# EXTENDED HYDROLOGIC OUTLOOK JULY 14, 2015

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# Summary

- The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) is forecasting <u>equal chances</u> of abovenormal, normal and below-normal rainfall for July through September.
- <u>El Niño conditions continue to strengthen.</u> A moderate to strong El Niño is likely to persist into early 2016. The <u>latter half of the wet season will tend</u> <u>towards normal rainfall</u> probabilities. There are increased chances of <u>above</u> <u>normal rainfall for the 2015-2016 dry season.</u>
- <u>The wet season should tend to have less tropical activity that will affect</u> <u>Florida</u> due to the current El Niño continuing to strengthen during the spring and early summer and cooler sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic main hurricane development region (MDR).
- The <u>Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO) is showing signs that it is</u> <u>entering the cold (negative) phase, which creates the potential for drier</u> <u>conditions in south Florida</u>. AMO Cold also <u>decreases the tropical activity</u> <u>in the Atlantic.</u>
- The current switch from the negative phase to a strong positive phase of the Pacific Decadal Oscillation increases the potential for <u>above normal</u> <u>rainfall in the winter</u> and a greater number of El Niño events for multi-year periods.

# U. S. Seasonal Outlooks July - September 2015

The seasonal outlooks combine the effects of long-term trends, soil moisture, and, when appropriate, ENSO.



### **U.S. Multi-Seasonal Outlook**



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## **Current Global Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies**



Sea surface temperature anomaly / Anomalie de la température de la mer (C)







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CMC Environnement Canada CMC Environment Canada

# Niño Region SST Departures (°C) Recent Evolution

# The latest weekly SST departures are:

Niño 4	1.1°C
Niño 3.4	1.5°C
Niño 3	2.1°C
Niño 1+2	3.3°C





# Weekly Heat Content Evolution in the Equatorial Pacific

During November - January, the upwelling phase of a Kelvin wave shifted eastward. This was followed by a significant downwelling Kelvin wave.

Since mid May, another downwelling phase of a Kelvin wave has shifted eastward.

Since early June, an upwelling phase of a Kelvin wave has shifted eastward. In the eastern Pacific, above-average temperatures have persisted.

Oceanic Kelvin waves have alternating warm and cold phases. The warm phase is indicated by dashed lines. Down-welling and warming occur in the leading portion of a Kelvin wave, and up-welling and cooling occur in the trailing portion.







### CFSv2 forecast Nino3.4 SST anomalies (K)

# IRI/CPC Pacific Niño 3.4 SST Model Outlook

Almost all of the models indicate Niño 3.4 SST anomalies will remain greater than or equal to +0.5C through the end of 2015.

The dynamical model average and CPC CON suggest that Niño 3.4 will exceed +1.5C (a "strong" El Niño) later on this year.



# CPC/IRI Probabilistic ENSO Outlook Updated: 9 July 2015

The chance of El Niño is approximately 80-98% through 2015.







Figure 17: 12-month running average values of our standardized index of the AMO/THC. Current 12-month running average values are at their lowest since 1994.

## **Pacific Decadal Oscillation**



 Pacific Decadal Oscillation is defined as the 1<sup>st</sup> EOF of monthly ERSST v3b in the North Pacific for the period 1900-1993. PDO index is the standardized projection of the monthly SST anomalies onto the 1st EOF pattern.

The PDO index differs slightly from that of JISAO, which uses a blend of UKMET and OIv1 and OIv2 SST.

### Lake Okeechobee SFWMM July 2015 Position Analysis



Percentiles PA JUL15DPA

(See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)



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#### AMO Warm / El Nino Analog Years Plot PA JUL15DPA 20 20 Historical High Lake Management Band 965 - 6619 1997 - 982002-03 18 18 17 17 16 16 Stage (feet, NGVD) 15 15 14 14 13 13 12 12 11 11 10 10 -Water Shortage Management Band-9 9 8 8 Nav Feb May Les la constante Aug ŝ õ 402 2 20 ര് 3 Mar ar ş HLM Inter BasFlo BenUse High Low Analog Years are years with similar climatological conditions (See assumptions on the Position Analysis Results website)

### Lake Okeechobee SFWMM July 2015 Position Analysis

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to the current year.

Early Tropical Season Outlook

### ENSO Impacts on U.S. regional Hurricane Activity



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FIG. 5. Location at which hurricanos making landfall in the United States are first designated as a tropical storm (or stronger) within the HURDAT for ENSO (a) cold, (b) neutral, and (c) wire phases and (d) ally years combined. Landfall location is separated into East Coast (square), Florida (diamond), and Guff Coast (inverted triangle). Open symbols are hurricanos that made landfall as a category-1 or -2 storm, and closed symbols are hurricanes that made landfall as a category-3, -4, or -3 storm. Note that storms may move across land as a tropical storm and make landfall in a different series as a barricane.

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#### ENSO's Impact on Regional U.S. Hurricane Activity

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#### ABSTRACT

Regional variations in North Atlantic hurricane landfall frequency along the U.S. coastline are examined in relation to the phase of El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO). ENSO warm (cold) phases are known to reduce (increase) hurricane activity in the North Atlantic basin as a whole. Using best-track data from the U.S. National Hurricane Center, regional analysis reveals that ENSO cold-phase landfall frequencies are only slightly larger than neutral-phase landfall frequencies along the Florida and Gulf coasts. However, for the East Coast, from Georgia to Maine, a significant decrease in landfall frequency occurs during the neutral ENSO phase as compared to the cold phase. Along the East Coast, two or more major (category 3 or above) hurricanes never made landfall in the observational record (1900–2004) during a single hurricane season classified as an ENSO neutral or warm phase.

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FIG. 2. Average number of hurricane landfalls per year (a) on the East Coast (except Florida), (b) in Florida, (c) along the Gulf Coast (except Florida), and (d) along the entire U.S. coastline from 1900 to 2004 during years classified as cold, neutral, or warm ENSO phases. As an example of how to interpret these averages, approximately one (0.92) landfall occurs per ENSO cold phase vs one landfall for every two ENSO warm phases (0.52) along the Gulf Coast. FIG. 3. Average number of major (category 3, 4, or 5) hurricane landfalls per year (a) on the East Coast (except Florida), (b) in Florida, (c) along the Gulf Coast (except Florida), and (d) along the entire U.S. coastline from 1900 to 2004 during years classified as cold, neutral, or warm ENSO phases. Within the 1900–2004 period, there were no occurrences of major hurricane landfalls along the East Coast during ENSO warm phases.

# Backup Slides

# Time series of multidecadal climate regimes





### Atlantic Multidecadal Warm and Cold Phases



FtG. 1. Standardized values of (top) North Atlantic SSTA for the area from 50°-60°N and from 50°-10°W, (middle) North Atlantic SLPA for the area from 0°-50°N and from 70°-10°W, and (bottom) the combination of these two parameters (SSTA – SLPA) taken to be the strength of the AMO from 1880 to 2004. Horizontal lines indicate average values for the multidecadal period, while (+) and (-) symbols indicate that positive or negative values of the data.

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FIG. 2. Annually averaged Atlantic basin H, HD, MH, and MHD for the top 20 AMO years (blue bar) and the bottom 20 AMO years (red bar).

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# Sub-Surface Temperature Departures in the Equatorial Pacific

During the last two months, positive subsurface temperature anomalies were observed across most of the equatorial Pacific



Negative anomalies at depth have weakened in the western Pacific.



# **NATL Major Hurricanes**



Strong increase in warm AMO, cool PDO

Figure Courtesy: M. Jelinek

### **ATL coast landfalling hurricanes**



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#### **FL Landfalling Hurricanes**



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# Central and Eastern Pacific Upper-Ocean (0-300 m) Weekly Average Temperature Anomalies

Subsurface temperature anomalies increased from mid-October to mid-November 2014 before decreasing to near zero in early January 2015. Temperature anomalies grew from January to March, decreased during April, and increased during May. During June, anomalies decreased.







# Historical El Niño and La Niña Episodes Based on the ONI computed using ERSST.v4

Recent Pacific warm (red) and cold (blue) periods based on a threshold of +/- 0.5 °C for the Oceanic Nino Index (ONI) [3 month running mean of ERSST.v4 SST anomalies in the Nino 3.4 region (5N-5S, 120-170W)]. For historical purposes, periods of below and above normal SSTs are colored in blue and red when the threshold is met for a minimum of 5 consecutive over-lapping seasons.

The ONI is one measure of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, and other indices can confirm whether features consistent with a coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon accompanied these periods. The complete table going back to DJF 1950 can be found <u>here</u>.

Year	DJF	JFM	FMA	MAM	AMJ	MJJ	JJA	JAS	ASO	SON	OND	NDJ
2003	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
2004	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
2005	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.7
2006	-0.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.0
2007	0.7	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-1.1	-1.2	-1.3
2008	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7
2009	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.3
2010	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3	-1.4	-1.3	-1.4
2011	-1.3	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
2012	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.2
2013	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
2014	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6
2015	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9							



#### Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE)



### Sunspot Number









