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Subject: Changes to Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory Products Beginning on  
or around May 15, 2018

Beginning on or around May 15, 2018, the NWS National Hurricane Center (NHC), Central Pacific Hurricane Center (CPHC), Weather Prediction Center (WPC), and the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Tiyan, Guam, will change the content of their Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories (TCP) to allow for discussion of the forecast period beyond 48 hours.

Before this change, TCPs were limited to discussing a tropical cyclone track and intensity forecast through 48 hours. This change will allow TCPs to discuss the tropical cyclone forecast routinely through 72 hours, with flexibility to discuss the forecast through five days when conditions warrant.

To accommodate this change, the TCP section header:

DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

will be changed to:

DISCUSSION AND OUTLOOK

An example of the change can be found at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/productexamples/>

More information on the TCP product can be found at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutnhcprod.shtml#TCP>

In addition, for the 2018 hurricane season and beyond, TCPs from WPC will be issued in mixed-case and no longer contain rainfall totals and wind gust observations. These changes are being made to ensure consistency in the format and content of TCP products provided by all NWS offices that issue them.

An example of the change to the WPC TCP can be found at:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/productexamples/>

The rainfall totals and wind gust observations that had previously been provided in the WPC TCP product can now be found in Storm Summary Products issued by WPC. These products are found on the web at:

[http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/winter\\_storm\\_summaries/winter\\_storm\\_summaries.shtml](http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/winter_storm_summaries/winter_storm_summaries.shtml)

WPC Storm Summary products can also be found using their Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) Product Identifiers (PIL) and World Meteorological Office (WMO) heading:

Product	AWIPS PIL	WMO Header
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WPC Storm Summaries	SCCNS<1-5>	ACUS<41-45> KWBC

More information about WPC Storm Summary products is online at:

<http://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/html/fam2.shtml#winwxsum>

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