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Subject: Depiction of Potential Tropical Cyclones on the Unified Surface Analysis and Forecast Marine Radiofax Charts: Effective on or around May 15, 2017

Effective on or around May 15, 2017, the NWS National Hurricane Center (NHC) Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB), the Ocean Prediction Center, and the Honolulu Weather Forecast Office (HFO) will provide information for potential tropical cyclones on the Unified Surface Analysis map as well as on marine forecast surface and wind wave radiofax charts.

Potential tropical cyclones are defined as disturbances that are not yet tropical cyclones but which pose a threat to land within 48 hours. Potential tropical cyclones will share the naming conventions currently in place for tropical and subtropical depressions, with depressions and potential tropical cyclones numbered from a single list (e.g., One, Two, Three, ..., Twenty-Three, etc.). For more information on potential tropical cyclones, please refer to Service Change Notice 17-28, "Changing Criteria for Issuing Tropical Cyclone Watches and Warnings to Include Certain Land-Threatening Disturbances that are not yet Tropical Cyclones: Effective on or about May 15, 2017":

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn17-28potential_tc.pdf

Tropical cyclone text box information will be included on the Unified Surface Analysis (USA) as well as all the marine forecast surface and wind wave radiofax charts.

The text box information will appear with the following wording for potential tropical cyclones in the Atlantic basin:

POTENTIAL T.C. FOUR
MAX WINDS 45 KT G 55 KT
SEE LATEST NHC ADVISORY

The text box information will appear with the following wording for potential tropical cyclones in the East Pacific basin:

POTENTIAL T.C. FOUR-E
MAX WINDS 45 KT G 55 KT
SEE LATEST NHC ADVISORY

The text box information will appear with the following wording for potential tropical cyclones in the Central Pacific basin:

POTENTIAL T.C. FOUR-C
MAX WINDS 45 KT G 55 KT
SEE LATEST CPHC ADVISORY

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