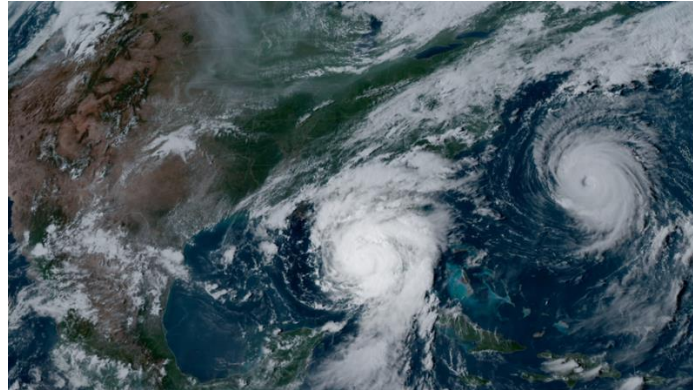




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State Experts Available to Discuss Hurricane Season Forecast

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Two highly regarded forecasts are predicting what could be one of the most dangerous hurricane seasons in memory for Connecticut and the eastern seaboard. This year could bring as many as 23-to-25 named storms, according to predictions from [NOAA](#) and [Colorado State University](#).

WHY THIS MATTERS: NOAA says 4-to-7 storms may reach "major hurricane" caliber, which could cause major damage. The most significant hazard for Connecticut is [storm surge and inland flooding due to heavy rain](#).

WHAT'S BEHIND THIS: We are seeing near-record warm ocean temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean, development of La Nina conditions in the Pacific, reduced Atlantic trade winds and less wind shear, all of which tend to favor tropical storm formation.

THE HISTORY: Hurricane Gloria was the last hurricane to hit Connecticut, 39 years ago, but [the big one hit the state in 1938](#) and killed hundreds of people in New England. A hurricane moving up the East Coast that hits Connecticut would cause extensive flooding, tree damage, and power outages.

THE STORY: Weather and emergency management experts from the state Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security are available to discuss the forecasts and [how Connecticut residents should prepare](#). The DEMHS "[Hurricane Awareness](#)" website has information, tools, resources to stay safe during a tropical storm or hurricane.

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