



Adjusters247.com News and Views For Claims Professionals Newsletter

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Weekly News and Information

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5 Changes Coming to Hurricane Season Forecasts



As hurricane season approaches, the National Hurricane Center has updated its messaging and forecasts to keep us safe. Some of these improvements, announced last week, have been in the works for a decade.

1. Advisories Will Be Issued Before Storms Form

The NHC will issue advisories for systems that have yet to develop but pose a threat of bringing tropical-storm-force or hurricane-force winds to land areas within 48 hours. These systems will be dubbed "potential tropical cyclones" by the NHC.

Important Adjuster Links:

Action Catastrophe Team

Link to add your name to their Roster by Filling Out the "Adjuster Information Sheet" on their Website.

Fine Arts Insurance Consultants – Mr. P.J. Zadok

Link to Obtain Information about FAIC and Art, Collectibles, Antique losses.

CatAdjuster.org, A Catastrophe Adjuster's Home

Link to Various Information for Catastrophe Adjusters from CADO.

From One Adjuster To Another – (FOATA)
Many Resources for Claims Adjusters, Especially Those Just Starting Out

Forecast Discussion for Week Ahead



The first week of astronomical spring could bring another round of severe weather to parts of the Plains and South.

Ingredients will begin to come together on Thursday as an energetic upper-level system moves from the Rockies into the Plains.

The "potential tropical cyclones" will be treated like tropical depressions, named storms and hurricanes. NHC will produce a forecast projected path, watches and warnings and text products, including a full discussion and the forecast advisory every six hours until the threat ends. Advisories will be issued for potential tropical cyclones at 5 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. EDT.

According to James Franklin, branch chief of the hurricane specialist unit at the NHC, "the likelihood of tropical-storm-force land impacts would be at least as important a consideration as the likelihood of tropical cyclogenesis."

Franklin described this update as an option for the NHC that will allow for more emphasis on impacts. The new option breaks down some of the barriers between certain categories and the ability to warn the public about potentially deadly impacts.

Systems that have a chance of development anywhere in the Atlantic basin will still be outlooked in the NHC's Tropical Weather Outlook product.

Those tropical disturbances, sometimes called invests, or areas of investigation, are given a forecast chance of formation for the next five days. This will still be done this season, however, systems that will likely impact land with a potentially deadly or damaging threat will be referred to as potential tropical cyclones.

By late Thursday, a potentially strong area of low pressure is expected to develop in the central Plains and then move into the Midwest through the end of the week.

Aloft, winds at jet stream level are expected to be strong out of the southwest, which will be very supportive for storms to grow and be sustained.

Moisture will surge northward into the Central Plains into late week, creating a buoyant environment for storms take root in and grow vertically. Dew points in the 50s and 60s should be supportive of severe storm development especially on Friday.

There is uncertainty about how much deep moisture there will be and how far north the moisture will surge, which is one factor that will dictate how large this severe threat will be.

For now, here is a general outlook for later this week. Keep in mind that since we are still several days away, this forecast is subject to change. Check back with weather.com for the latest.

Timing:

Into Thursday Night

The chance for severe storms will begin in the central and southern High plains, from Kansas southward to northern Texas during the late afternoon, evening and overnight hours.

Damaging wind gusts and large hail are possible threats from any severe storms. Storms that do develop will push eastward through Kansas, Oklahoma,

2. Storm Surge Watches and Warnings Are Coming

The NHC posted its first storm surge watches and warnings for the U.S. coastline in 2016 on an experimental basis, but this year those warnings will be issued.

The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue storm surge watches and warnings for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in the event that significant risk of life-threatening inundation develops from any stage of a tropical, subtropical or potential cyclone.

According to the NHC, " Storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a tropical cyclone, and it doesn't always occur at the same times or locations as a storm's hazardous winds."

A "storm surge warning" means that there is a "danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours, in association with an ongoing or potential tropical cyclone, a subtropical cyclone, or a post-tropical cyclone.

A storm surge watch may be issued as early as 48 hours ahead of possible sea water inundation. These watches and warnings may also be issued when the time available to prepare for a tropical cyclone becomes limited or if storm surge is expected to cut off locations from the mainland.

northern Texas and perhaps southern Nebraska through the overnight hours. Gusty winds are expected during the evening hours even outside of thunderstorms.

Friday

The best chance for any severe storms will be from eastern Texas, eastern Oklahoma and eastern Kansas to parts of Missouri, Arkansas and northwest Louisiana.

Damaging wind gusts and large hail will be possible. We are too far out in time to forecast the potential for tornadoes. By late Friday, severe storms could reach the Mississippi River with thunderstorms potentially reaching as far north as the Ohio Valley and southern Great Lakes.

Saturday

The cold front will slide across the Mississippi River into the Ohio River Valley and South with showers and thunderstorms.

Severe storms may continue in some areas as the weather system pushes east.

A dramatic cold shot will not follow the severe weather threat in the South Central states, allowing spring warmth to rebound. The region will have to be monitored for additional severe weather in the final days of March as other storms emerge from the Rockies.

3. Earliest Reasonable Arrival of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds Will Be Forecast

The NHC will be directly forecasting when tropical-storm-force winds will begin.

The onset of winds sustained greater than 39 mph is a critical threshold after which it becomes difficult or even dangerous to be outside continuing preparations for a tropical storm or hurricane.

This new graphic will display the "earliest reasonable" arrival of such winds, an estimate for when it will become unsafe to continue preparations.

This time will be determined by a wind speed probability model that has been used to calculate what and when the chances that a certain wind speed threshold – 39 mph, 58 mph, 74 mph – will be met in a specific location. The model is run 1,000 times every six hours to account for historical errors.

4. The Cone of Uncertainty Will Be Smaller

Each year, the NHC adjusts the size of its cone of uncertainty based on its average error over the previous five hurricane seasons. The cone of uncertainty refers to the projected path map you frequently see on the internet or television for a given storm.

The cone encapsulates 66 percent of the historical forecast track errors, and does not represent where impacts like surge, wind, flooding or tornadoes will be felt.

About Adjusters247.com - What We Do and How We Do It.

Adjusters247.com is dedicated to providing Claims Professionals the information they need to become more efficient and proficient and we do this through our daily podcast, weekly webinars, and a stack of resources accumulated over a 32-year career.

We interview guests and industry experts to obtain insight on relevant topics and industry news, to help us work smarter, and to be better informed on current claims issues.

We have a mentorship program for less experienced adjusters, and focus on policy changes, procedure changes, computer and technology issues for our more experienced listeners to ensure they are keeping up with the times.

We have segments in our Podcast for every Claims Professional, regardless of their position or years of experience. Every day there's something new.

Every type of claim is discussed including Property, Casualty, Liability, Inland Marine, and any other kind of loss you will ever receive. From Residential to Commercial, Daily to Catastrophe Claims, Aviation to Truck Wrecks, we will be able to educate our listeners on the proper handling techniques for each.

We believe a better-informed staff, reduces cycle times, increases Q/A

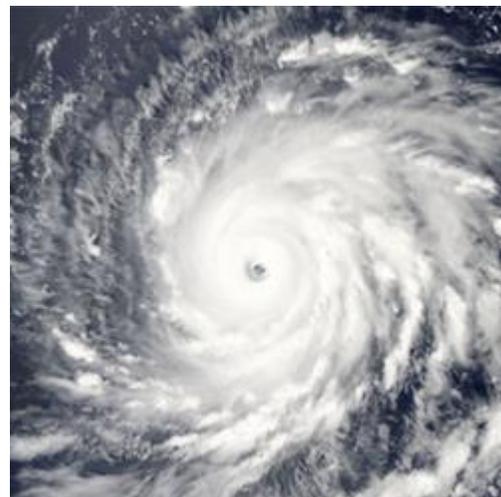
5. Advisory Graphics Have Been Improved

Although we hope that you'll visit us during hurricane season, we know that you'll see the same forecast tracks from the NHC on social media. This year, their graphics will be greatly improved with fresher colors and nicer fonts. The new graphics will also have hurricane- and tropical-storm-force wind fields this year.

Hurricane season in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean begins on June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

Forecast calls for 16 Named Storms in 2017, 6 U.S. Landfalls.

Global Weather Oscillations (GWOJ) says the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season will be stronger than last year - with the potential for 6 named storms making United States landfalls. It will also be the most dangerous since the 2005 season that saw 5 hurricane landfalls and 2 tropical storms.



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Every weekday, we produce the "Adjusters247.com News and Views For Claims Professionals" Podcast and once it has been uploaded and published, we send a Blog Post out with the show notes and any material referenced in the show.

These are also uploaded on every social media site including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube, Google +, Instagram, and Tumblr.

Each Daily Podcast is formatted:

1: Introduction with Adjusters247.com information and the shows guest list.

2: This is our severe weather update, with storm reports from around the country

3: This is our catastrophe operations segment, where we discuss any current storm deployments. We also give advice on pre-storm preparation and post storm reports from the field.

4: In this segment, we discuss relevant claims related topics and industry news. The subject matter varies and is based on whatever the hot button issues are of the day.

5: This is our "Adjusting 101" segment, where we'll be discussing basic adjusting topics for our newer adjusters, or as a refresher for those who may not have been in the field for a while.

2017 Prediction - GWO's Climate Pulse Hurricane Model indicates that 2017 will once again be influenced by a Climate Pulse Hurricane Enhancement Cycle - with very conducive conditions for hurricane development due to the lack of an El Niño, or La Niña conditions. In addition – ocean water temperatures continue to run warmer than normal across most of the Atlantic Basin, and especially in the Caribbean region and the Atlantic near the United States. This warmer ocean water will be conducive for tropical storms and/or hurricanes forming and/or strengthening close to the United States. Mr. Dilley also expects the Bermuda-Azores High Pressure Center will be weaker this summer – thus allowing more named storms to maintain strength - or strengthen as they move from east to west across the Atlantic toward the United States.

Mr. Dilley says the upcoming 2017 hurricane season will be stronger than last year, and it will be the most dangerous and costliest in 12 years for the United States. It will have 16 named storms (14 last year), 8 hurricanes (6 last year), and 4 major hurricanes (3 last year). In addition – the United States will have the potential for 6 named storms making landfall – the most since the 2005 season that saw 5 hurricanes and 2 tropical storms make landfall. GWO also expects 3 out of the 6 landfalls will be hurricanes – with 1 or 2 having the potential for being a major impact hurricane. And there will be some different hot spots in 2017. More information is available through GWO's

6: This is our Seasoned Adjuster segment, where we discuss more complex claims handling issues, as well as policy, procedure, and technology topics to stay informed of current trends.

7: In this segment we discuss time management and organizational tips and tricks, that can help supervisors and their staff become more productive.

8: This is our reality check segment where we share successes and setbacks we all can learn from.

9: Show ending: We list the many ways to contact us and preview the topics that will be included in the next Podcast.

Then, every Saturday at 11:00 AM, we have a free Training Webinar on current claims issues, and we discuss topics from the previous weeks Podcasts, or anything else our attendees wish to talk about. A copy of the Webinar is then uploaded into the "Media Resources" section of our website, for those who are unable to attend the live session.

So, as you can see, Adjusters247.com is an information resource for everyone.

Please give a listen to any of this week's Podcasts, visit our Website, www.adjusters247.com, and then go to the "Contact Us" page and send us a message. We'd love to hear any feedback and suggestions you might have, including any topics you would like for us to cover in a future show.

free hurricane webinars and their detailed hurricane zone predictions at GlobalWeatherOscillations.com,

NFIP Claims Presentation Schedule Released.

(Shown are remaining Presentation Dates & Locations)

Mon Mar 20	Providence RI
Wed Mar 22	Alexandria LA
Thu Mar 23	Nashville TN
Tue Mar 28	Binghamton NY
Thu Mar 30	Charlotte NC
Tue Apr 4	Atlanta GA
Thu Apr 6	Broomfield CO
Tue Apr 11	Slidell LA
Thu Apr 13	Kansas City MO
Tue Apr 18	Humble TX

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If you have any information, tips or suggestions you would like to contribute to this Newsletter, feel free to e-mail them to me at tom@adjusters247.com . Please include a phone number with your submission.

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Mon Apr 24	Oak Brook IL
Tue May 9	Portland OR
Fri May 12	Louisville KY
Wed May 17	Arlington TX
Thu May 18	Jacksonville FL
Tue May 23	Mobile AL

Major Announcement Coming in 2 Weeks.

Adjusters247 will be sharing a Major Announcement the weekend of March 25-26, 2017.

Our main goal has always been to provide information that helps Claims

Coming Up On This Week's Podcast:

We will have discussions on the A.O.B. crises in Florida, Severe Weather Info. from around the U.S., 3rd Party Liability Handling, Insurance Industry Current Trends, and Handling of Various Storm Related Claims.

We also have interviews planned with several experts including Mr. PJ Zadok of Fine Art Insurance Consultants. We will discuss Claims involving Fine Art, Collectibles, Antiques, Anything of Value and any Topic You Wish to Discuss. Send suggestions to Tom@Adjusters247.com.

Coming Up On This Week's Free Training Webinar:

We are planning on having Mr. PJ Zadok of Fine Art Insurance Consultants join us for this week's Training Webinar.

PJ has over 35 years of experience assisting insurance carriers in the handling of claims involving Fine Art, Collectibles, Antiques, and anything rare or valuable.

We received a lot of great feedback the last time PJ joined us and look forward to his return next weekend.

PJ will be discussing appraisals and various fraud signs to look for.

Professionals become more Efficient and Proficient.

We strive every day to find ways to improve the service we provide, and we have identified several areas in which we believe Adjusters247 can be taken to the next level.

We're very proud of the direction we're heading and as a result of a lot of hard work, new avenues are opening up every day for us to explore.

Action Catastrophe Team is Looking for Adjusters.

Action Catastrophe Team is looking for Claims Professionals to add to their roster.

A.C.T. was established in 2006 and their team has handled thousands of claims all across the United States.

They specialize in Daily and Catastrophe claims for Residential, Commercial, and 3rd Party Liability losses.

If you're interested in being added to their roster, go to their website, www.actioncatastropheteam.com and fill out their "Adjuster Information Sheet."

A.C.T. will be having their Training and Certification Classes beginning in April so make sure to get on their list as soon as possible.

As always, PJ will answer any questions you might have concerning the handling of these specialized and oftentimes expensive items.

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