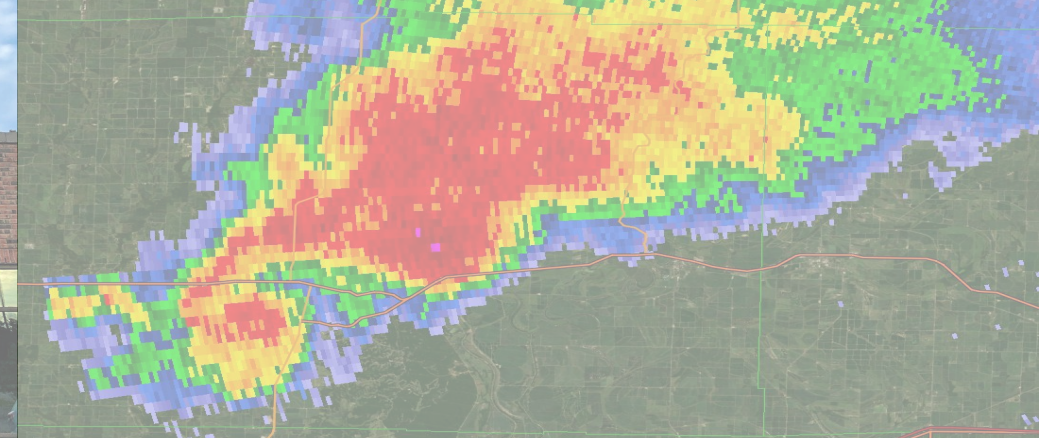


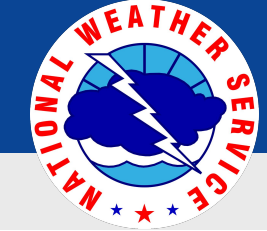


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Emergency Management Briefing
Cold & Winter Storm Jan 31-Feb 2
Saturday 1/31/2026





Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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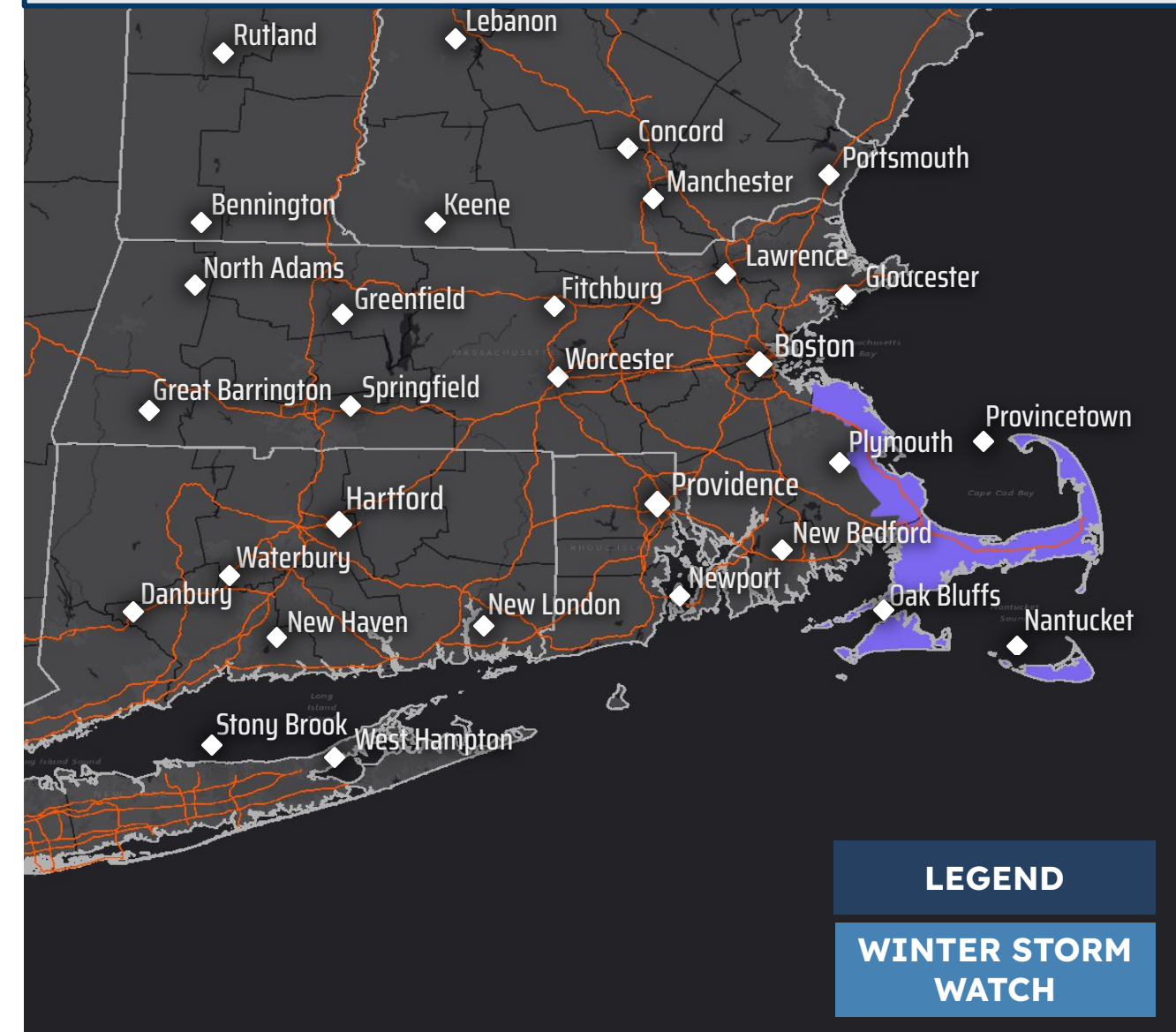
- Hazardous wind chills expected through this morning.
- Strong coastal storm expected to track well offshore of New England Sunday into Monday.
 - Accumulating snow and gusty winds for Cape Cod and the Islands and part of South Shore.
 - Minor/moderate coastal flooding and some erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast.
 - Strong gale to storm force winds over the waters

INFO

New Information/Updates

- Winter Weather Advisories issued for eastern Plymouth County, Cape Cod and the Islands. The Winter Storm Watch is no longer in effect.
- Coastal Flood Watch converted to Coastal Flood Advisories for eastern Massachusetts coast; Coastal Flood Watches continue for Cape Cod and the Islands.
- Gale and Storm Warnings issued for nearshore coastal waters Sunday into Monday.

Current Winter Storm Headlines



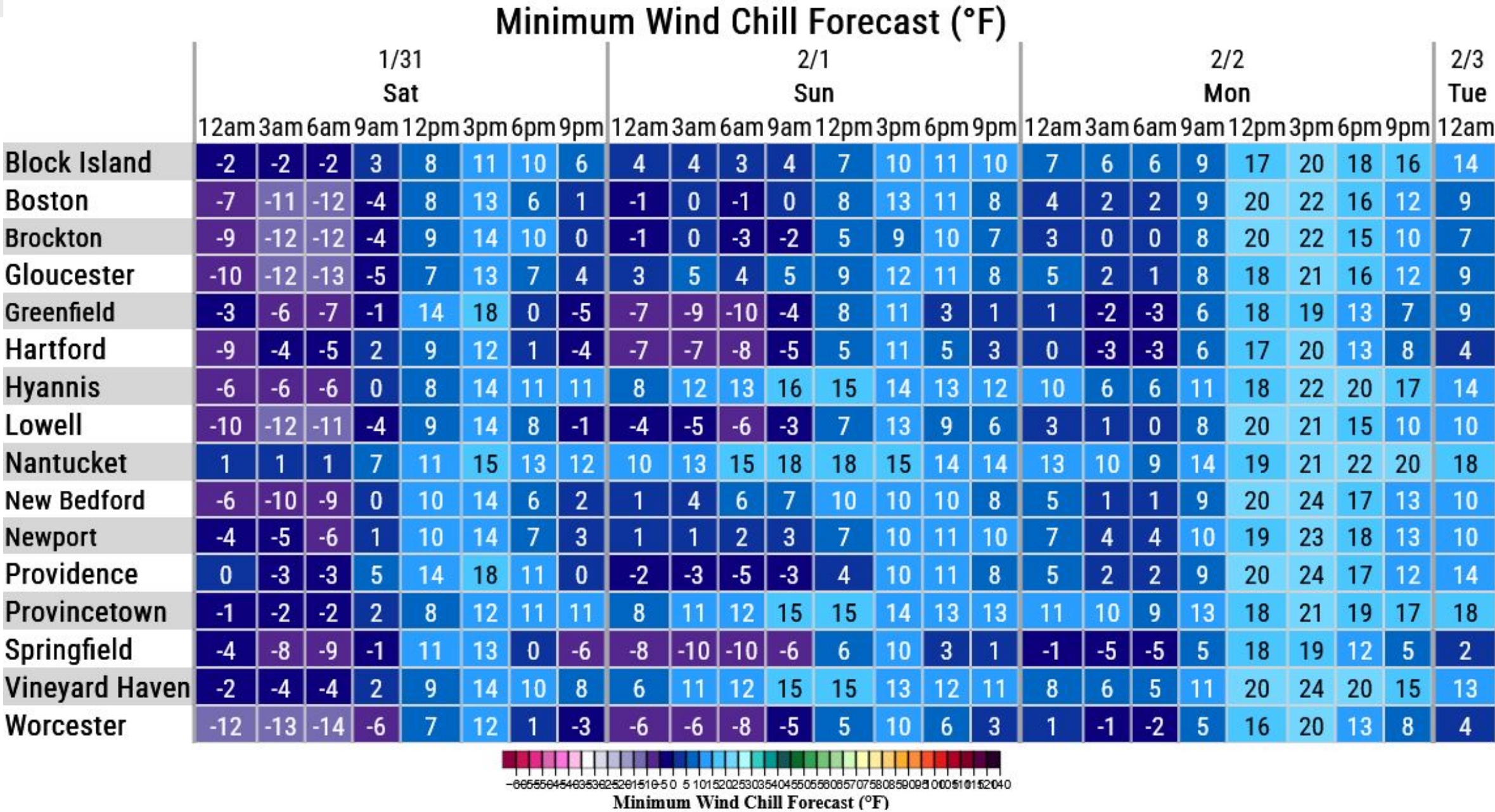
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Hazardous Wind Chills Through Early Saturday

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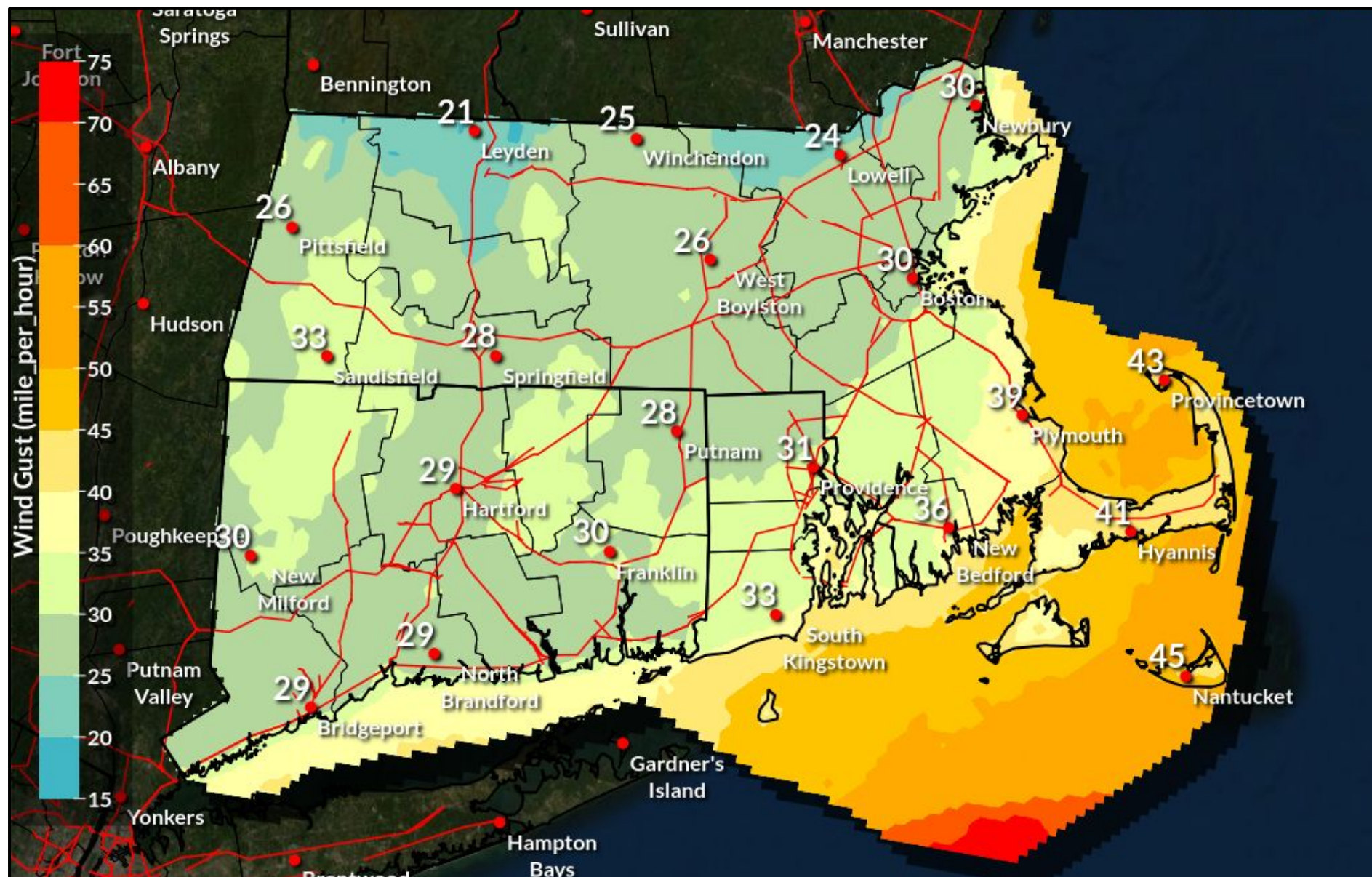


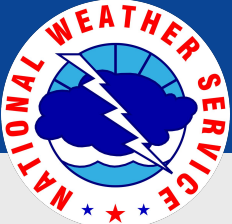
Forecast Max Wind Gust (mph)

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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.

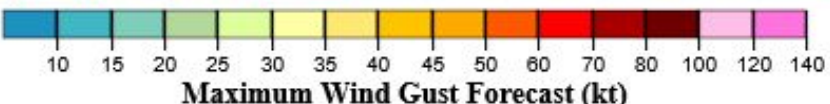




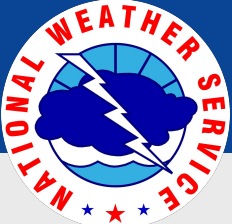
Forecast Max Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (kt)																									
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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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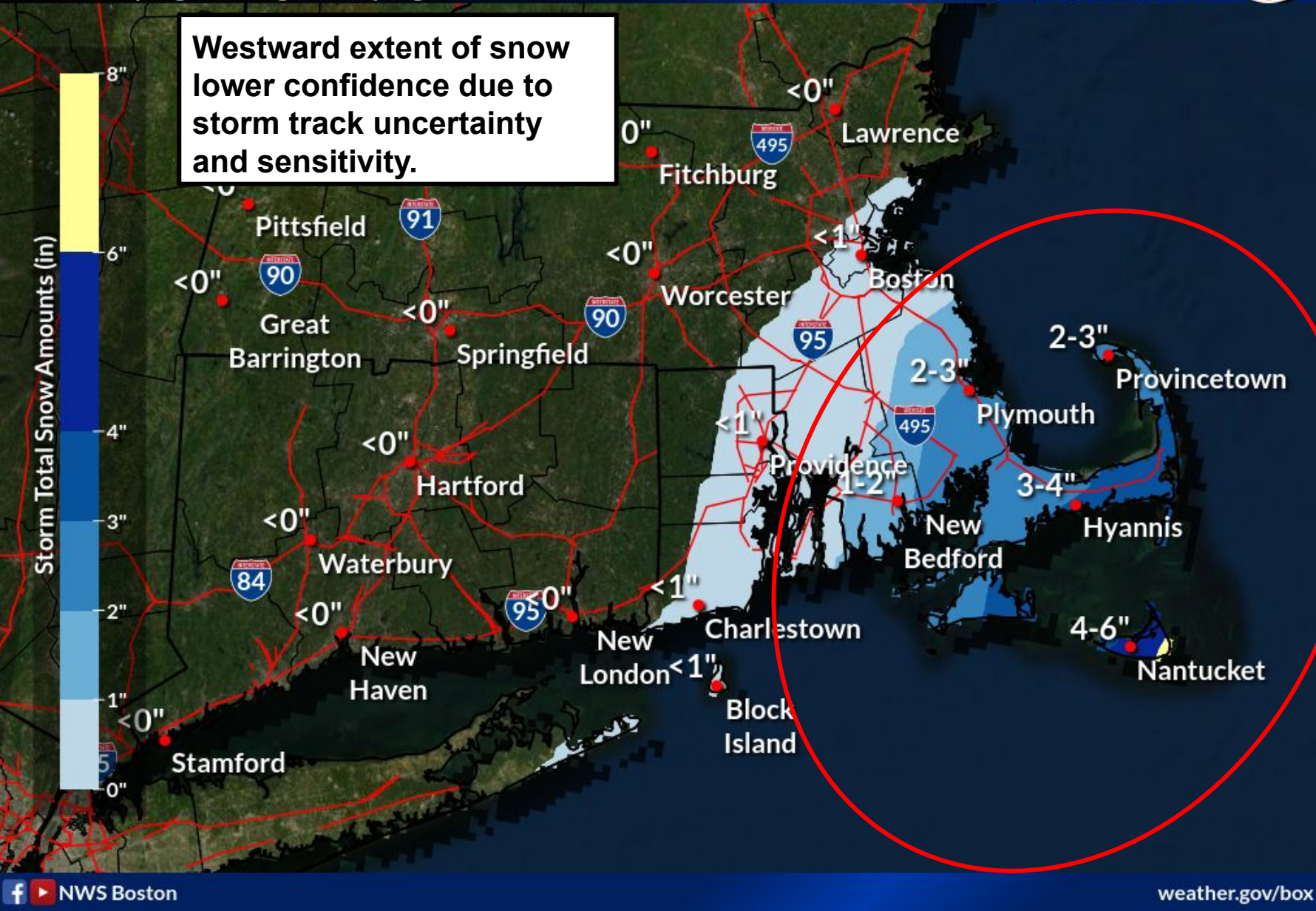
- Travel may be difficult in southeast coastal Massachusetts.
- Gusty winds and steadier snow may lead to periods of low visibility.

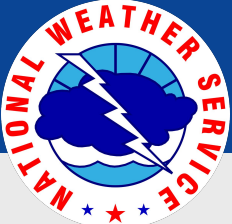
Forecast Snowfall Accumulation

Late Saturday Night Through Sunday Night

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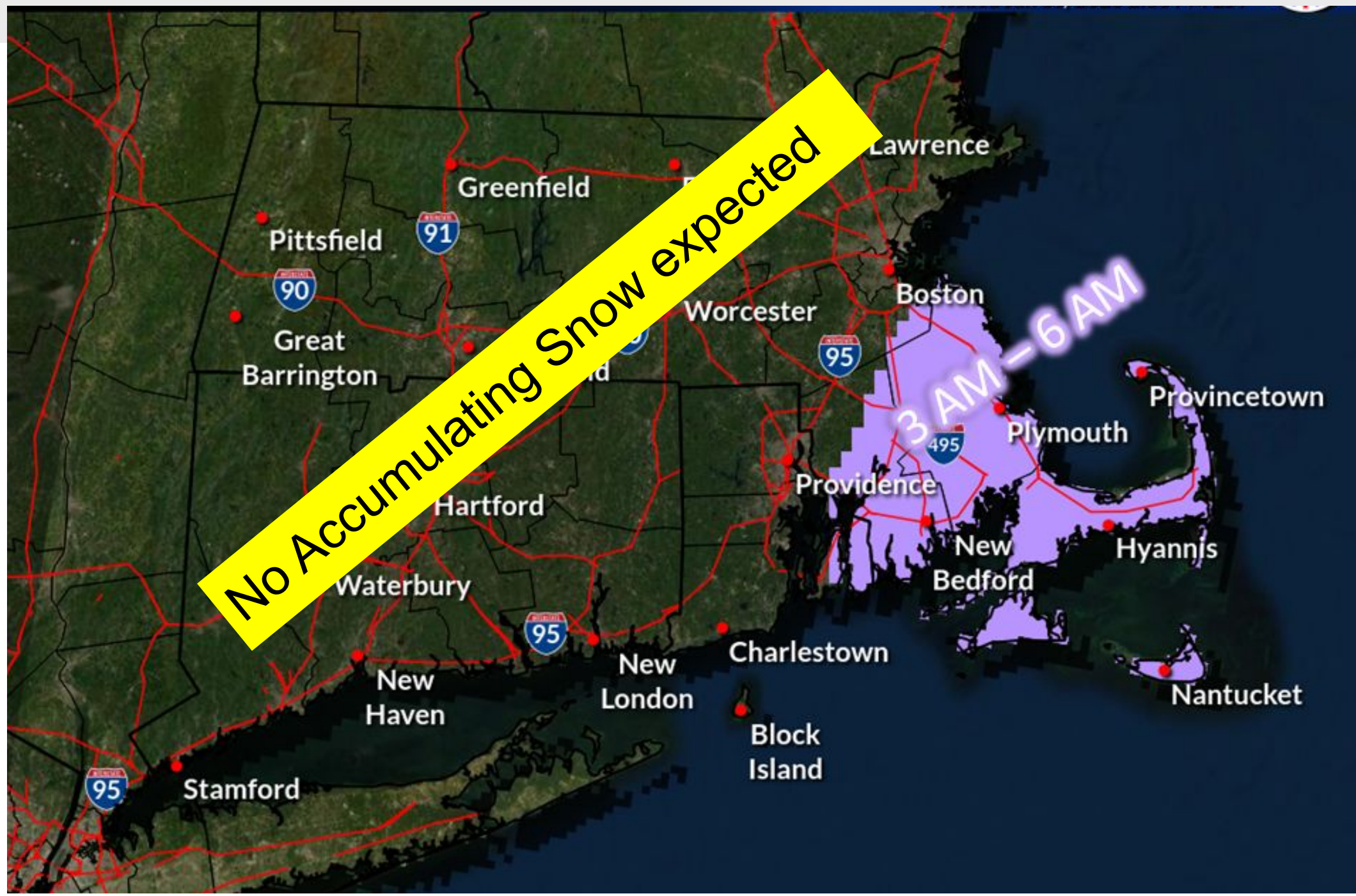
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Snow Starting Time

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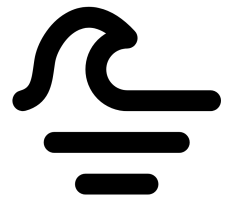


Storm/Gale Warning

Sunday morning through Sunday night



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



SEAS

- 15 to 20 FT

WIND

- 40 to 50 KT

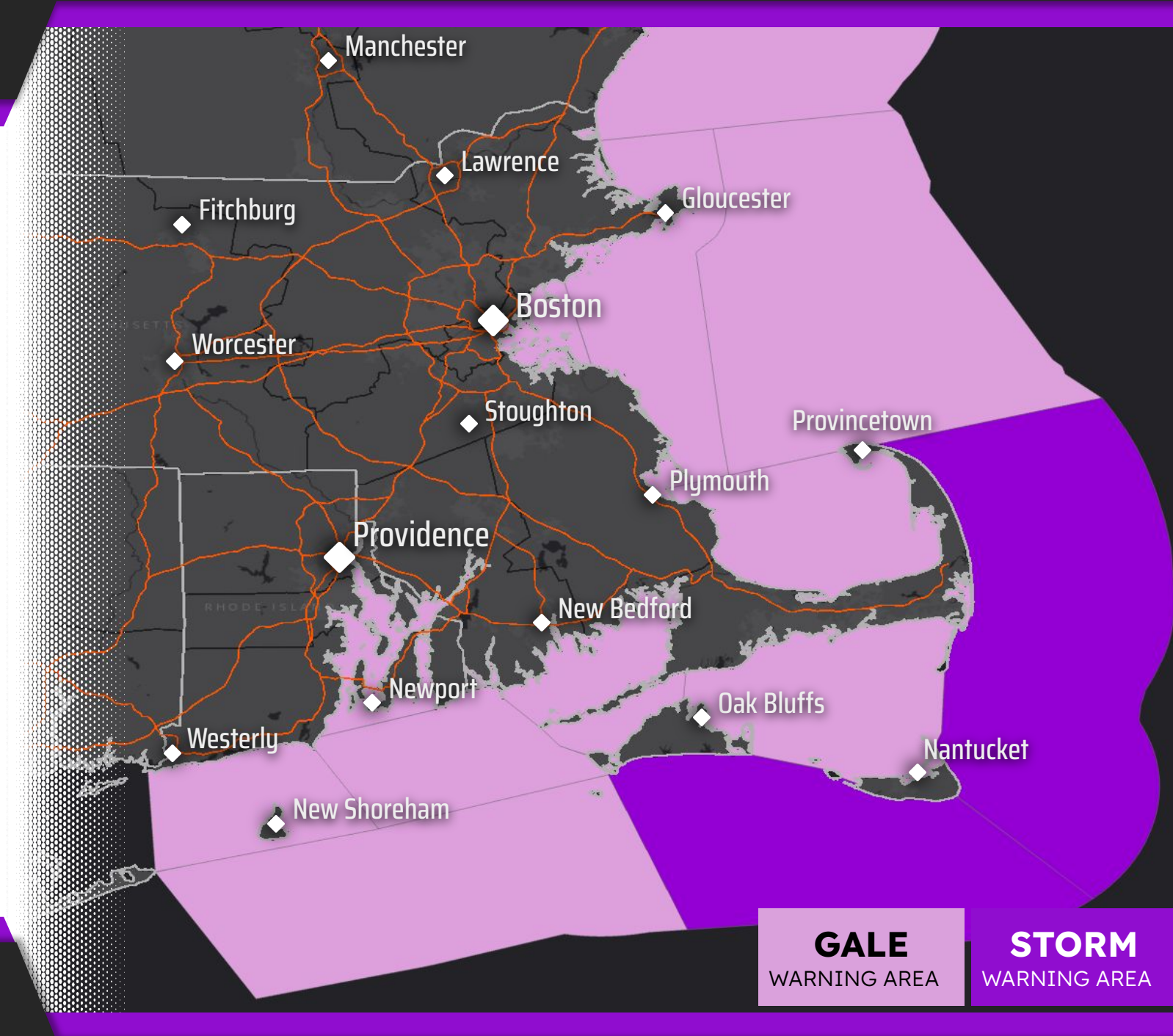


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.

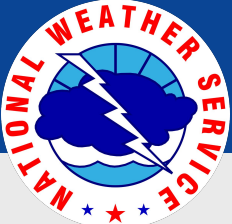


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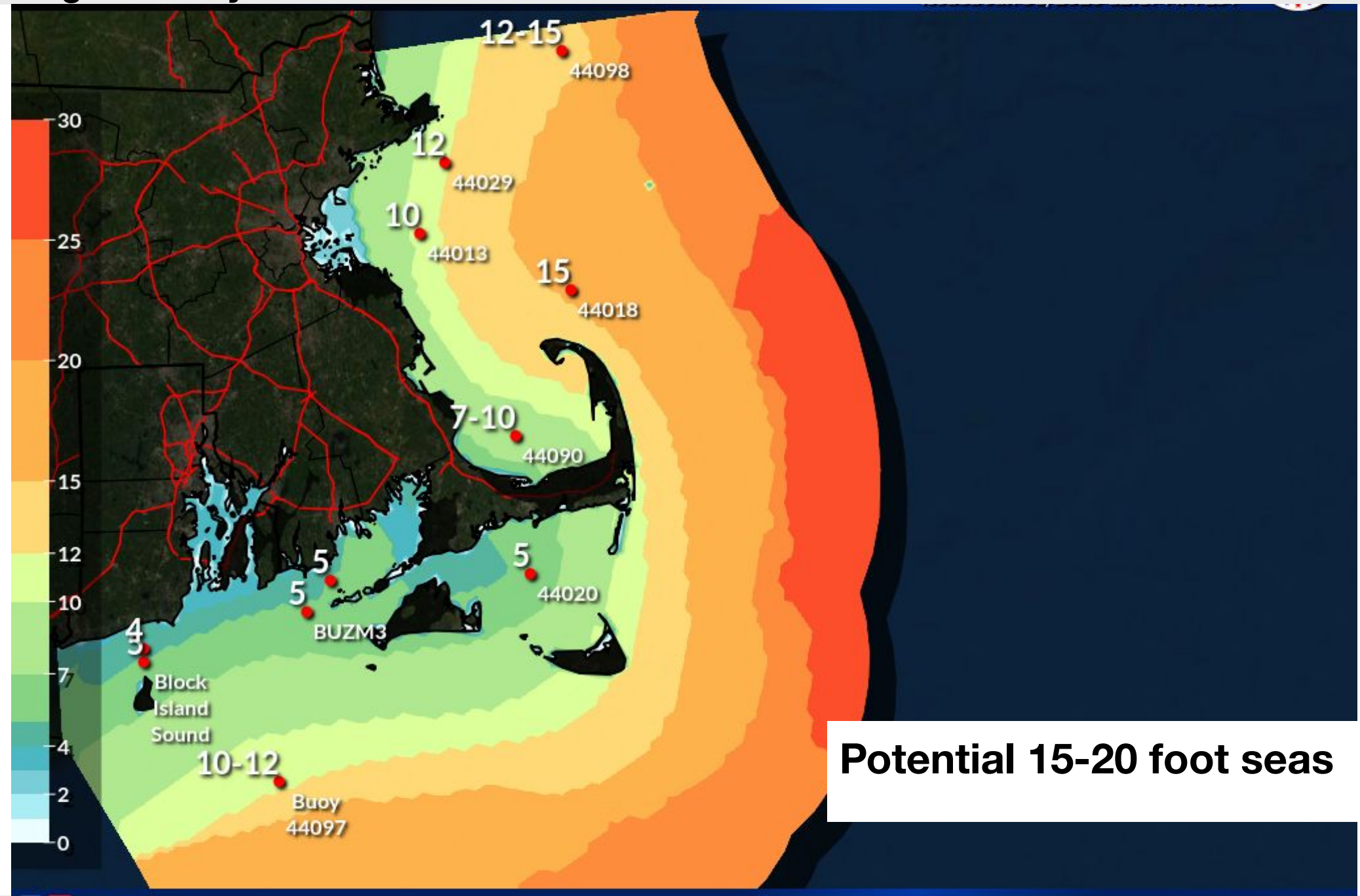
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Forecast Max Wave Heights

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Sunday through Monday Afternoon



Potential 15-20 foot seas

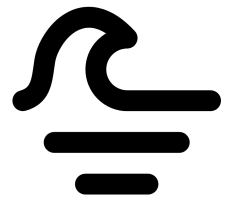


Freezing Spray Advisory

3am to 1pm Sunday



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



- Moderate spray expected

SEAS

- 15 to 20 FT

WIND

- 40 to 50 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).



**FREEZING
SPRAY**
WARNING AREA

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ADVISORY AREA



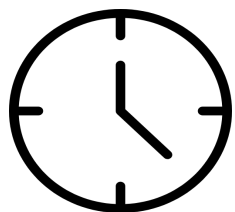
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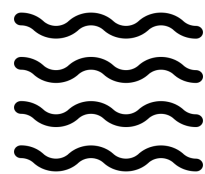
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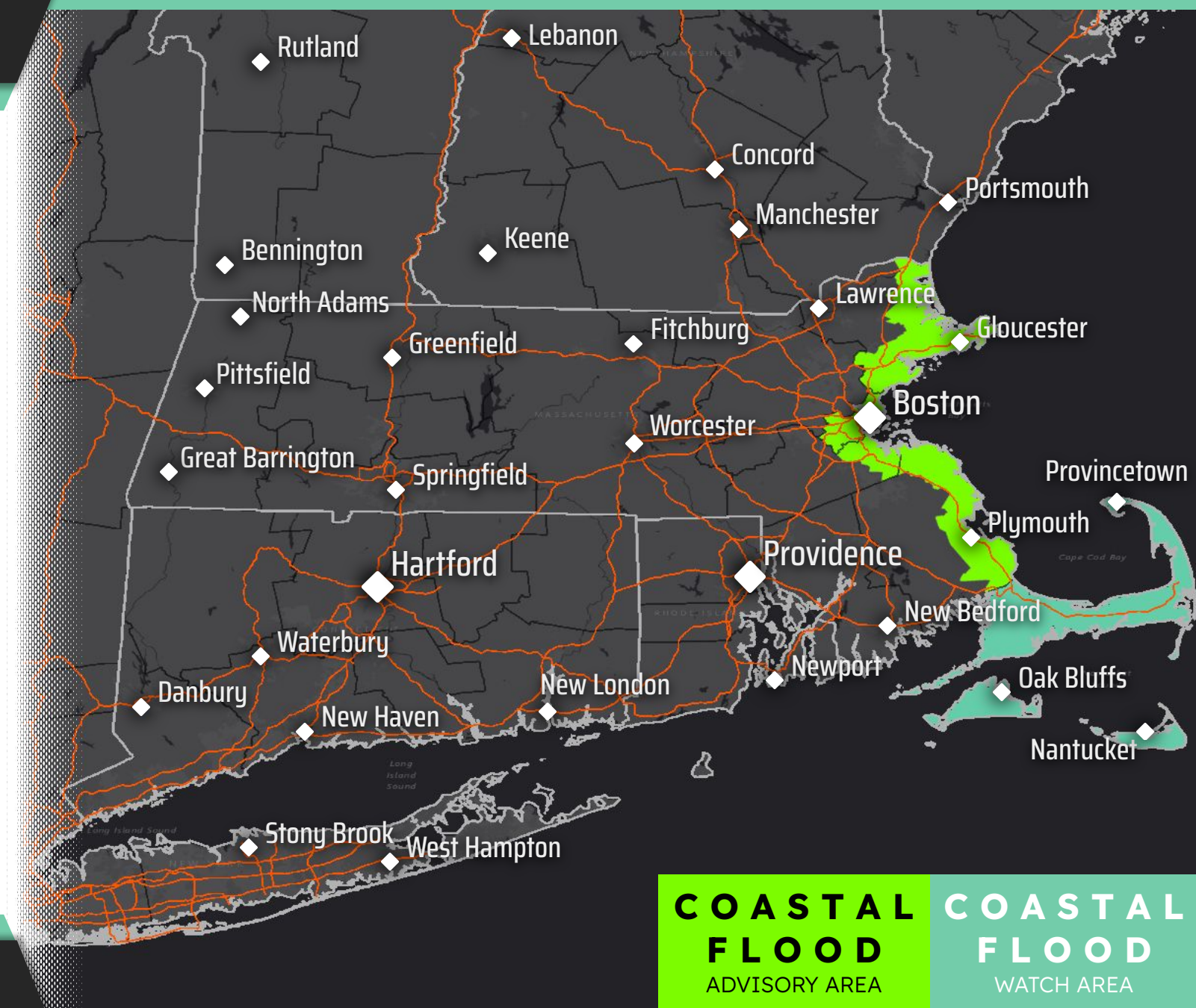
**Sunday Morning through
Monday Afternoon.**



Eastern Massachusetts Coast
Including Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and
Nantucket.



- At least minor flooding for most, but areas of moderate flooding are possible near the Cape and Islands
- Significant coastal erosion is possible along the eastern Massachusetts coast Sunday into Monday.



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COASTAL FLOOD ADVISORY AREA
COASTAL FLOOD WATCH AREA

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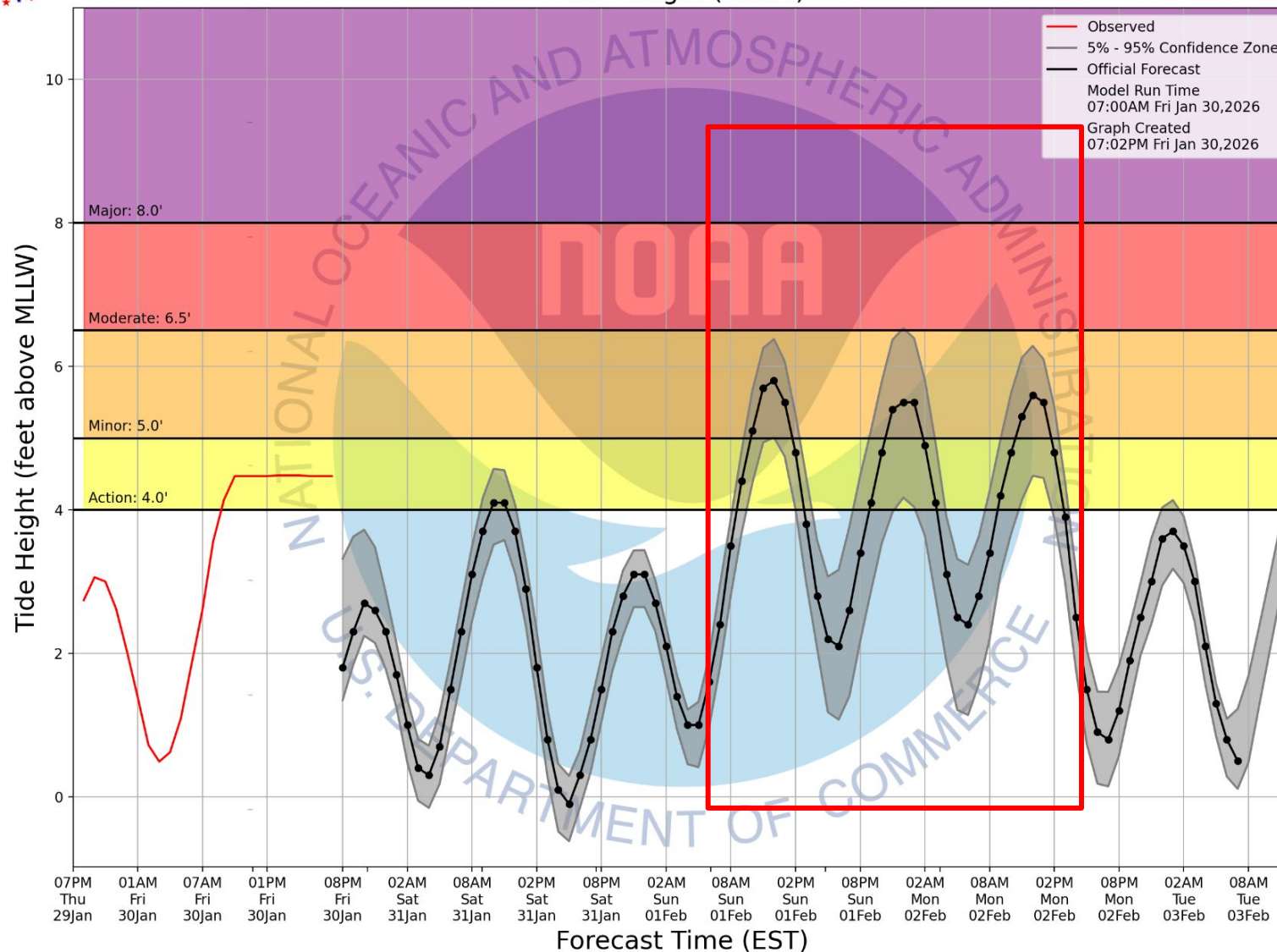
Nantucket - Water Level Forecast

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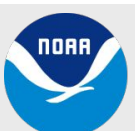
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Nantucket Harbor at Nantucket, MA
Tide Height (MLLW)



- 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





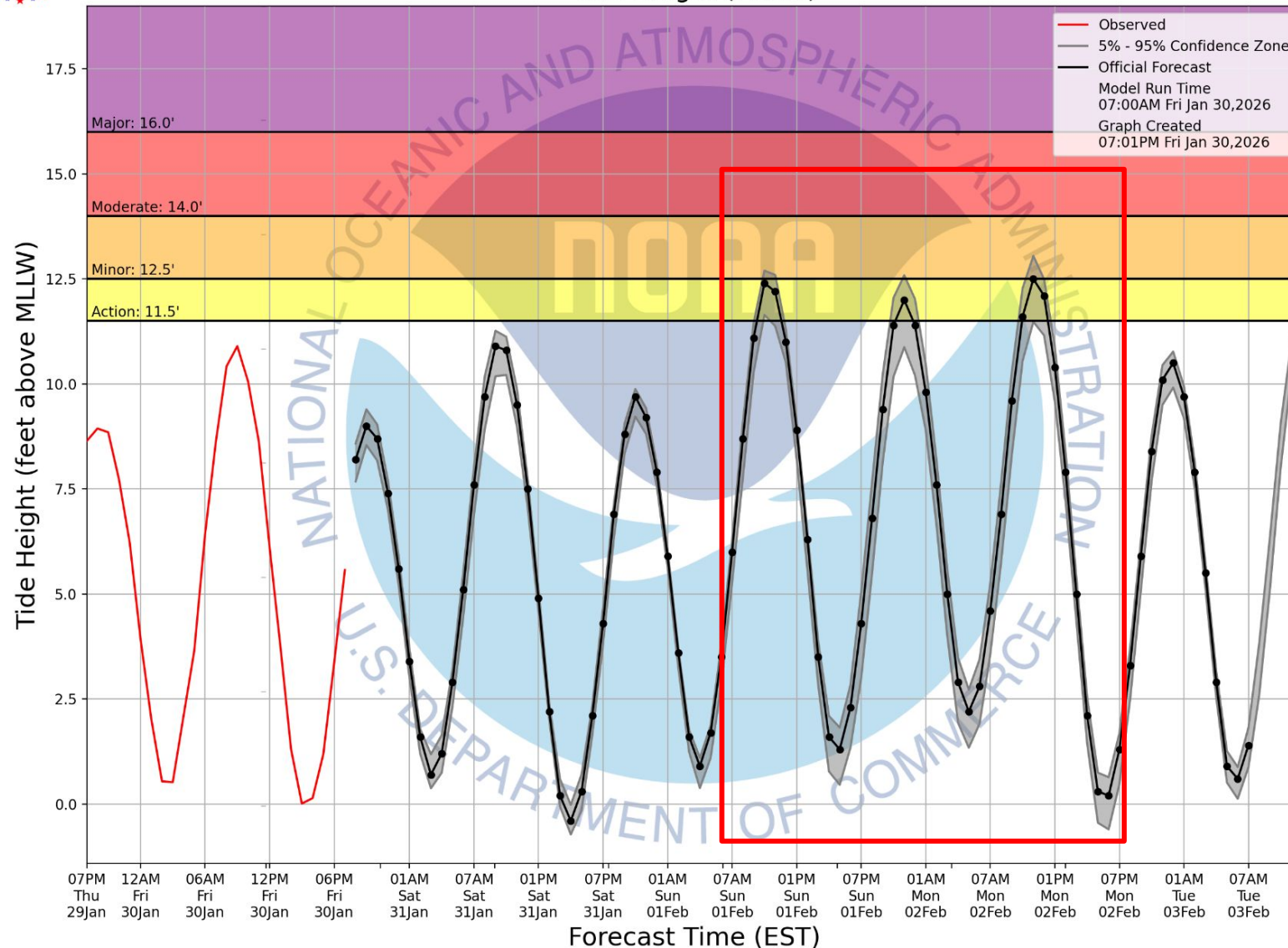
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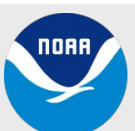
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Boston Harbor at Boston, MA
Tide Height (MLLW)



- 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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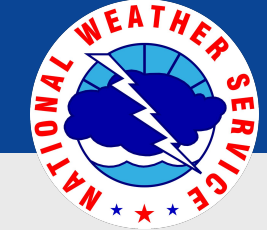


Key Messages

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- **Hazardous wind chills expected through Saturday morning.**
- **Strong coastal storm likely to pass offshore Sunday into Monday.**
 - Greatest chance for accumulating snow and strong winds Sunday and Sunday night for Cape Cod and the Islands, as well as the southern part of South Shore.
 - Minor coastal flooding and some beach erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast, with Minor to Moderate coastal flooding for the Cape and Islands.
 - Storm force winds and dangerous seas on the coastal waters.





Contact and Next Briefing Information

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Next Briefing

→ By email Saturday afternoon.



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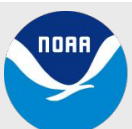
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