Another active hurricane season due Meteorologists predict another active year in the Atlantic with up to 16 named storms and 10 hurricanes - higher than average but some way short of the 2005 season when 15 hurricanes amid 28 named storms caused widespread devastation Named storms Atlantic hurricanes Average: 11 storms, 6 hurricanes 0000000000000 0000000000 00000000000 00000000000 000000000 0000000000 PREDICTING ATLANTIC HURRICANES Below average High pressure in hurricane upper atmosphere season Warm Sea Surface expected in Temperature (SST), East Pacific low surface pressure, low wind shear Upper atmosphere: Expanded area of easterly winds Lower atmosphere: Weak trade winds "African easterly jet" generates tropical waves

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