

Dear Joaquim Pinto,

We, the authors, would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit the finalized version of our manuscript entitled "Improving seasonal predictions of German Bight storm activity" to *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*.

We are glad and honored to hear that our manuscript was selected as a highlight paper, and would like to thank the reviewers again for their invaluable comments and input during the review process. We have incorporated all remaining corrections into the finalized version of our manuscript and look forward to hearing from you regarding the next steps of the publication process.

Sincerely,

Daniel Krieger

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