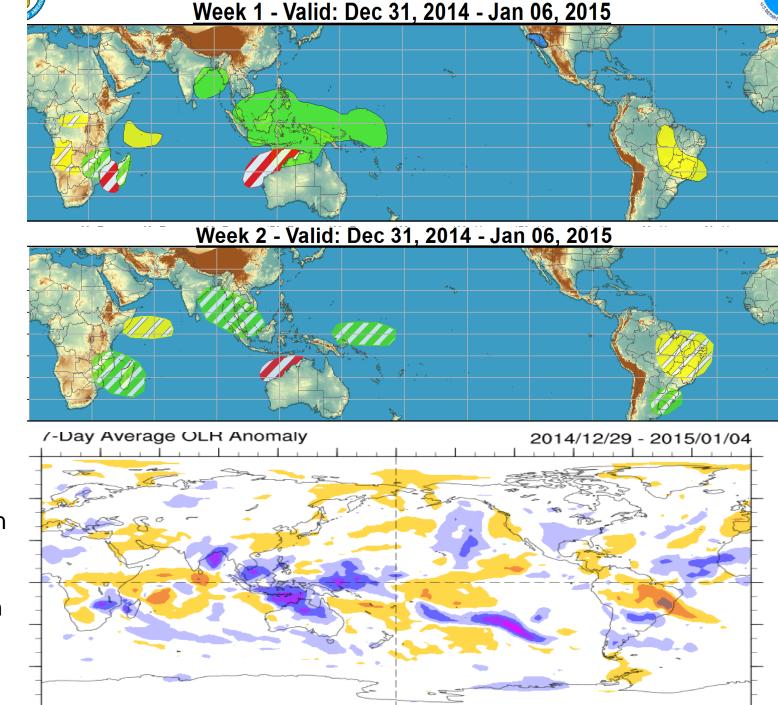
Global Tropics Hazards And Benefits Outlook January 6, 2015

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<u>Outline</u>

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- 2. Synopsis of Climate Modes
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- 4. Connections to U.S. Impacts

Outlook Review



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Synopsis of Climate Modes

ENSO:

- Current: ENSO-neutral
- Outlook: There is an approximately 65% chance that El Niño conditions will be present during the Northern Hemisphere winter and last into the Northern Hemisphere spring 2015.
- Updated discussion released on Thursday, January 8

MJO and other subseasonal tropical variability:

- The MJO remains active with the enhanced convective phase over the eastern Maritime Continent and West Pacific.
- Most dynamical model MJO index forecasts and statistical tools depict a continuation of a MJO signal although some differences exist on the strength and speed of the signal.

Extratropics:

- The current phase of the MJO supports 500-hpa height falls across the North Pacific during the next 5 to 10 days which is consistent with model guidance.
- Increasingly wet pattern for the West Coast during Week-2.
- Temperature outlook is more uncertain.



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Week 2 - Valid: Jan 14, 2015 - Jan 20, 2015



Produced: 01/06/2015 Confidence High Moderate Forecaster: Pugh

Tropical Cyclone Formation Development of a tropical cyclone (tropical depression - TD, or greater strength).

Above-average rainfall Weekly total rainfall in the upper third of the historical range.

Below-average rainfall Weekly total rainfall in the lower third of the historical range.

Above-normal temperatures 7-day mean temperatures in the upper third of the historical range.

Below-normal temperatures 7-day mean temperatures in the lower third of the historical range.

Product is updated once per week, except from 6/1 - 11/30 for the region from 120E to 0, 0 to 40N. The product targets broad scale conditions integrated over a 7-day period for US interests only. Consult your local responsible forecast agency.







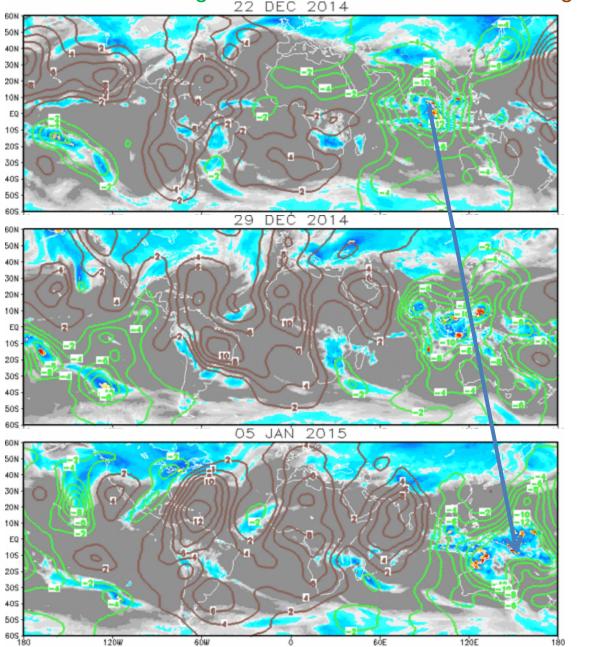




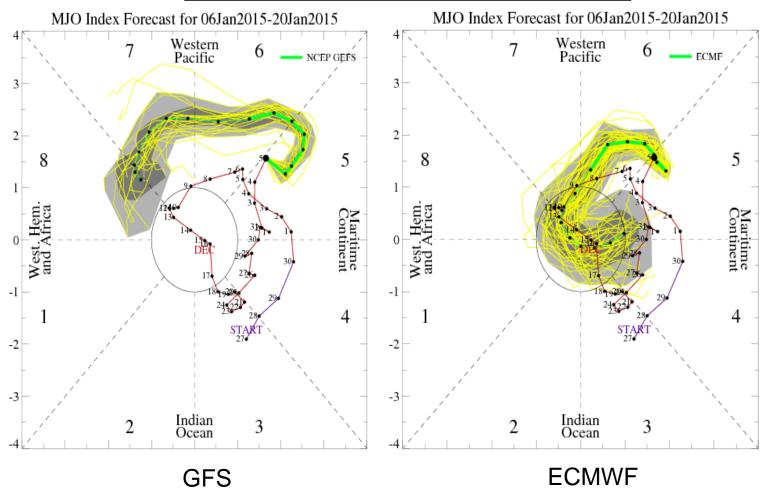


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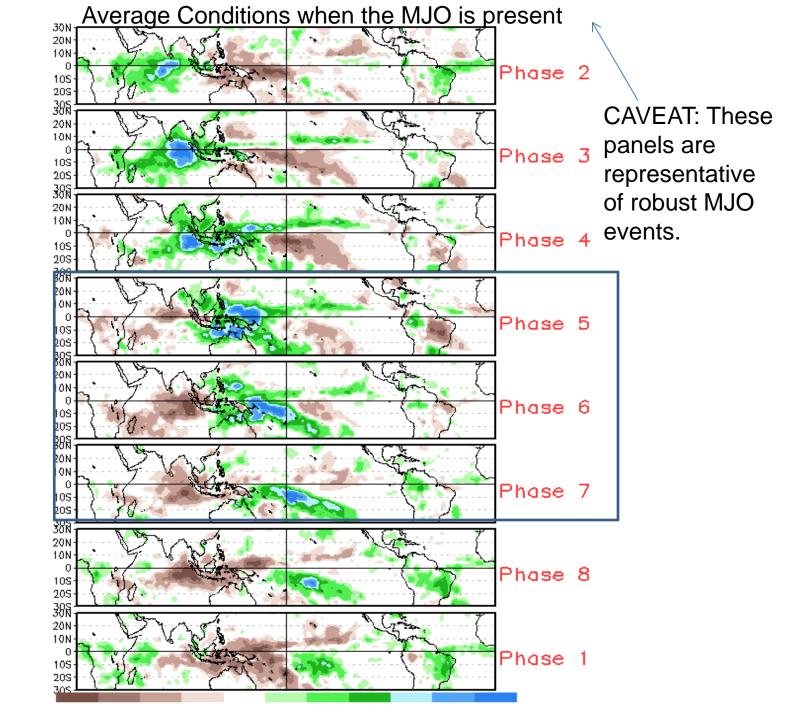
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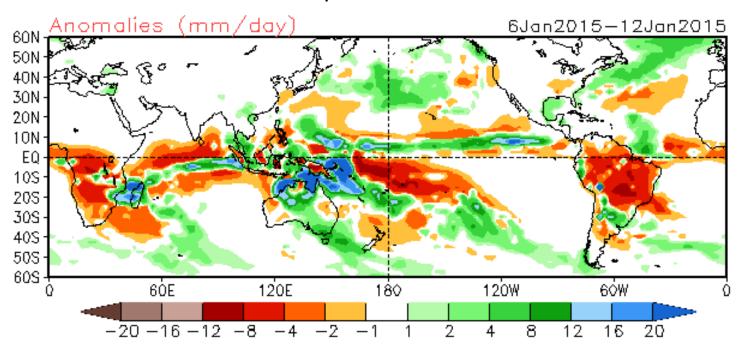
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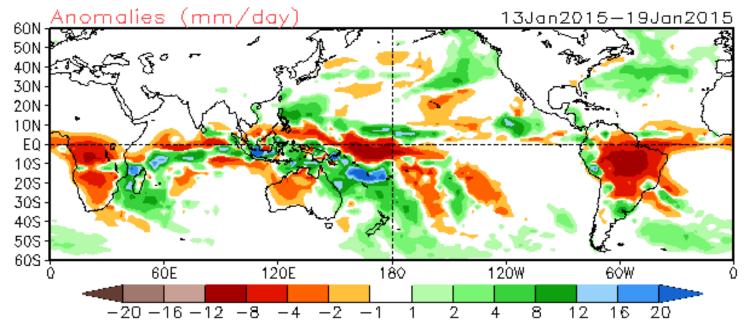


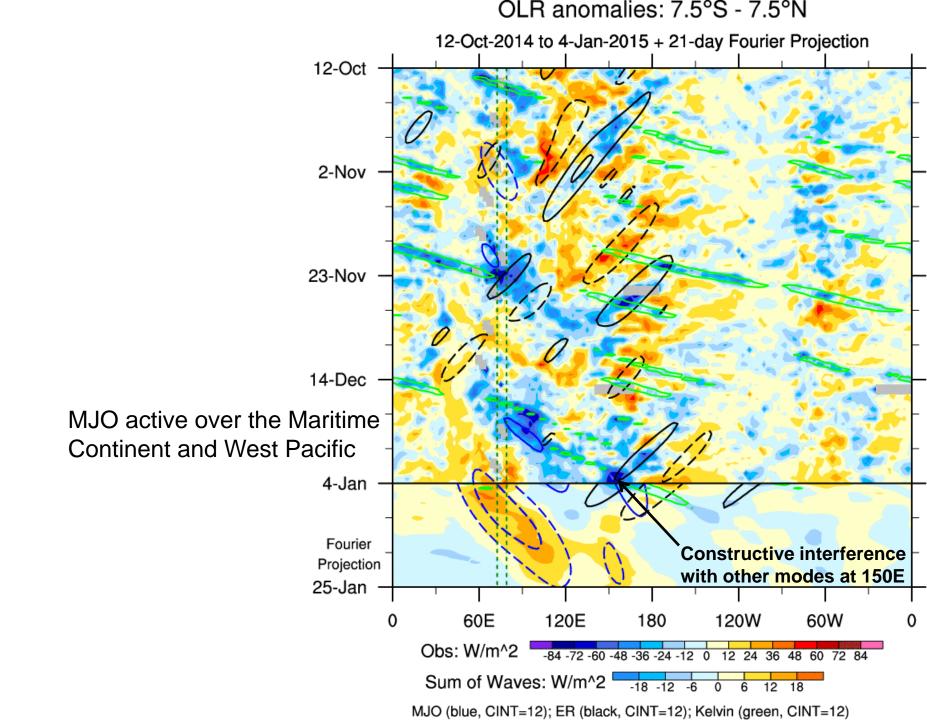
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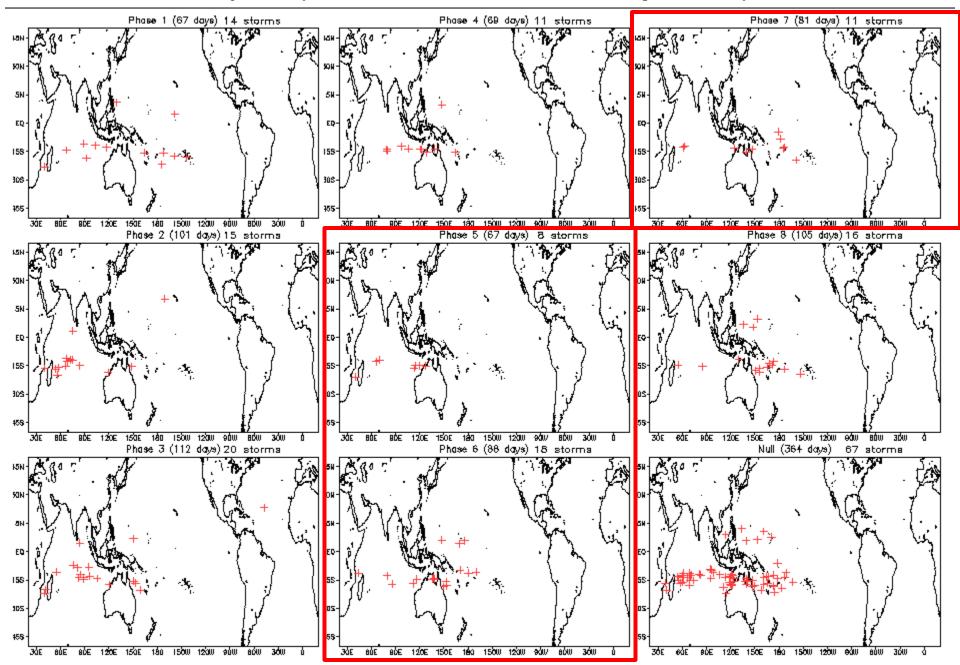
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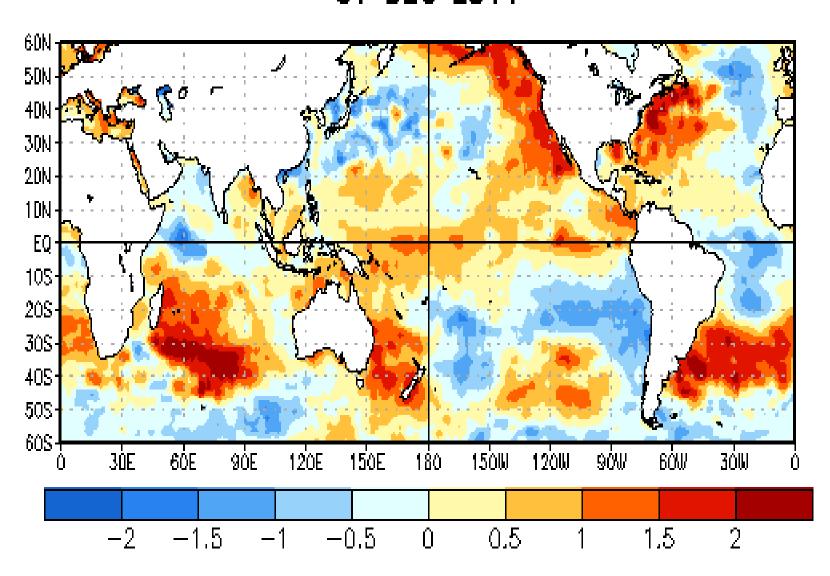


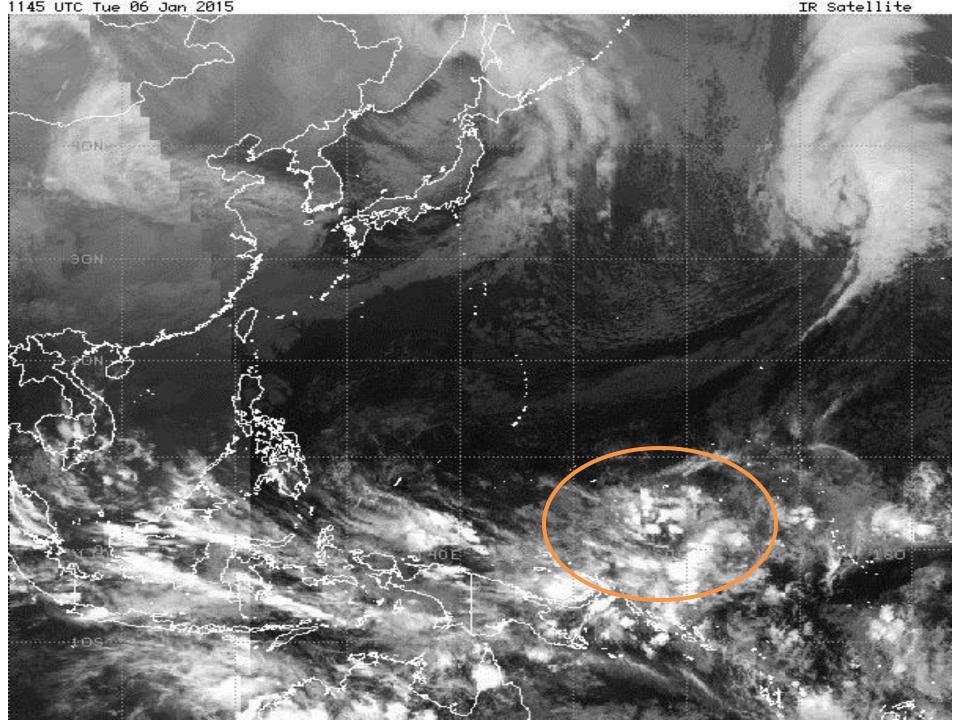


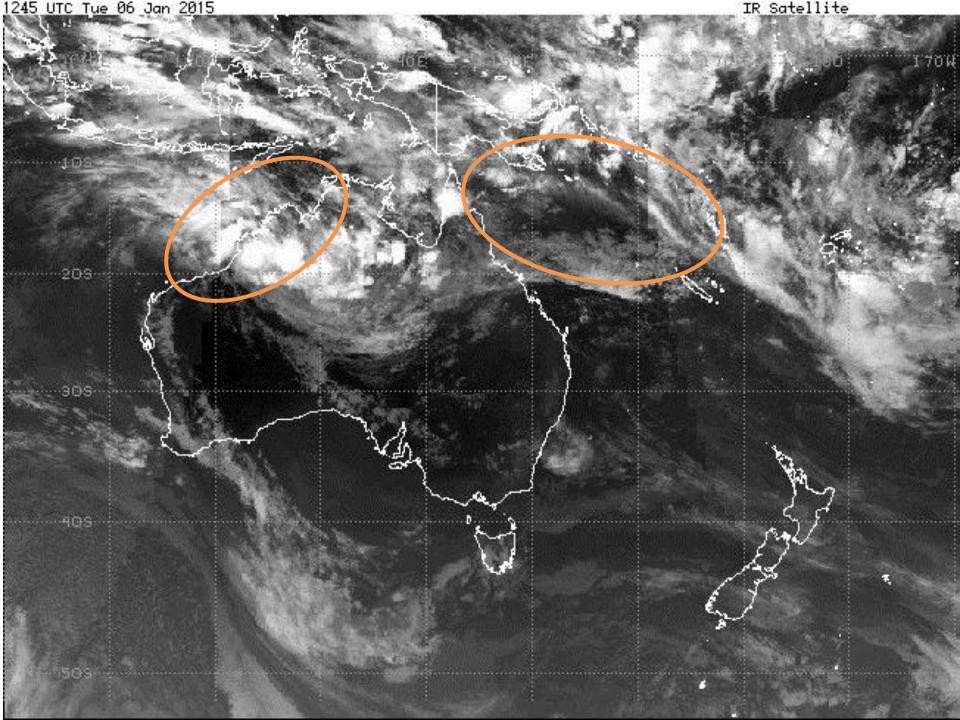
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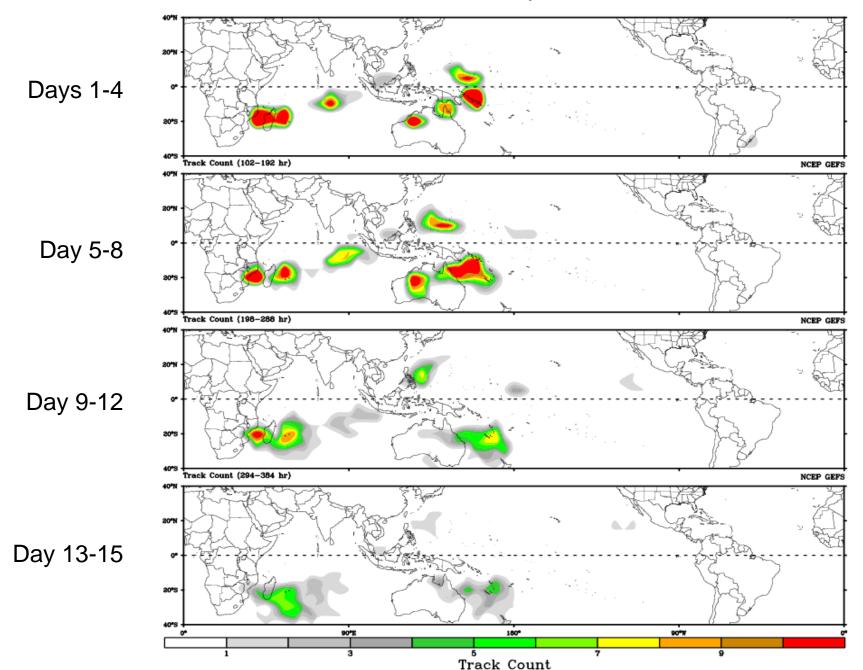
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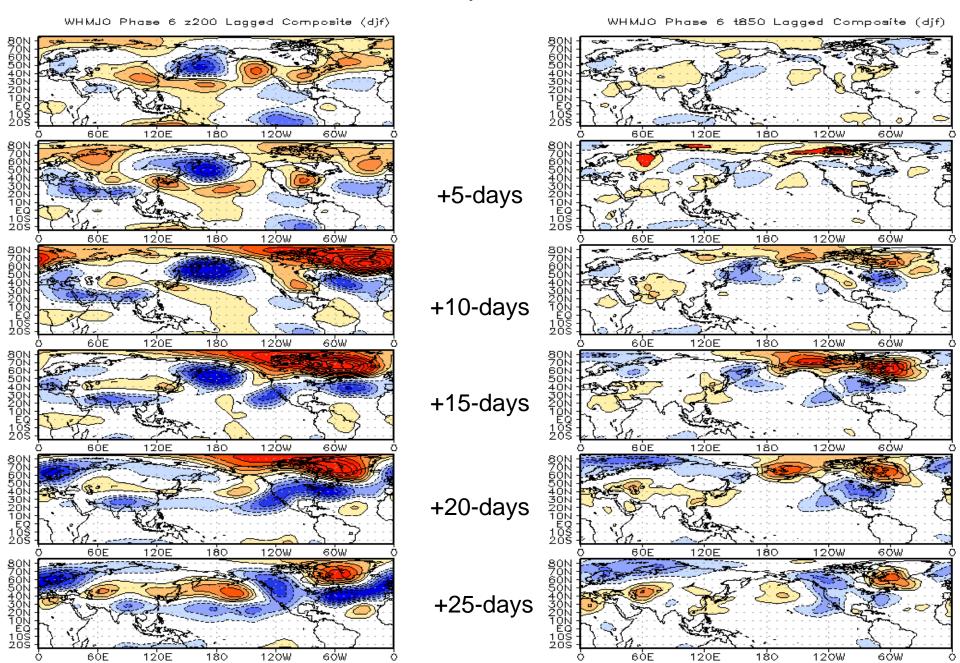


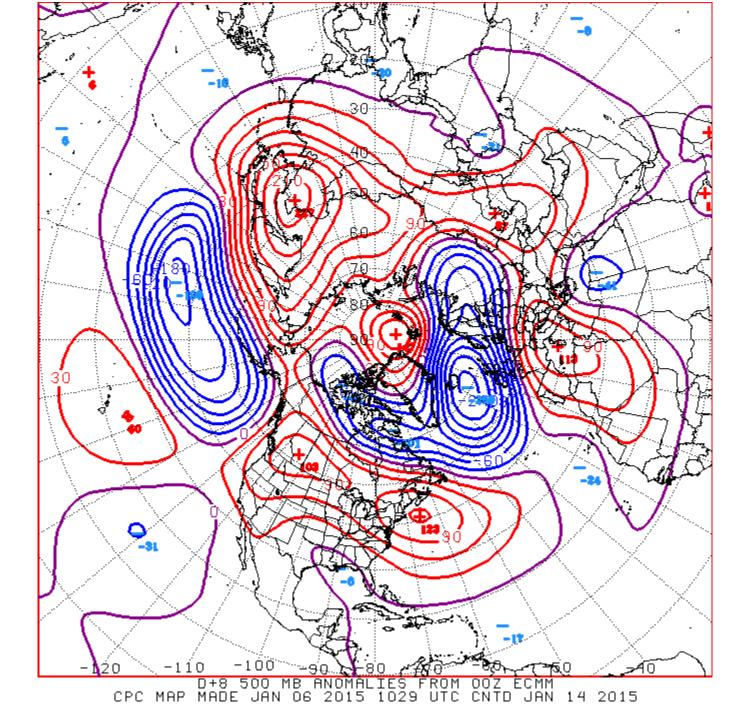
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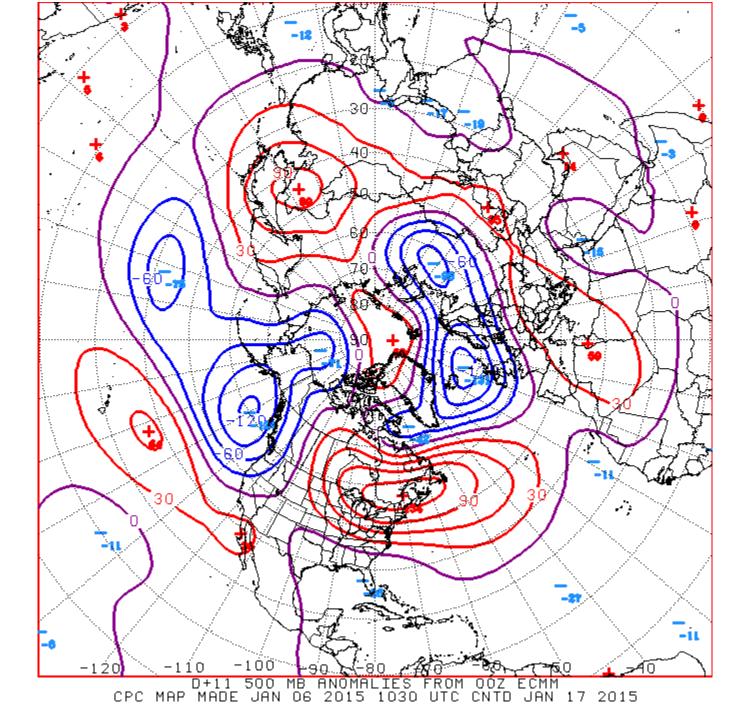


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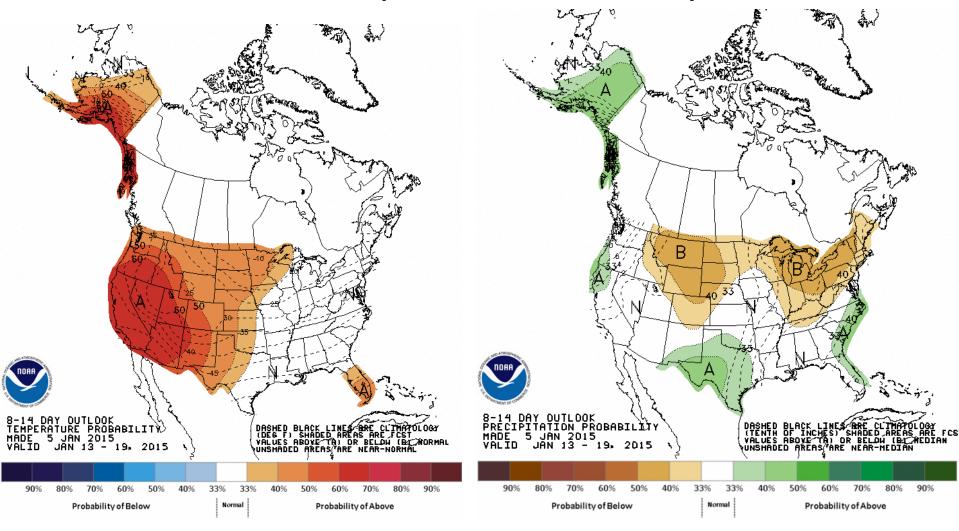
Lagged composites from MJO 5-day intervals



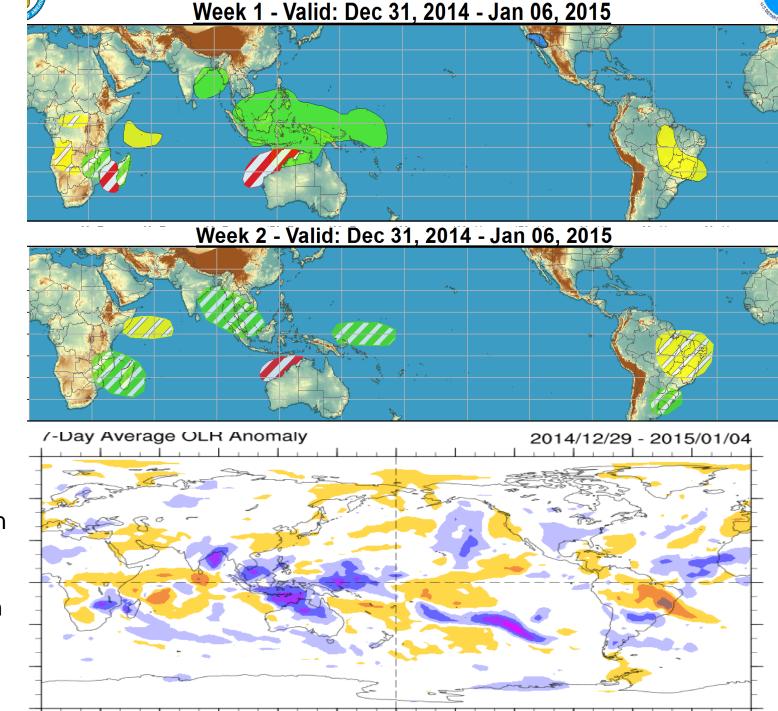




Week 2 – Temperature and Precipitation



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