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# **New Warning Coordination Meteorologist**

#### Robert Molleda Assumes WCM Position



Robert (Rob) Molleda (pronounced Mo-yehd-a) has been selected as the new WFO Miami Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM). Rob takes over for retired WFO Miami WCM Jim Lushine.

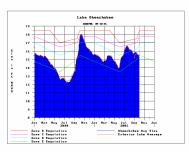
Rob is a Miami native, a graduate of South Miami Senior High in 1986 and Florida State University in meteorology in 1991. Rob started his career at WFO Miami as a student trainee in 1989, went through the intern program at WFO Miami 1991-1994. Rob had a brief WFO Morristown stint at (Knoxville) Tennessee in 1994-1995, but came back to WFO Miami in 1995. He transferred to the Tropical Prediction Center (TPC) as a Forecaster in the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB) in 1998, where he has been up until his selection for the WCM position back in the WFO.

Rob is fluent in both English and Spanish. Beginning October 2, you can reach him at Jim's old number 305-229-4520.

### Dry Season Median Date October 17

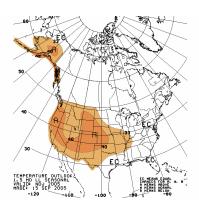
WOW! It has been a LONG and arduous hurricane season for South Florida, and it's not over yet! But the good news is that we are definitely on the downswing, having peaked around September 10-11. We still have a chance of a tropical cyclone affecting South Florida through the month of October, primarily the type that form in the northwest Caribbean and move north or northeast.

Looking ahead, it's time to anticipate the South Florida dry season, which normally begins around the third week of October. This is the season of cold fronts which drop our humidity and temperatures. As a result, we still have warm days but cooler, much more comfortable nights. It also drops our rain chances, so check out those sprinkler systems and set them on a twice weekly, late night or early morning schedule to keep that lawn and garden looking fresh. It's also time to think about winter vegetables in South Florida.

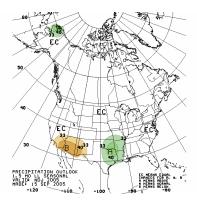


Lake Okeechobee 15.5 ft 9/29/05

## CPC Outlook November through January



Equal chances Above/Below Normal temps



Equal chances Above/Below Normal precipitation

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