

## Amy Sherman

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**From:** Amy Sherman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: Dennis referred me to you for Alabama Dorian claim - PolitiFact

Julie: Is this accurate: NOAA's 11 a.m. Sept. 1 advisory, shortly before Trump's FEMA briefing, showed that a small corner of Alabama faced a 5 percent chance of tropical storm force winds over the next five days.

I don't need to quote you but I want to make sure we are interpreting that graphic correctly

On Tue, Sep 3, 2019 at 3:39 PM Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal <[julie.roberts@noaa.gov](mailto:julie.roberts@noaa.gov)> wrote:

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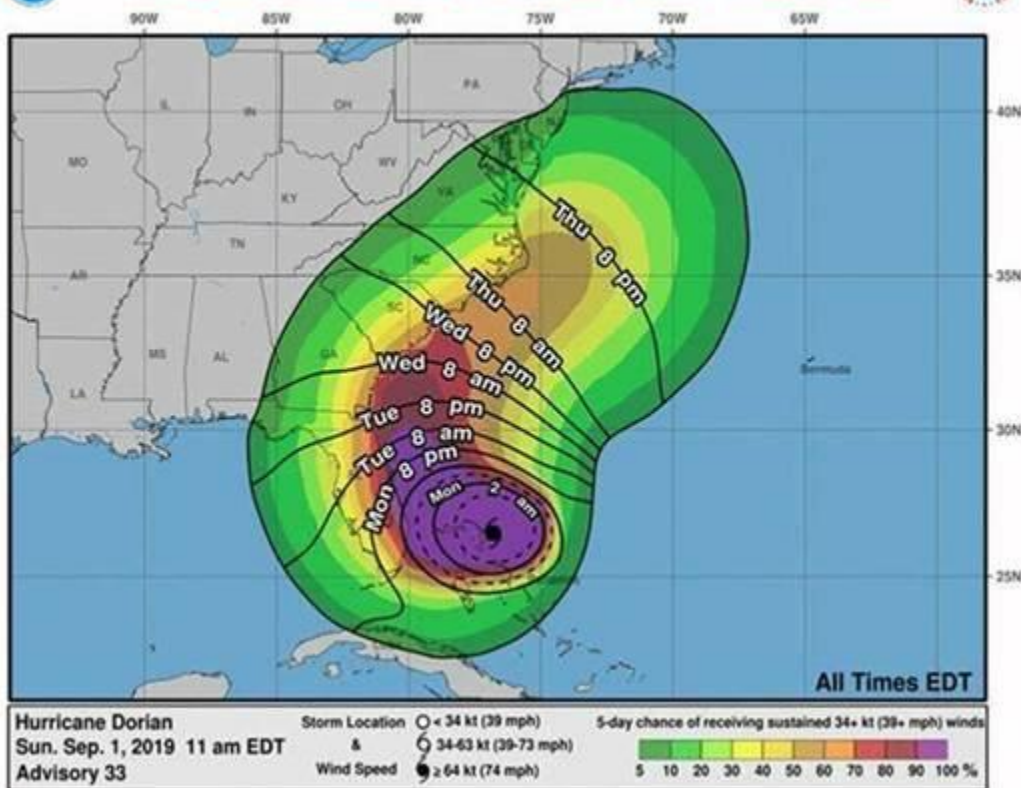
See the statement regarding Alabama statement. If needed please attribute to NOAA spokesperson. NOAA issued the product below on Sunday morning at the 11am Advisory.

“According to the National Hurricane Center’s late morning update – released just prior to the President’s briefing on Sunday, September 1 – a small portion of the southeast coast of Alabama could in fact see some tropical storm force wind and rainfall impacts as a result of Hurricane Dorian.

As we have seen over the past week, storm tracks can change quickly and everyone in the potential path of the storm, as well as neighboring states, should continue to monitor the weather for the most up-to-date information.”



## Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



Kindest regards,

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“You can tell a lot about a fellow’s character by his way of eating jelly beans.” President Ronald Reagan

**From:** Amy Sherman <[asherman@poynter.org](mailto:asherman@poynter.org)>

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**Subject:** Dennis referred me to you for Alabama Dorian claim - PolitiFact

Hi Julie: Dennis and I spoke about the history of Cat 5 storms but he referred me to you re: what NOAA said about Alabama.

Trump [tweeted that Alabama](#) would likely be hit.

“In addition to Florida - South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, will most likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated. Looking like one of the largest hurricanes ever. Already category 5. BE CAREFUL! GOD BLESS EVERYONE!” he [tweeted](#) at 10:51 a.m. Sept. 1.

Did NOAA ever say that Alabama would likely be hit? Did NOAA put out any statement about Dorian and Alabama at all?

Did NOAA put out any statement refuting what Trump said?

My deadline is 4 p.m.

Thanks - Amy

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