Weather experts change La Nina forecast

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A U.S. government weather forecaster on Thursday reduced its outlook that La Nina conditions would develop in the next few months but said it still expected the weather phenomenon to

occur this fall or winter. The National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center said in its monthly forecast that La

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Nina was "slightly favored" to develop through October. That was a small change from July, when it stated the conditions were "favored"

The agency maintained its forecast of a 55 percent to Nina would develop during the fall and winter of 2016/17.

La Nina, which tends to occur unpredictably every acterized by unusually cold temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.

The agency's predictions follow a damaging El Nino weather period. While typically less harsh than El Nino, severe La Nina occur-60 percent chance that La rences have been linked to floods and droughts that can roil commodity markets.

Lower temperatures across the country could boost demand for heating fuel.





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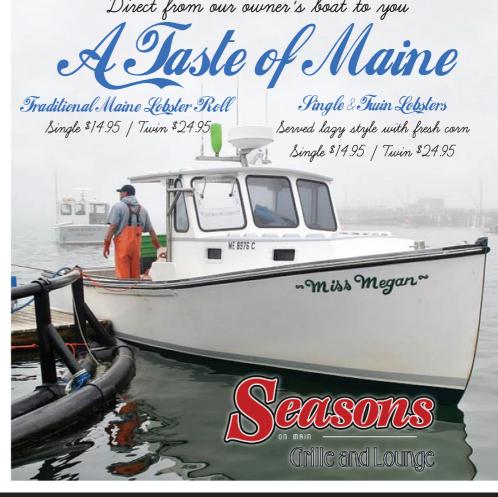
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