfd/AR.oceanic/VP.001-003/

The gridded forecast graphics can be found at:
https://digital.weather.gov/
https://ocean.weather.gov/
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/

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