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Pat has been working as a NOAA Liaison Officer for Hawai'i and the U.S. Pacific Island territories since 1987. Located at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Pat has many roles including managing both Joint Archive for Sea Level and the Joint Archive for Shipboard Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP).

Pat holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in meteorology from Florida State University and has put his meteorological background to good use. An avid surfer, Pat is the creator of the Hawai'ian Surf Forecast for O`ahu, the National Weather Service's website for surfers searching for the perfect wave. As fun as large waves can be, they can also be hazardous so accurate and timely forecasting is important. The empirical method devised by Pat for estimating surf heights off the coast of Hawai'i is now being applied in other coastal locations.