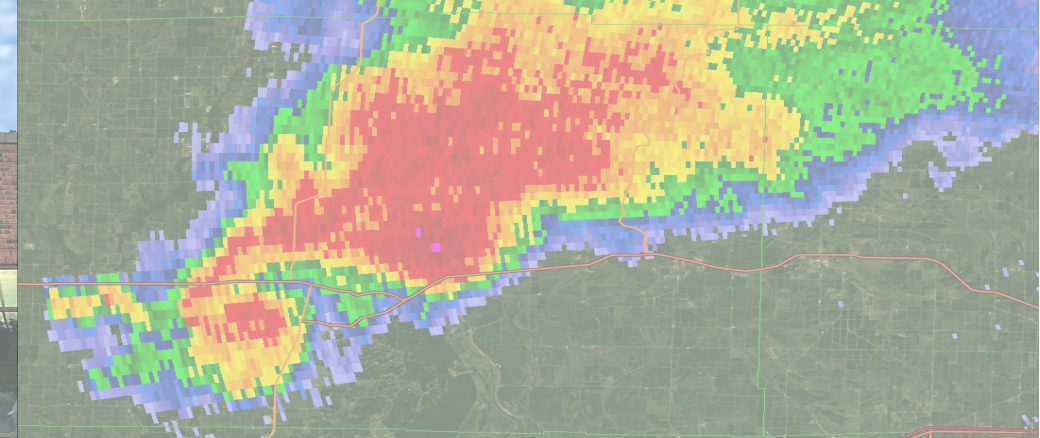




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## Boston, MA

Emergency Management Briefing  
Cold & Winter Storm Jan 30-Feb 2  
Friday 1/30/2026







# Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

January 30, 2026  
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For Southern New England

## Key Messages:

- Hazardous wind chills expected through Saturday.
- Strong coastal storm expected to track offshore of New England Sunday into Monday.
  - Potential for accumulating snow and strong winds, especially for Cape Cod and the Islands.
  - Minor/moderate coastal flooding and some erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast.
  - Potential for storm force winds and dangerous seas on the coastal waters.

INFO

## New Information/Updates

- Increased confidence the storm will pass further offshore
- Extended Cold Weather Advisory through tonight.
- Slight downward adjustments to snow accumulations Sunday and Sunday night.
- Gale Warnings issued for nearshore coastal waters Sunday into Monday.

## Current Winter Storm Headlines



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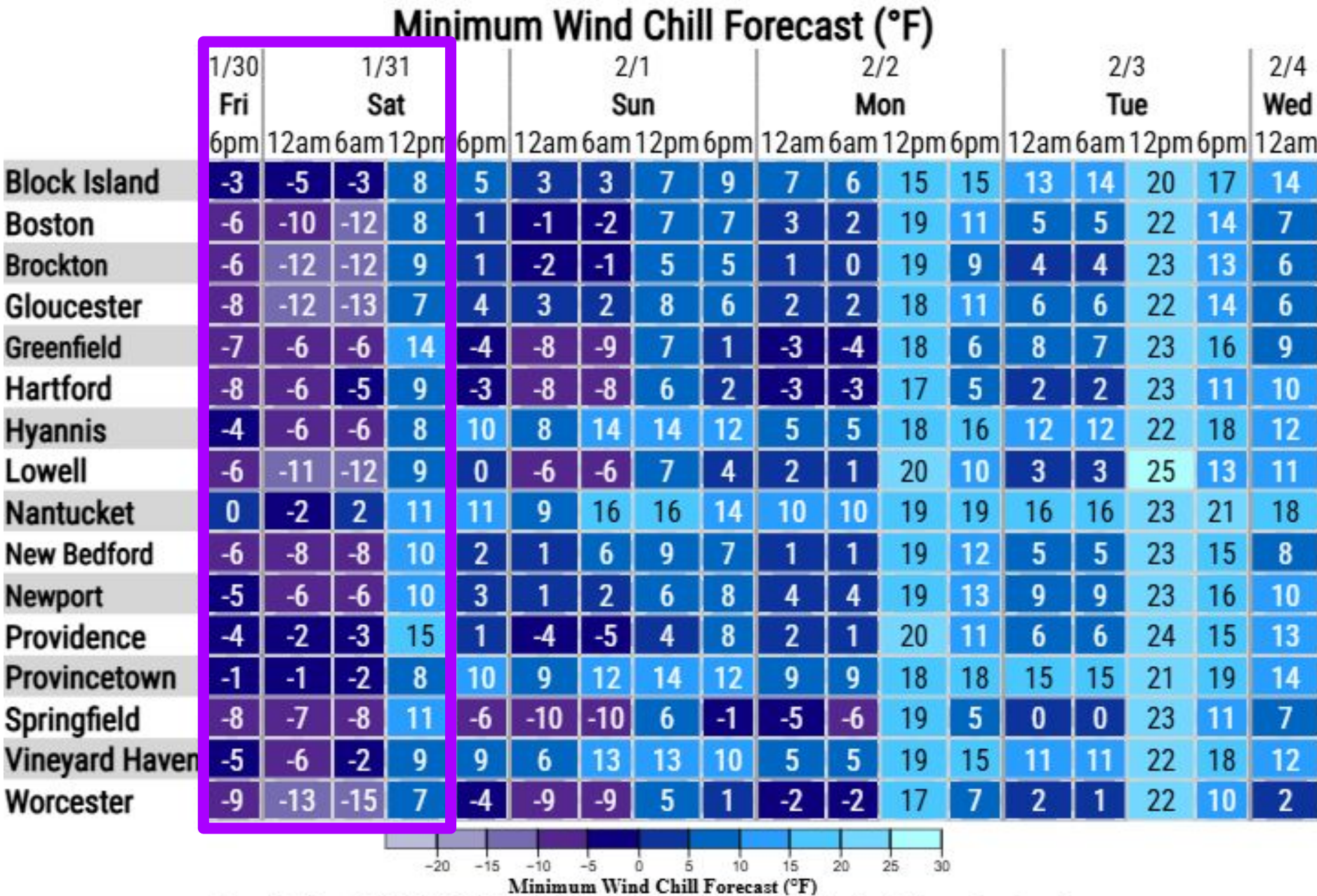


# Hazardous Wind Chills Through Early Saturday

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## Key Messages:

- Arctic air will remain across Southern New England through Saturday.
- Lighter winds expected tonight, although lows drop below zero in many spots (0 to -10°F)
  - Wind chills between 5 and 17 below zero tonight into early Saturday morning.

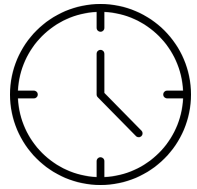




# Cold Weather Advisory

Latest info at [weather.gov/boston](https://weather.gov/boston)

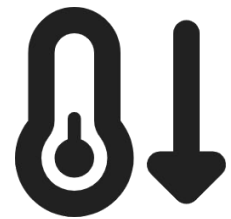
Tonight through Saturday Morning



Tonight through Saturday Morning



Most of Southern New England  
excluding south coast, Cape &  
Islands.



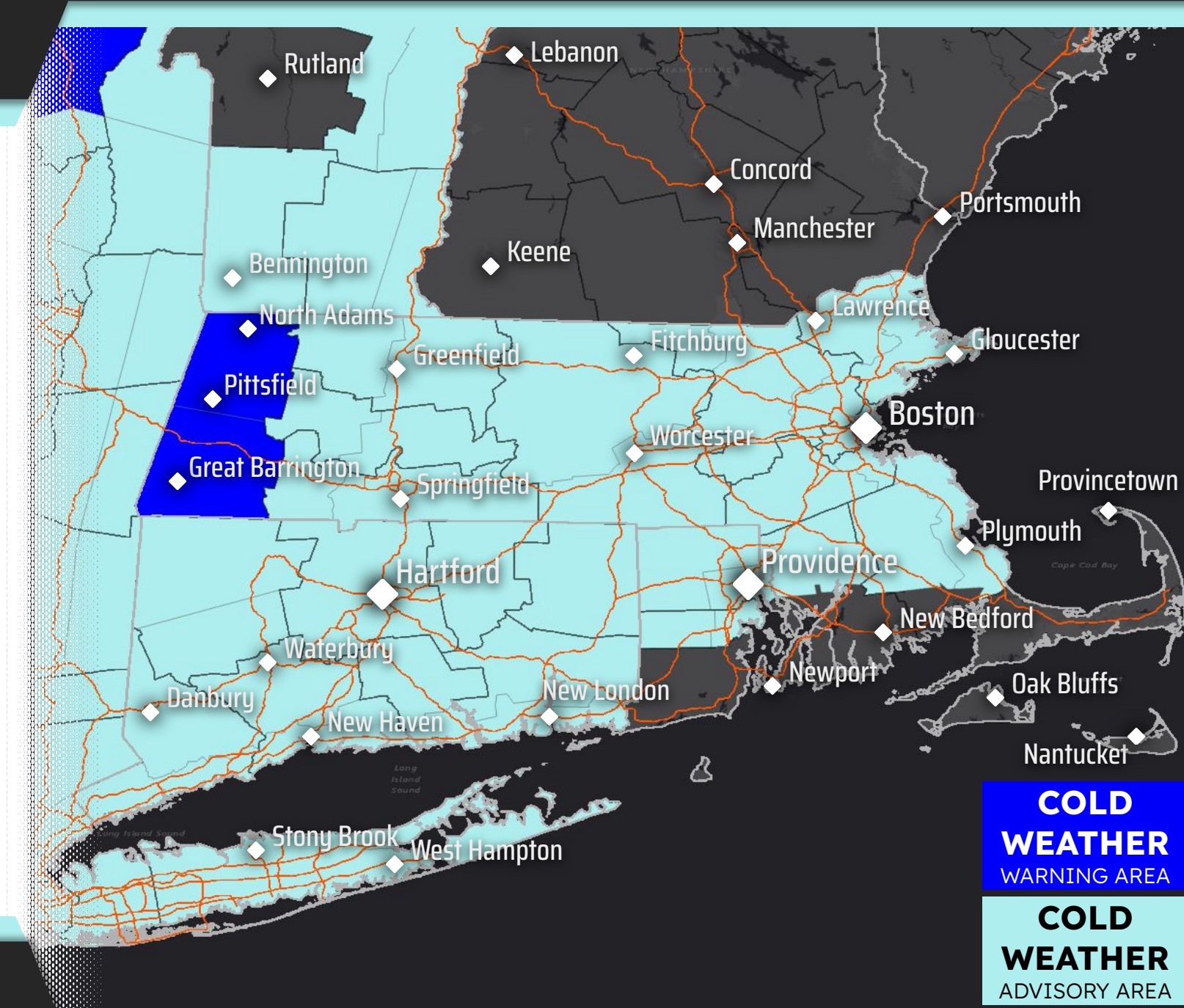
→ Lows: 1°F to -10°F

→ Wind Chills: -5°F to -20°F

Protect:



People - Pets - Pipes



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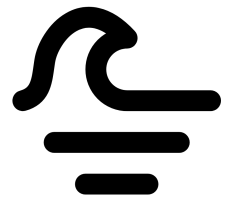


# Heavy Freezing Spray Warning | Advisory

Through 1 AM Saturday.



- **Heavy Freezing Spray Warning:**
- **Freezing Spray Advisory:** Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



- Moderate to heavy freezing spray expected.

## SEAS

- 2-6 FT

## WIND

- Up to 30 KT

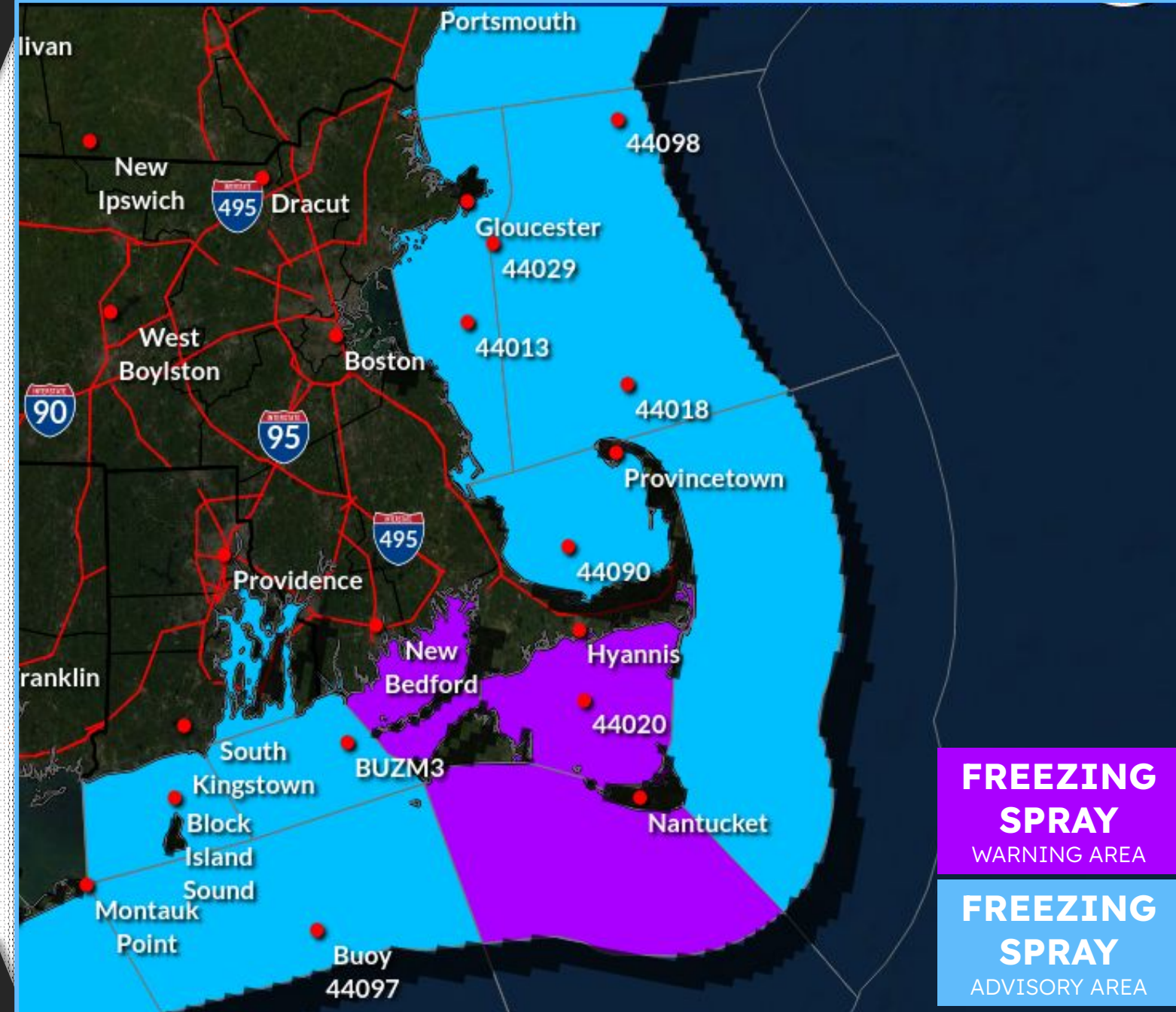


- Freezing Spray Advisory: icing rates of 0.3 to 0.8 inches per hour (moderate icing).
- Freezing Spray Warning: icing rates of 0.8 to 1.6 inches per hour (heavy icing).



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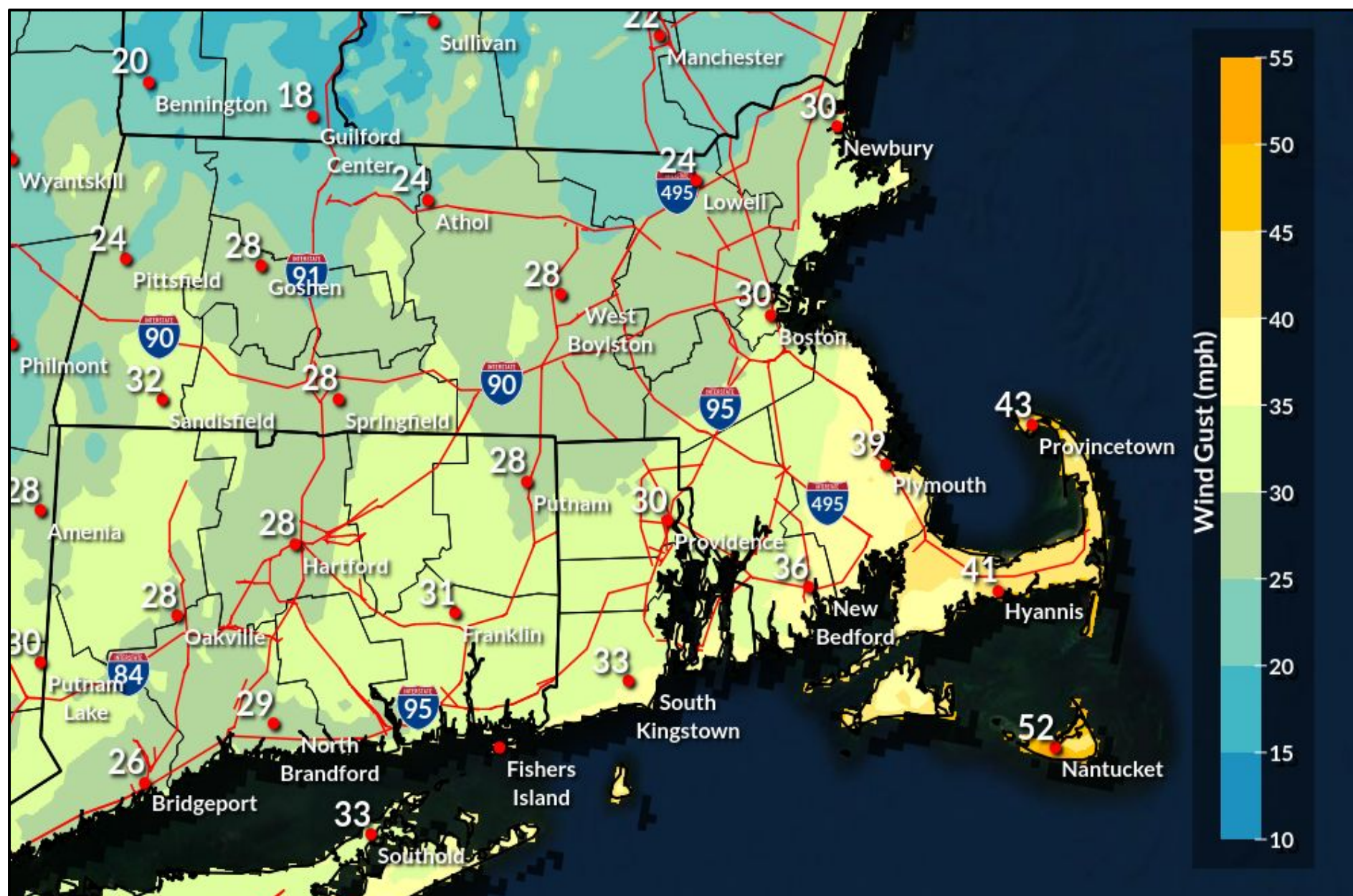


# Forecast Max Wind Gust (mph)

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Sunday through Monday

- **Gusty north winds expected to accompany offshore storm.**
  - Highest gusts over the waters and southeast MA, especially Cape & Islands.
- **Timing:**
  - Gusts increase early Sunday morning.
  - Peak gusts likely occur in the afternoon-evening time frame.
- **Uncertainty:**
  - Gust magnitude will also be sensitive to storm track.

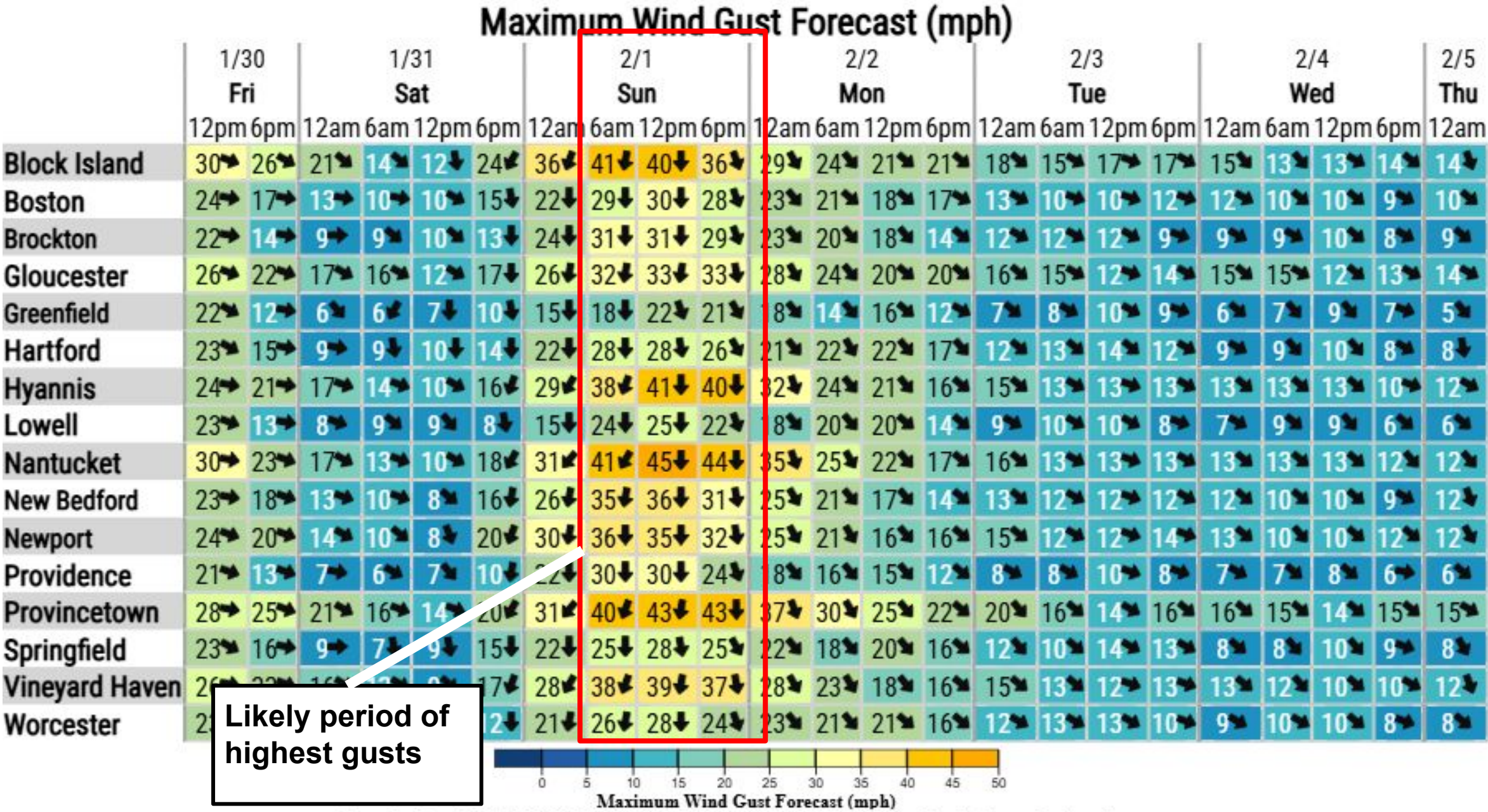






# Forecast Max Wind Gusts

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# Confidence Levels

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## Timing Confidence

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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- Snow arrives very early Sunday morning (after midnight Saturday).
- Steadiest snow during day Sun (more likely Cape/Islands).
- Exiting Sun evening. Ending on Cape/Islands late Sun Night.

## Snow Amounts Confidence

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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- Confidence is medium as the slight shifts in the track will have significant impacts to total snowfall accumulations.

## Travel Impacts Confidence

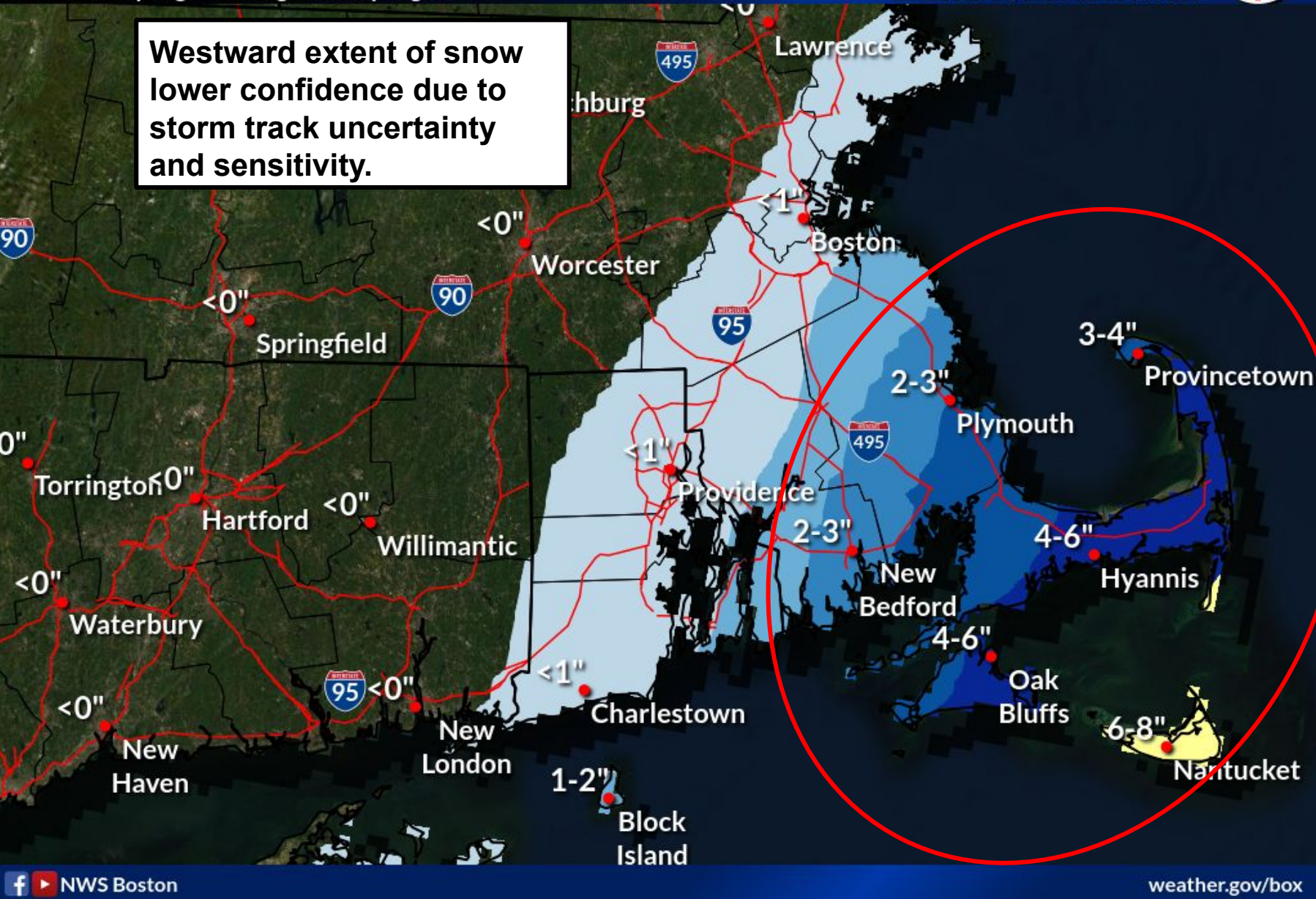
LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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- Travel may be difficult, especially on the Cape and Islands.
- Gusty winds and steadier snow may lead to periods of low visibility.

## Forecast Snowfall Accumulation

Late Saturday Night Through Sunday Night

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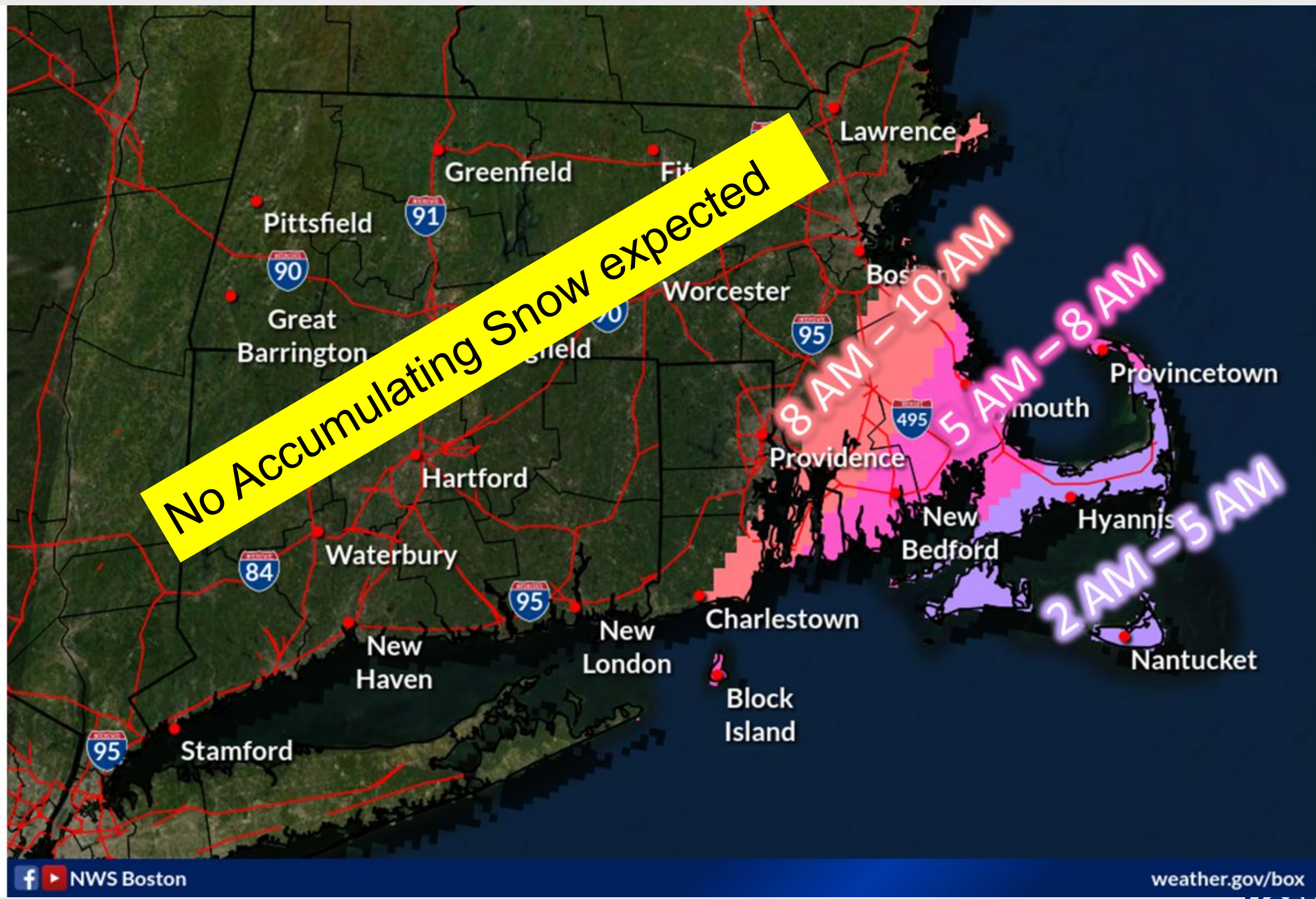






# Snow Starting Time

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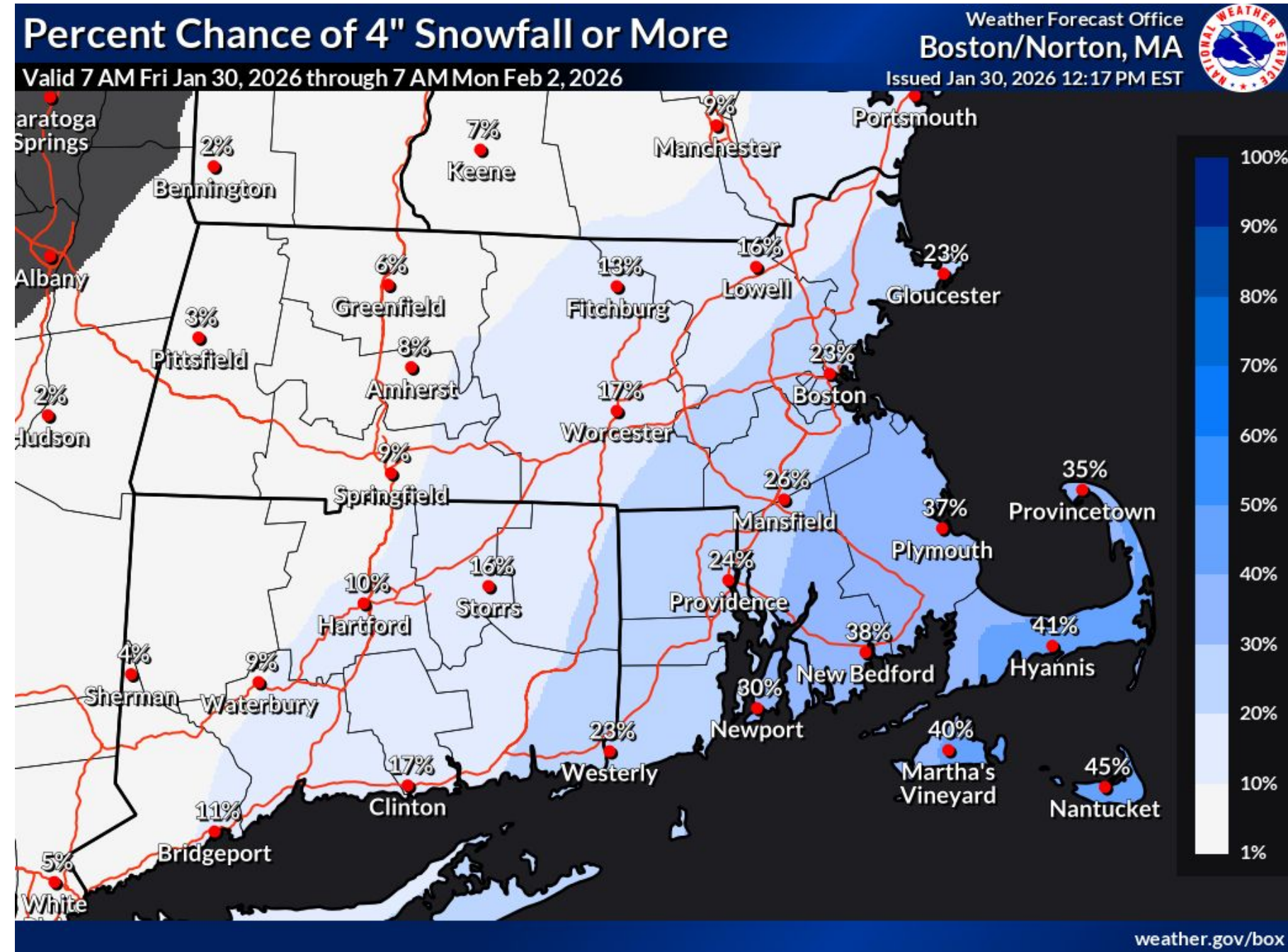




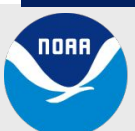
# Chance of 4 Inches or Greater of Snow

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Sunday and Sunday Night



- Snow amounts will be very sensitive to storm track.
- If the storm track trends west, probabilities of 4"+ would both increase and push westward toward I-95 corridor.



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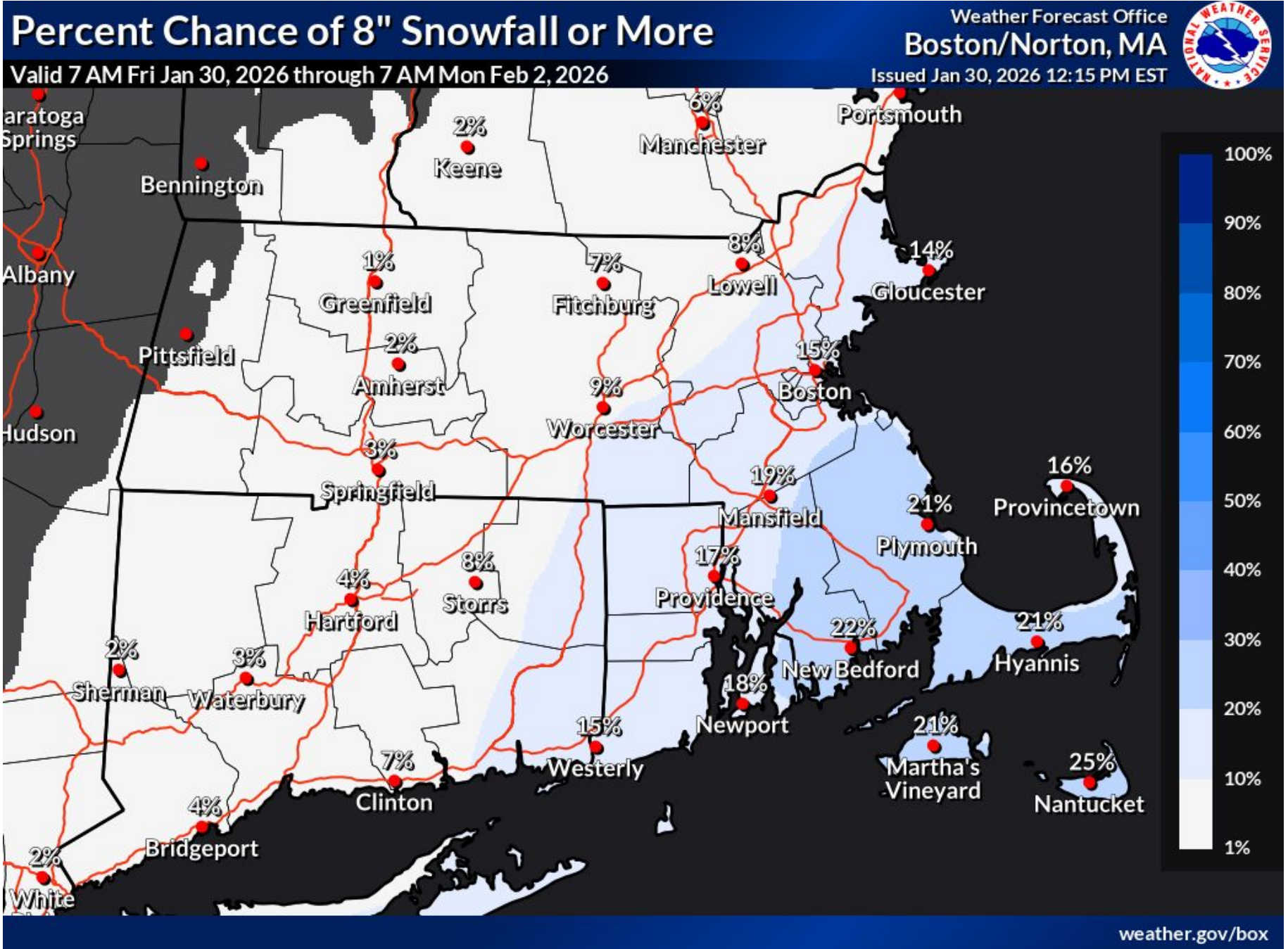




# Chance of 8 Inches or Greater of Snow

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Sunday and Sunday Night



- Snow amounts will be very sensitive to storm track.
- If the storm track trends west, probabilities of 8"+ would both increase and push westward toward I-95 corridor.



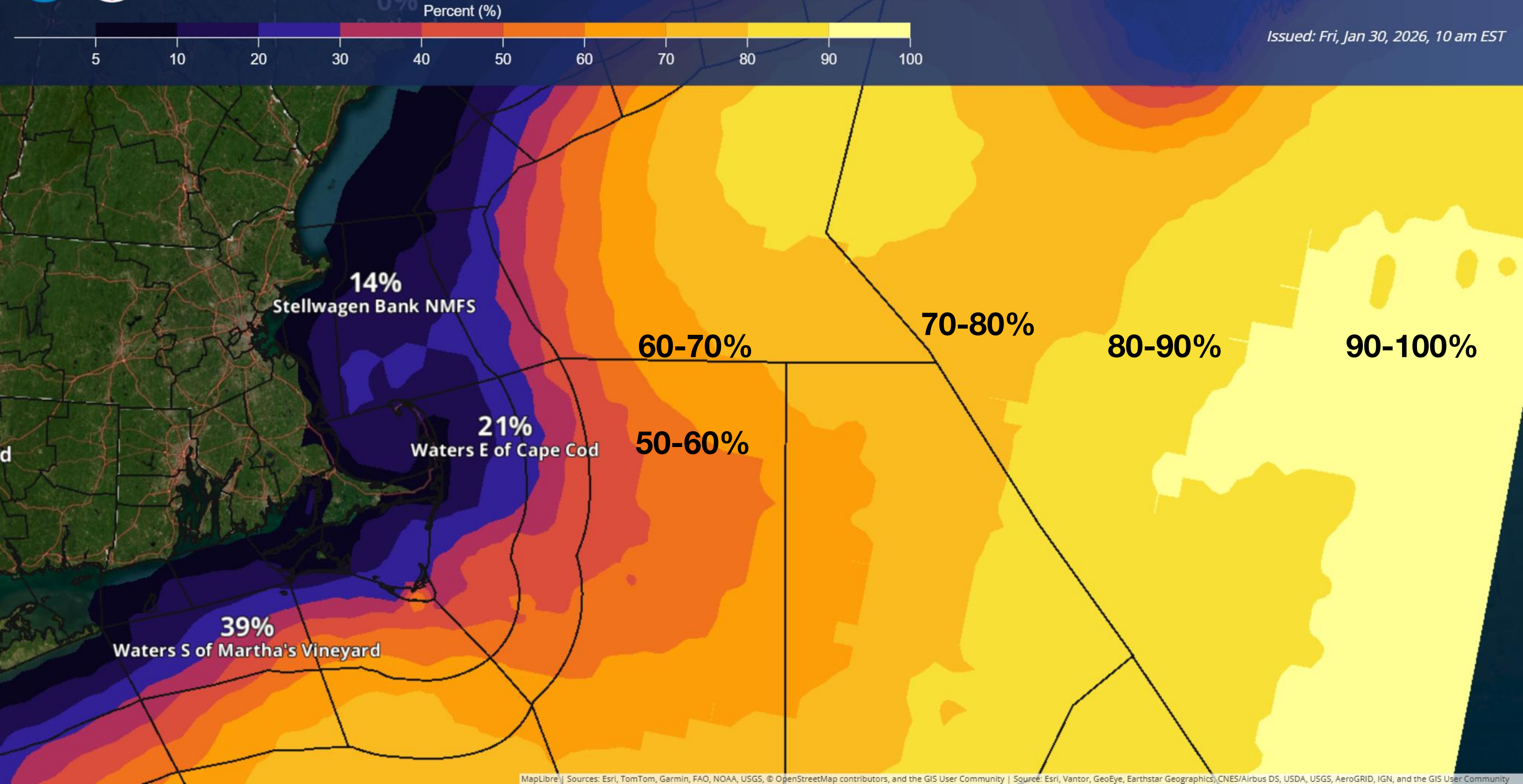




# Sun/Sun Night: Chance of Gusts Greater than 50 Knots

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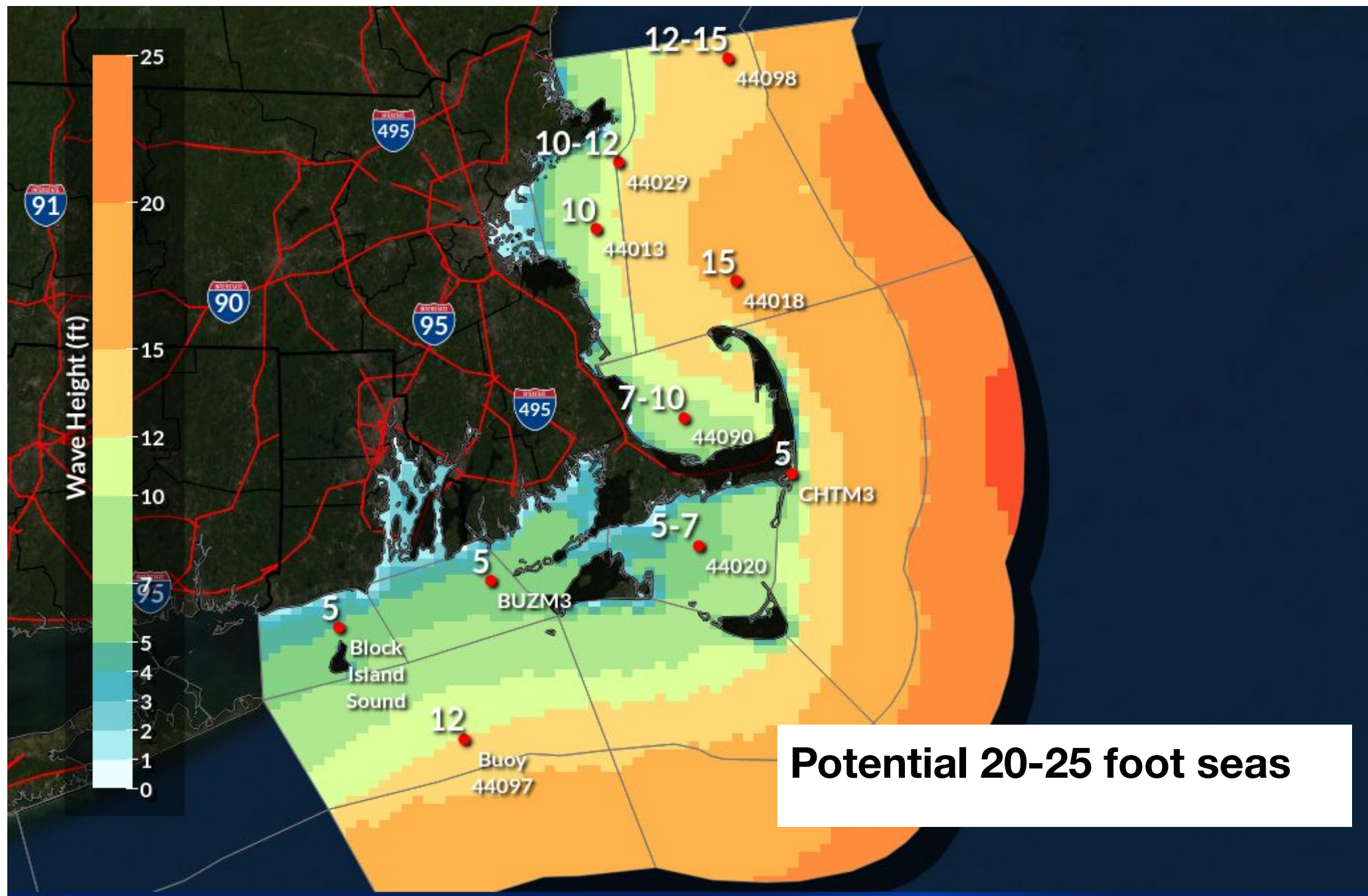




# Forecast Max Wave Heights

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Sunday through Monday Afternoon







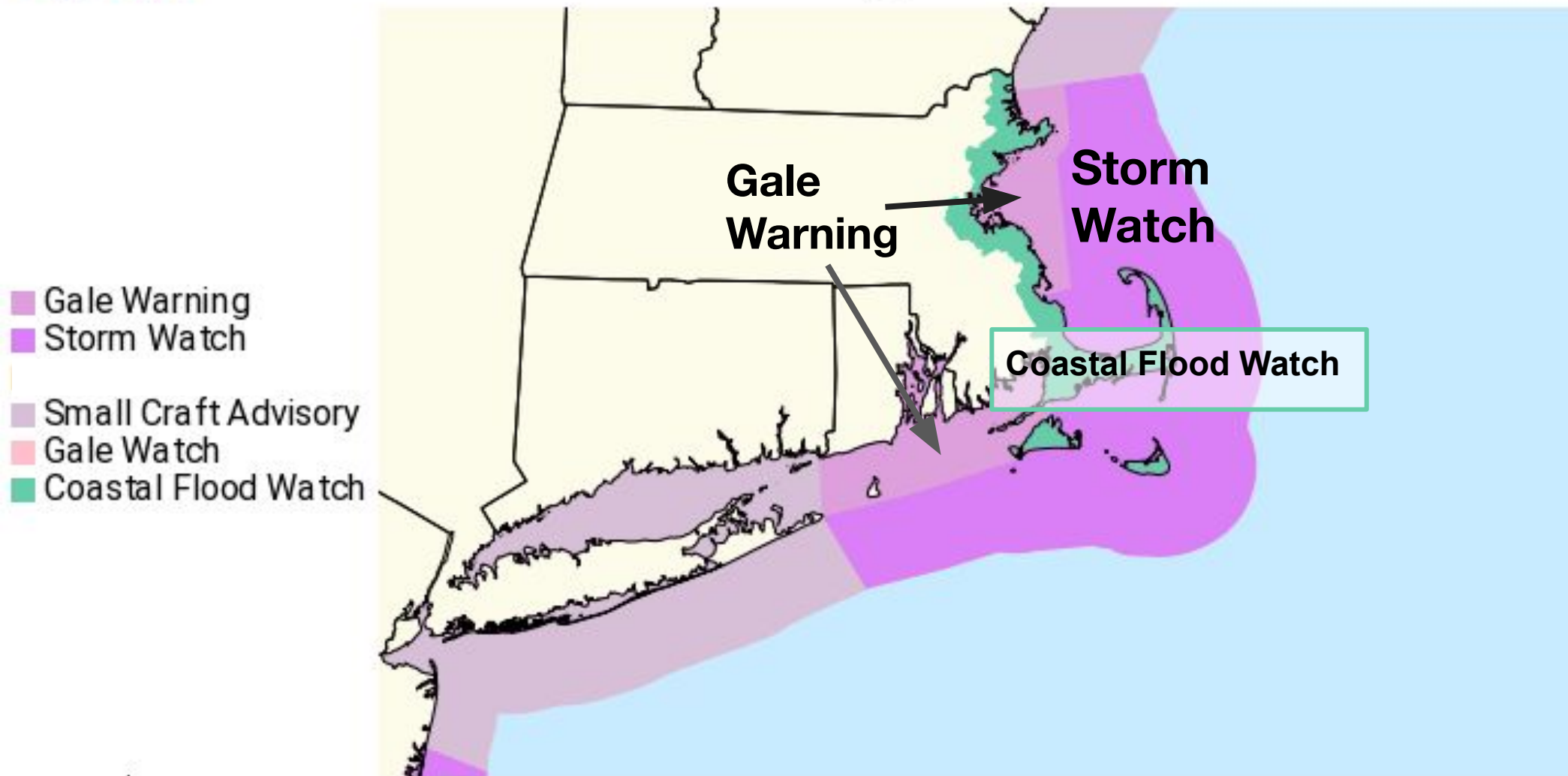
# Coastal Flood and Marine

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Sunday - Monday



## Marine Watches Warnings and Advisories



### Coastal Flood Watch:

- Potential for Moderate flooding around high tides Sunday into Monday
- Water could be 1-3 feet deep
- Minor beach and dune erosion

### Storm Watch:

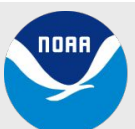
- Greatest chance of 50 kt gusts Sunday-Monday

### Gale Warning:

- 40-45 kt gusts most likely

Seas build to 20-25 feet offshore

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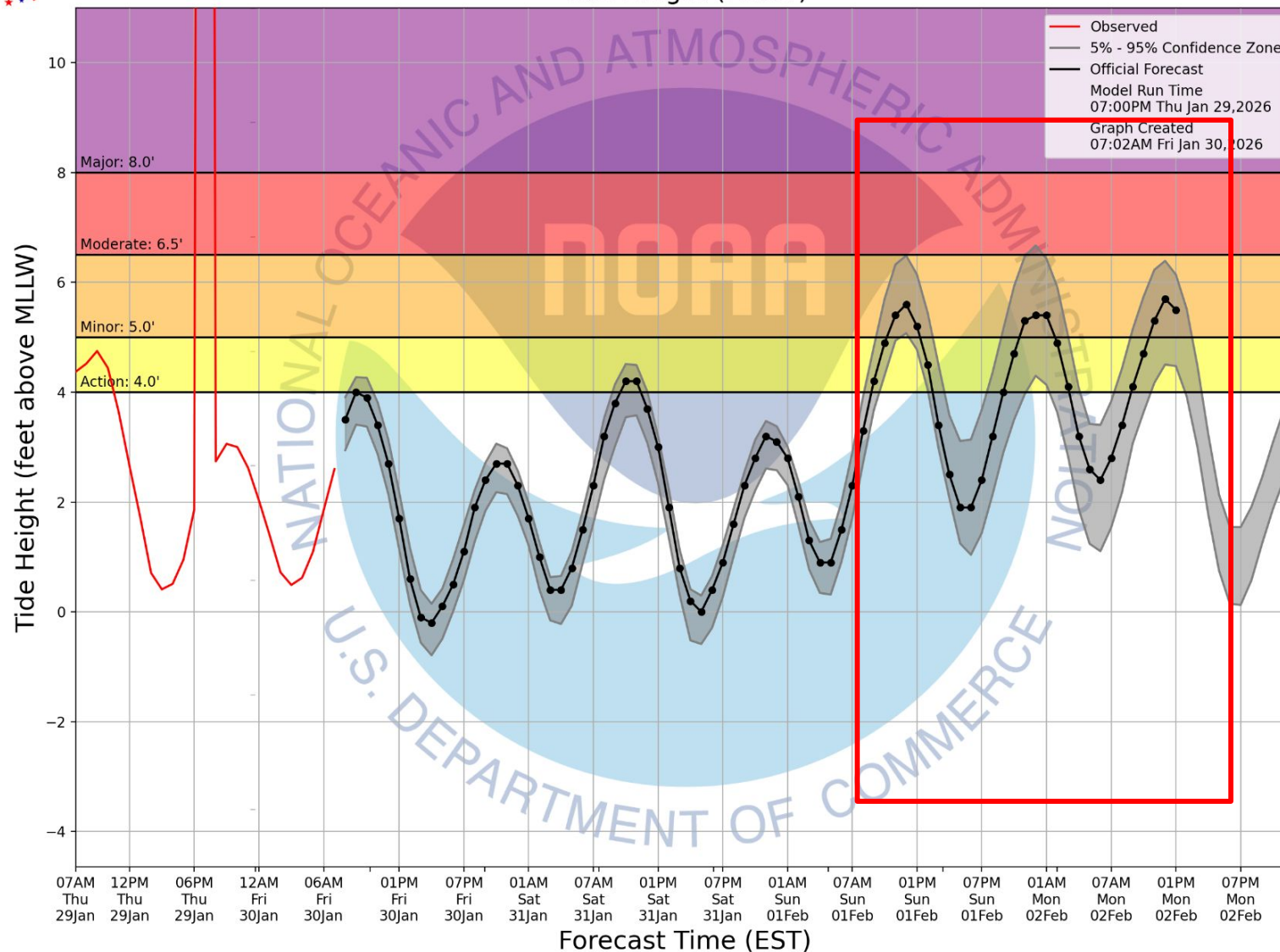


# Nantucket - Water Level Forecast

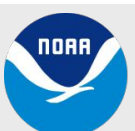
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Nantucket Harbor at Nantucket, MA  
Tide Height (MLLW)



- High tides Sunday into Monday are of greatest concern
- Potential for Moderate flooding
  - Water 1-3 feet deep
- Note there is still a fairly large possible range which implies uncertainty
  - Storm track
  - Timing of highest surge
- NWS Boston [Coastal Flood Threat](#) page has additional information





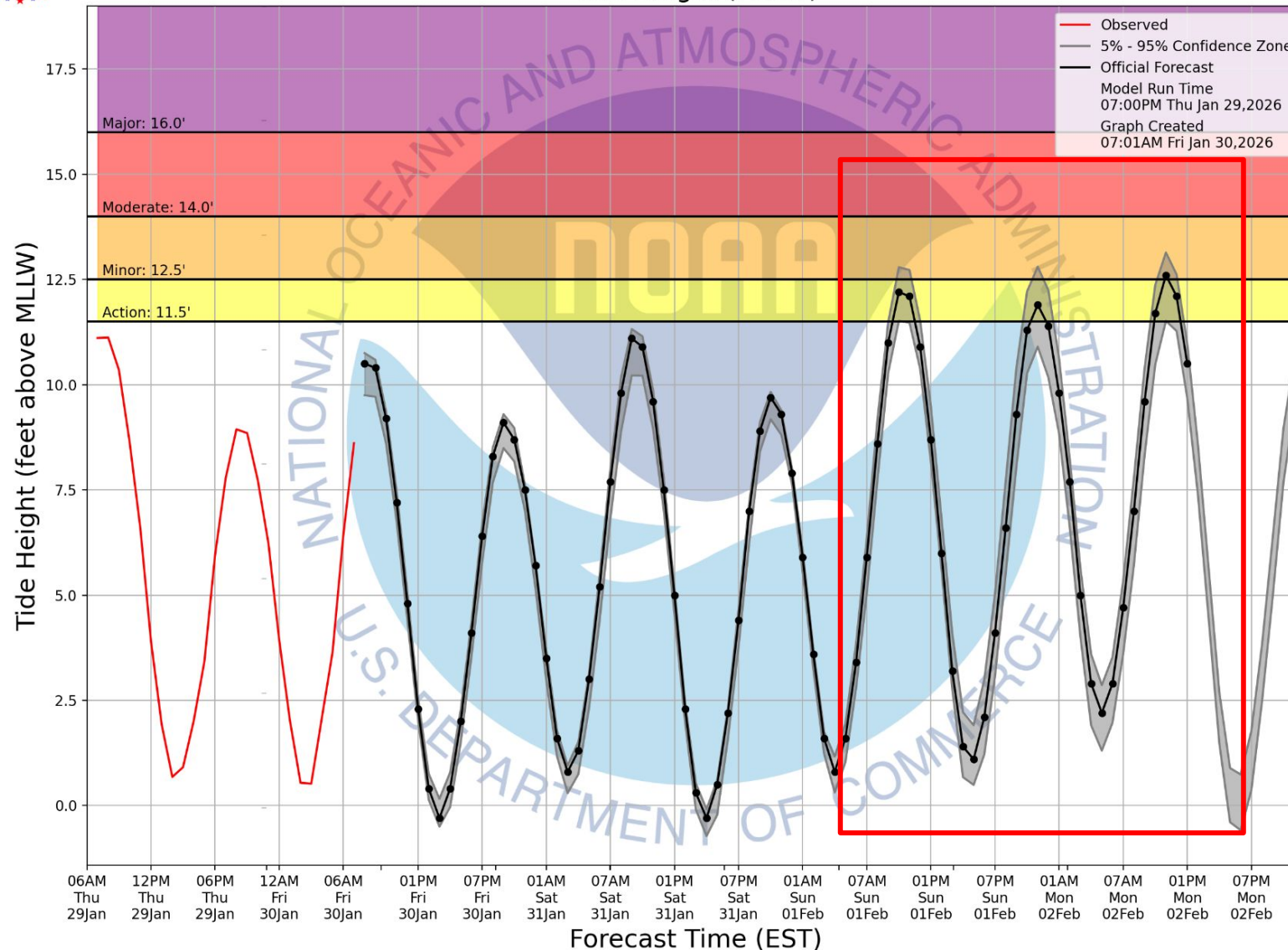


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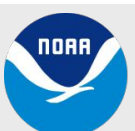
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Boston Harbor at Boston, MA  
Tide Height (MLLW)



- High tides Sunday into Monday are of greatest concern
- Lower water levels due to lower surge than Nantucket
- Minor flooding most likely
  - Up to 1 foot deep
- Offshore seas may result in pockets of Moderate flooding south of Boston
  - Water 1 to 3 feet deep in spots
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# Key Messages

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  - Hazardous wind chills expected through Saturday morning.
- **Strong coastal storm likely to pass offshore Sunday into Monday.**
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  - Minor coastal flooding and some beach erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast with pockets of Moderate flooding south of Boston (Cape Cod/Islands)
  - Potential for storm force winds and dangerous seas on the coastal waters.







# Contact and Next Briefing Information

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## Next Briefing

→ By email Saturday morning.



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