



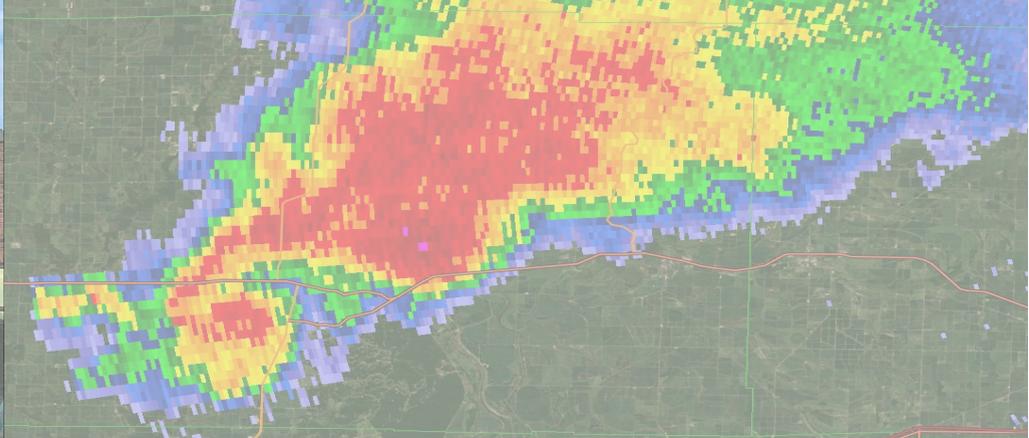
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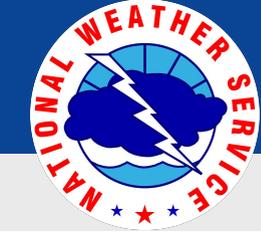
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Emergency Management Briefing

Winter Storm Feb 22 - Feb 23

Sunday 2/22/2026





For Southern New England

Key Messages:

- **High impact blizzard tonight into Monday and potentially destructive/historic southeast of I-95.**
 - Heavy snow, strong winds with blizzard conditions at times.
 - Potentially destructive/historic storm southeast of I-95 given heavy wet snow and very strong winds. Tree damage and power outages.
 - Accumulating snow arrives from south to north between 5 pm and 11 pm this evening.
 - Heaviest snow falls Monday between 4 am and noon with 2-3" per hour snowfall rates and perhaps briefly up to 4"!
 - Accumulating snow ends from west to east late Monday between 4 and 10 pm.
 - Strongest winds overspread from south to north between 4 and 8 am and continue into the afternoon.



New Information/Updates

- Blizzard Warnings for all areas except northwest MA.

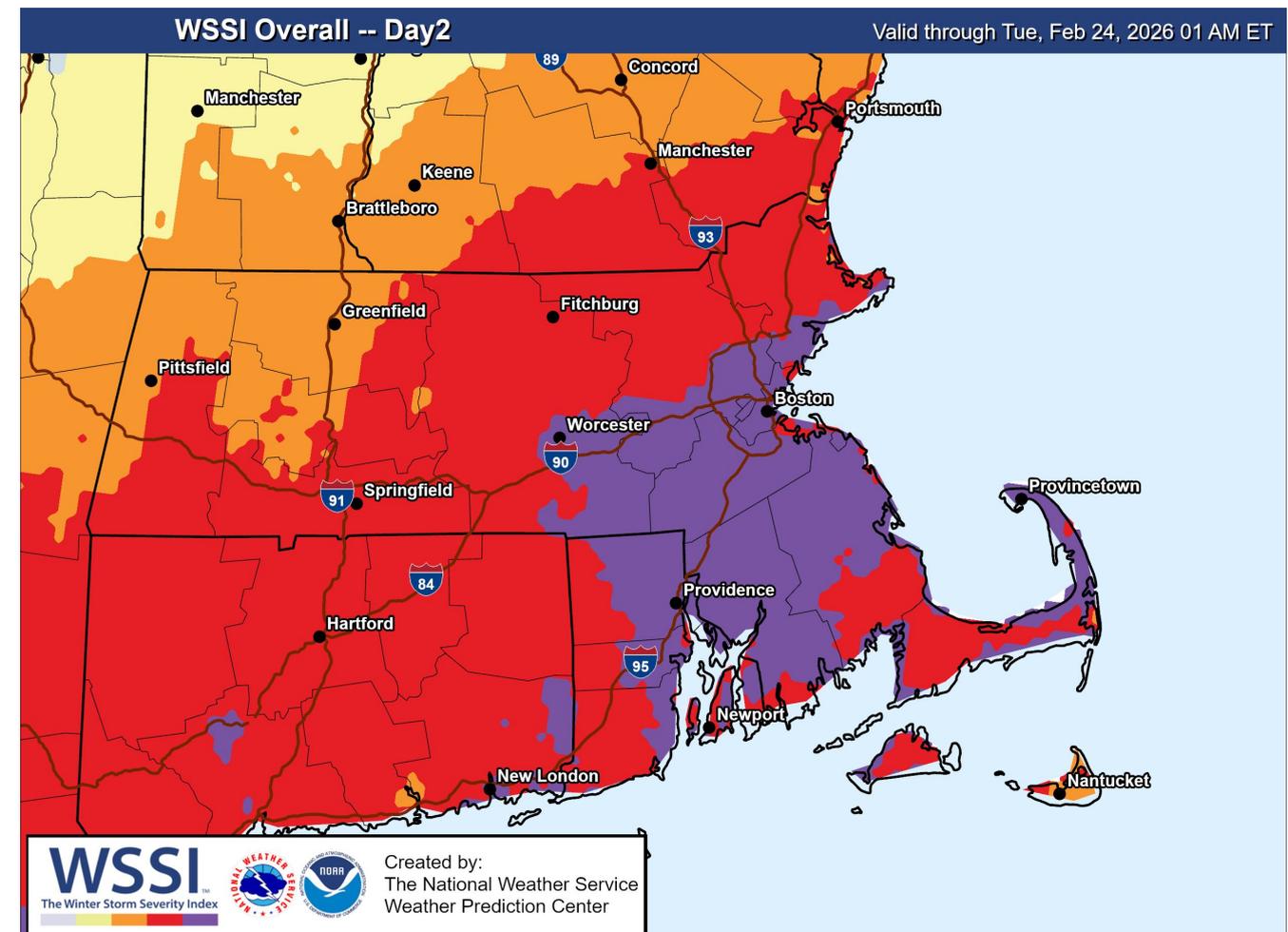


Impacts - Heavy Wet Snow & Strong Winds

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Winter Storm Severity Index:
Major to Extreme Impacts (Tonight-Mon)

- Potentially historic/destructive storm southeast of Boston to Providence with heavy wet snow and strong NE wind gusts of 50 to 70 mph. NE Gusts to hurricane force Cape and Islands. Power outages and tree damage.
- Blizzard conditions and near zero visibility at times northwest of I-95 with NE wind gusts of 40 to 60 mph at times.
- The heaviest snowfall rates of 2-3" per hour and perhaps briefly up to 4" per hour will be between 4 am and noon. The strongest of the winds overspreads the region between 4 and 8 am and continues through the afternoon.



Potential Winter Storm Impacts		Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)		Issued: Sun, Feb 22, 2026 03 AM ET
Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.	Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving.	Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. Life-saving actions may be needed.

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Onset of Accumulating Tonight

Start Time of Accumulating Snow Tonight

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Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (2-3"/hr, possibly 4"/hr)

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- Heaviest snowfall between 4 am and noon on Monday.
- The graphic on the right is the approximate hourly snowfall rates.
- Heaviest snowfall rates occur Monday between 4 am and noon.
- Snowfall rates of 2-3" per hour and perhaps briefly up to 4" per hour. Travel will be nearly impossible with strong winds, blizzard conditions with visibility near zero at times.



1 Hour Snowfall

Monday Morning, Feb 23 - Monday Afternoon, Feb 23

	Mon 2/23											
	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm
Bedford	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.7	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.4	1.3
Boston	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	1.9	1.5	1.2
Hyannis	0.4	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.7	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.7
Nantucket	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Providence	1	0.9	1.8	2	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.9	1.8	2	1.5	1
Westfield	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
Windsor Locks	0.7	0.7	1	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Worcester	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.2	0.9

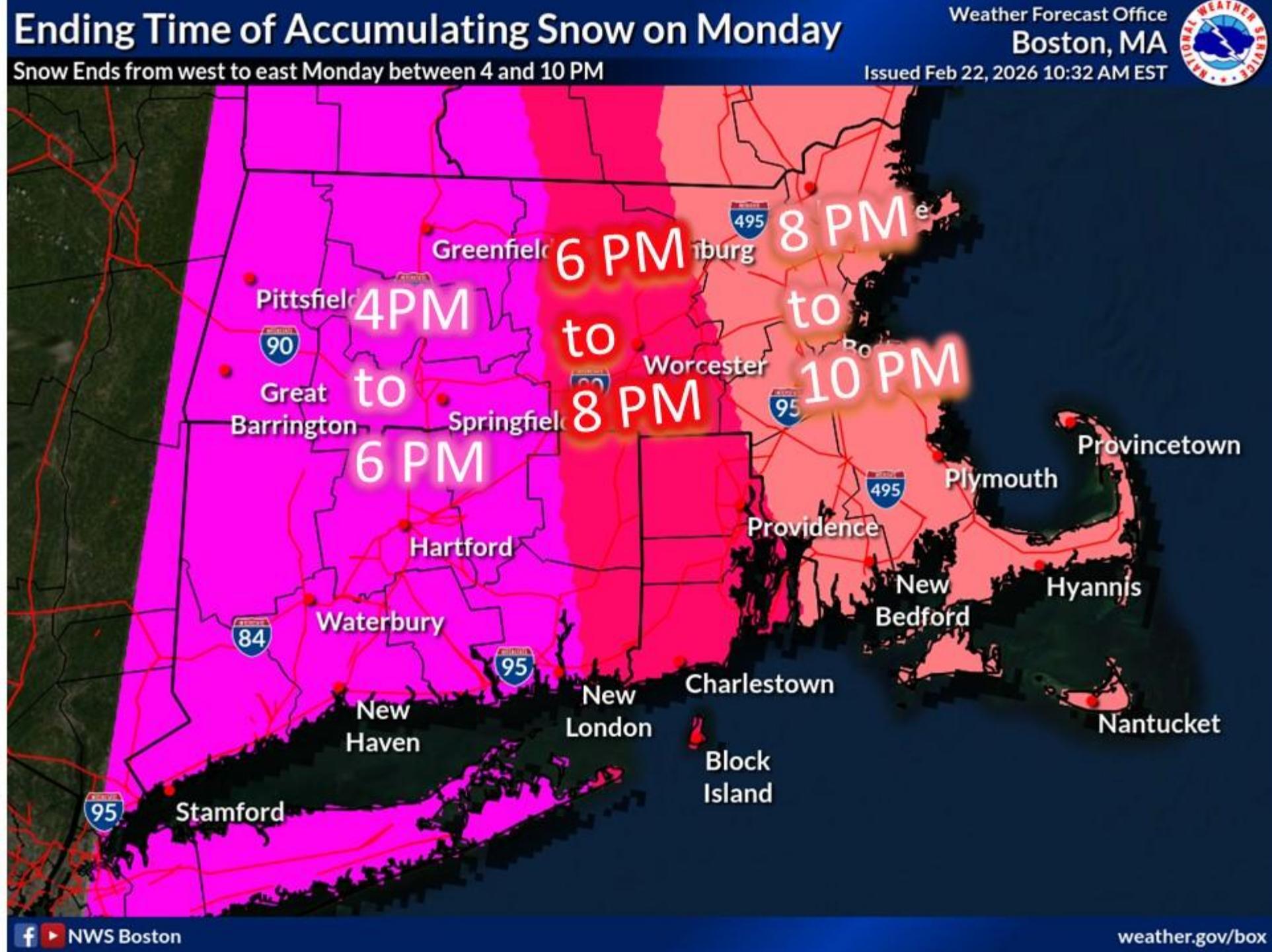
1 Hour Snowfall (in)





Ending Time of Accumulating Snow (Mon PM)

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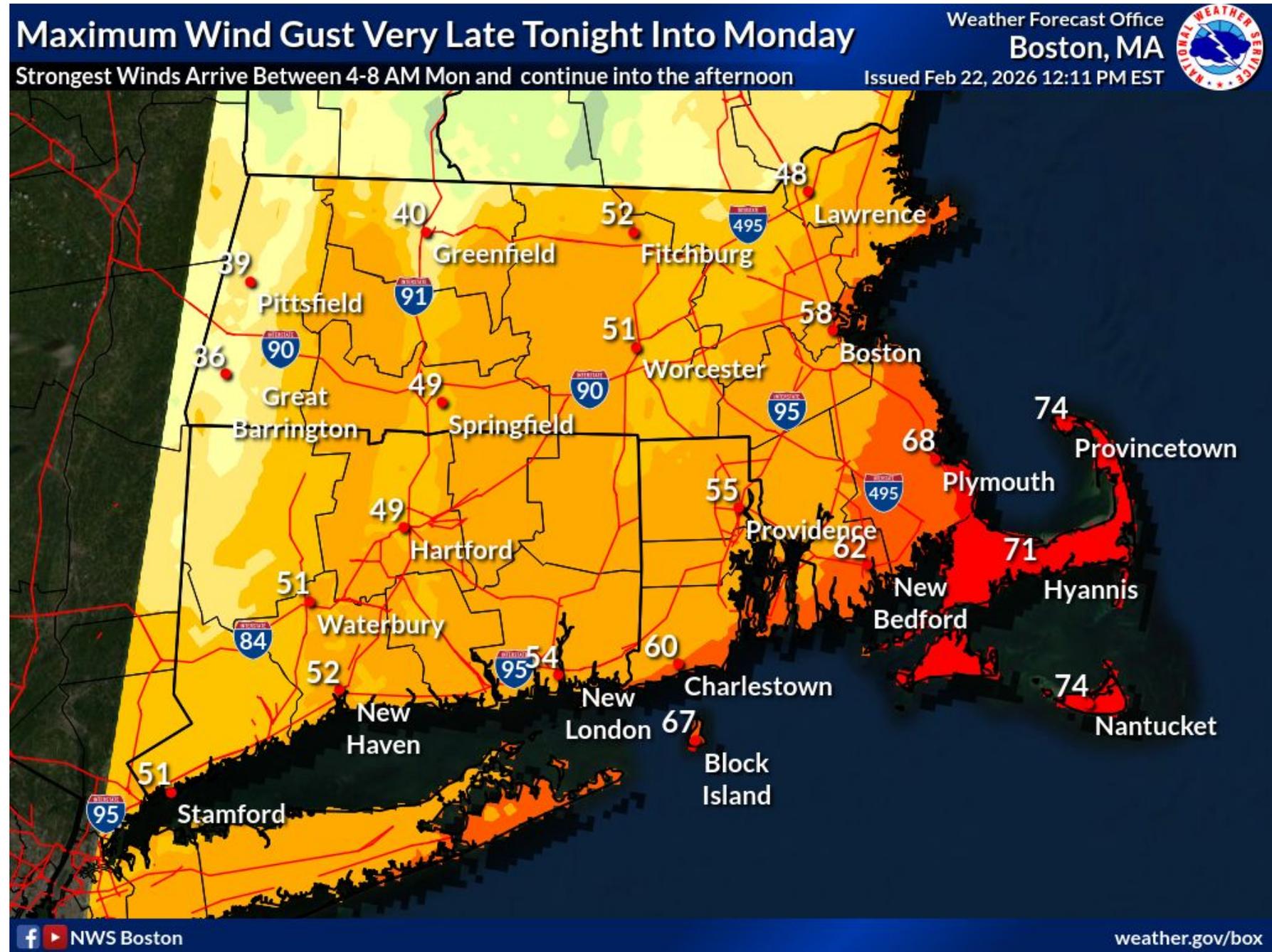




Strong North/Northeast Winds Expected

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- **Strong to Damaging Winds.**
 - NE wind gusts 45 to 65 mph with gusts to Hurricane force for the Cape and Islands.
- **Timing:**
 - Strongest winds overspread the region from south to north between 4 to 8 AM Mon
 - Peak gusts 4 AM Mon- 5 PM Mon
- **Impacts:**
 - Tree damage and power outages.
 - Powerful NE winds with heavy wet snow will result in the potential for a Historic/Destructive storm southeast of the Boston to Providence corridor.





Hourly Maximum Wind Gusts Mon-Tue

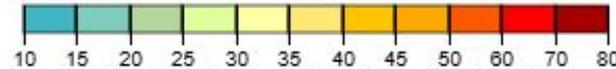
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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

2/23
Mon

2/24
Tue

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Storm Warnings

Tonight into Monday



- **Dangerous/life threatening conditions for Mariners**
- **NE wind gusts to Hurricane Force**



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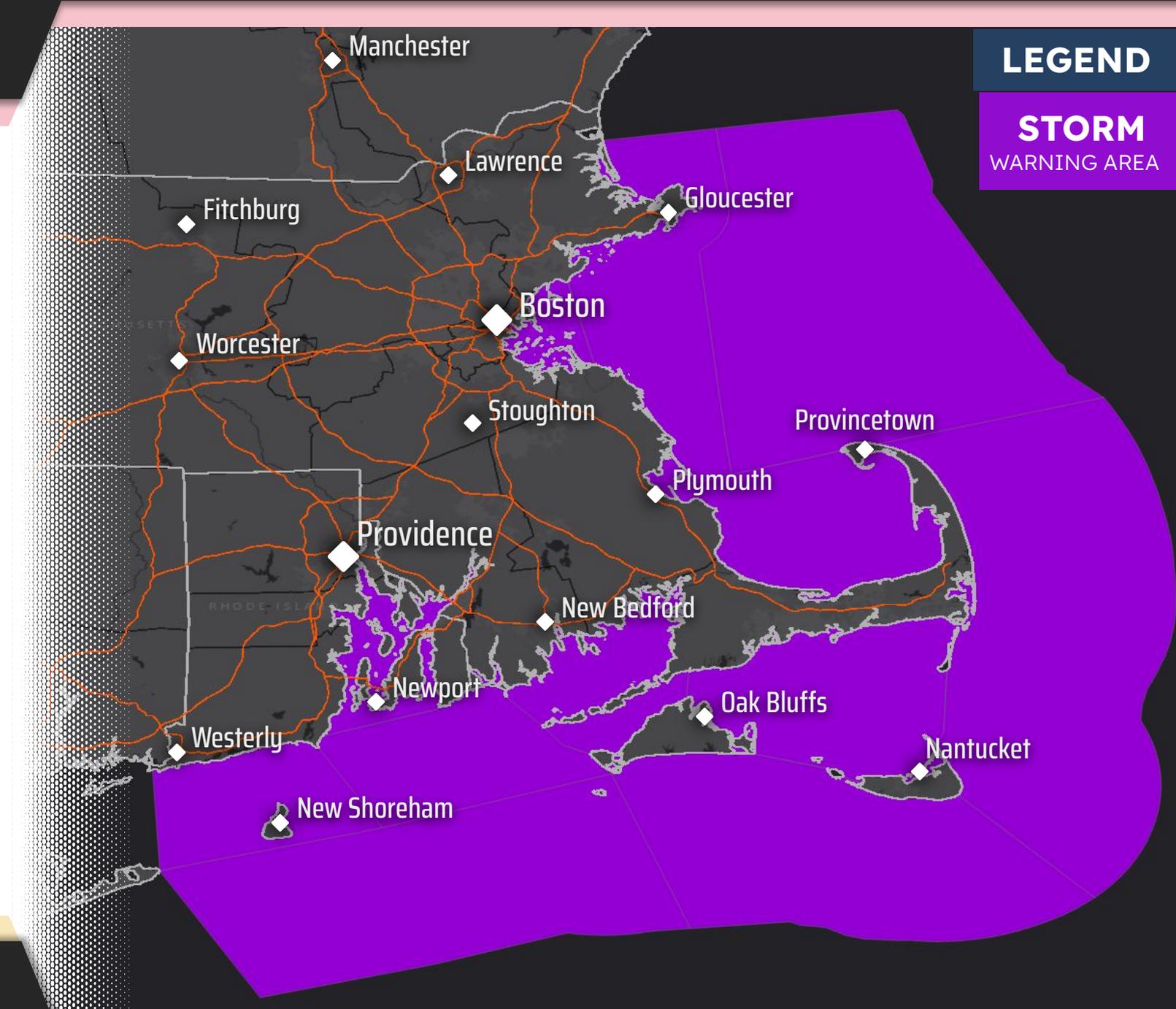
- **20-25 ft**

WIND

- **Sustained NE 40-50 knots, gusts 60-70 knots (Hurricane Force).**



- **Mariners should return to port this is a very dangerous storm.**
- **Storm force winds and hazardous seas could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility.**



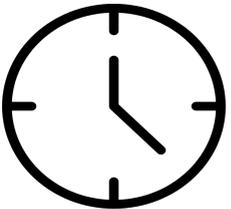
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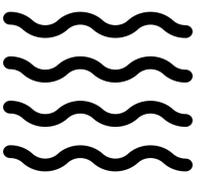
Monday Two High Tides



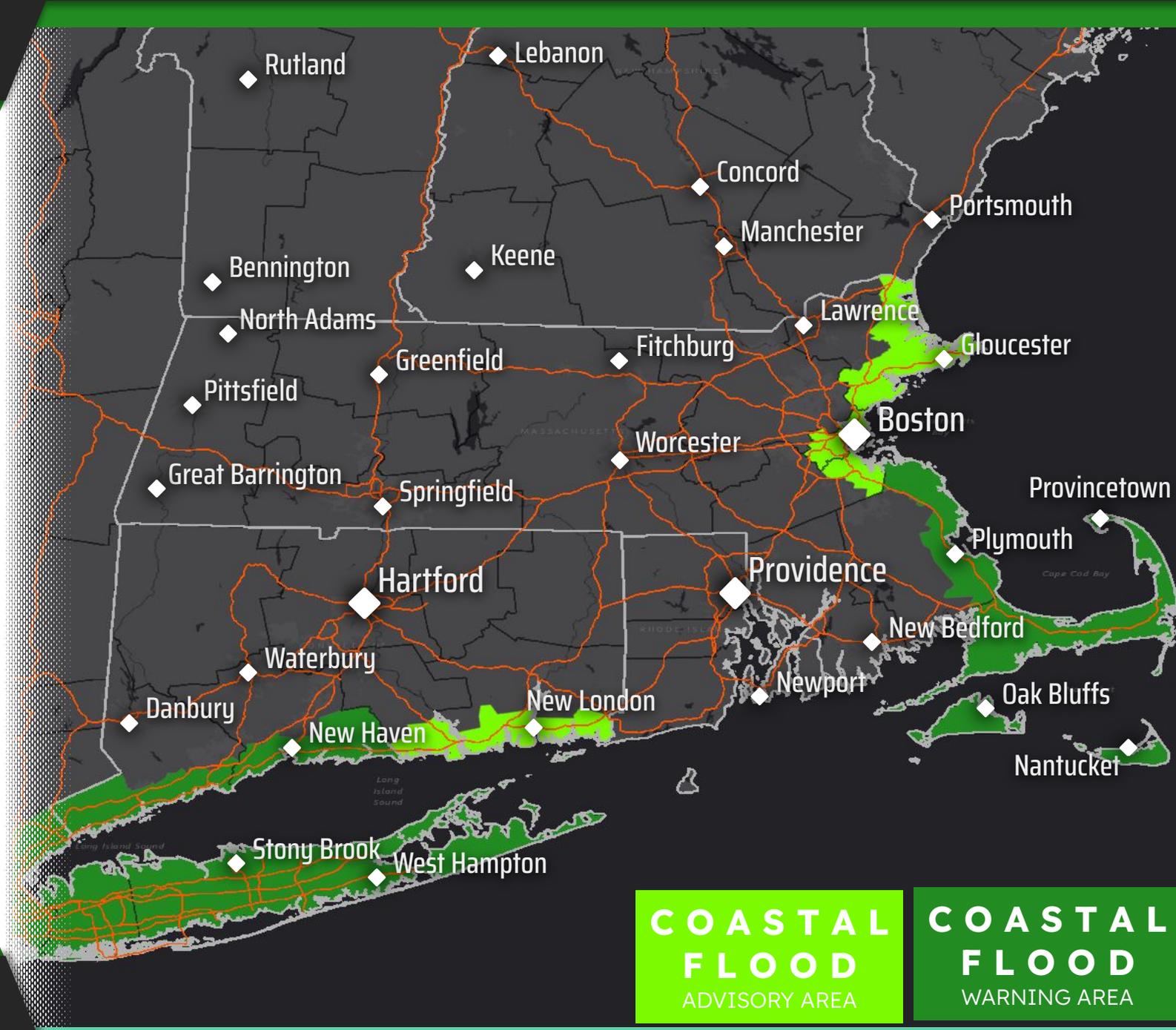
Early Mon AM & Mon PM High Tides
Greatest impacts at Mon AM High Tide



Warning: East coast south of Boston, Nantucket.
Advisory: East coast Boston and northward.



- **Minor-Moderate Coastal Flooding**
- **Beach Erosion & Coastal Inundation**



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Week Ahead: Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

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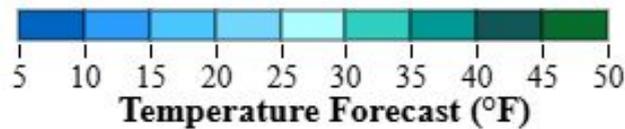


Week Ahead: Temperatures

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Temperature (°F) Forecast

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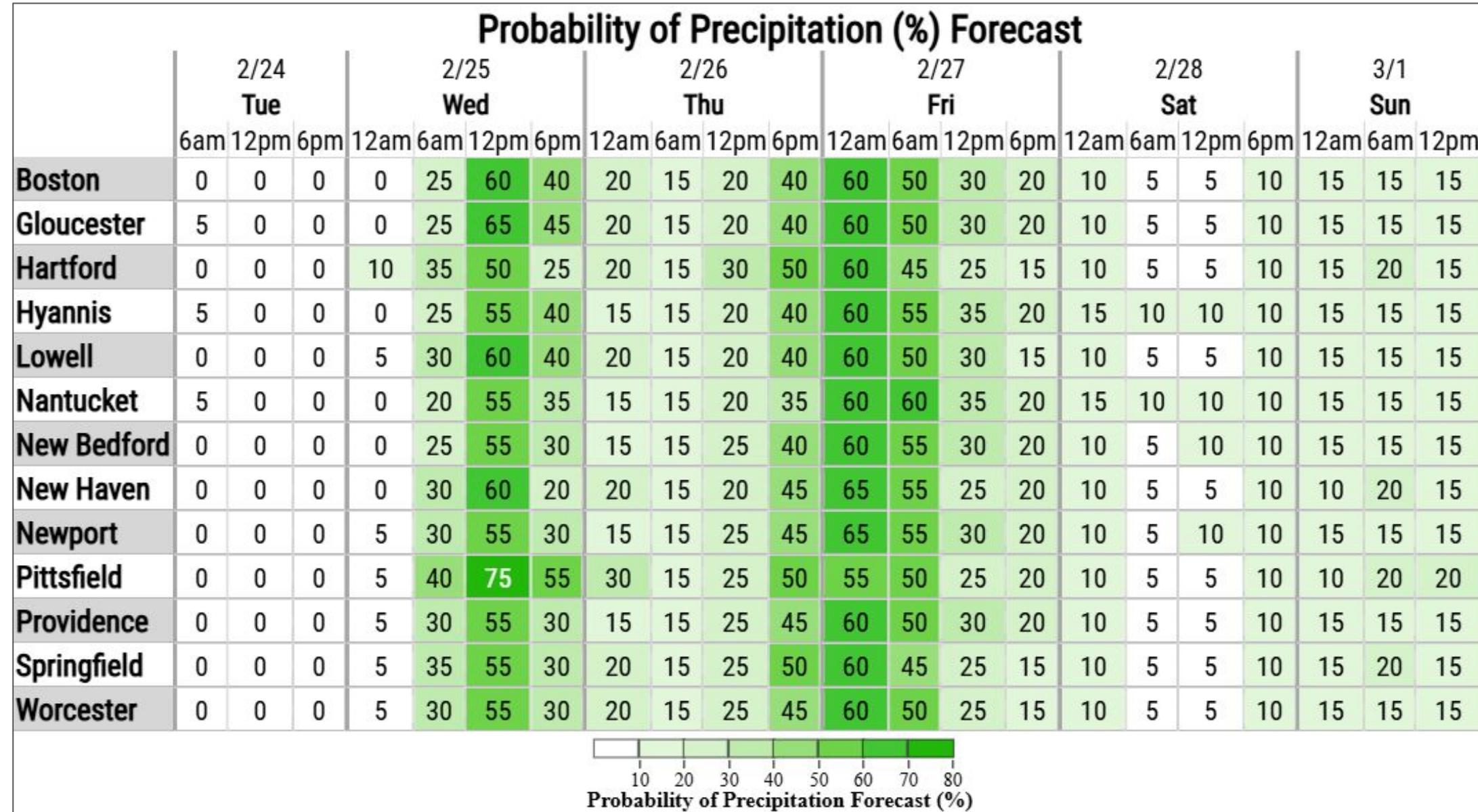




Week Ahead: Few Chances for Light Snow

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- **Widespread light snow Wednesday.**
 - Likely less than 3 inches for most locations.
- **Potential for another system late Thursday-Friday.**
 - Lower confidence in amounts (several days out).
 - This looks to be more of a wintry mix to perhaps plain rain eventually along the coastal plain.



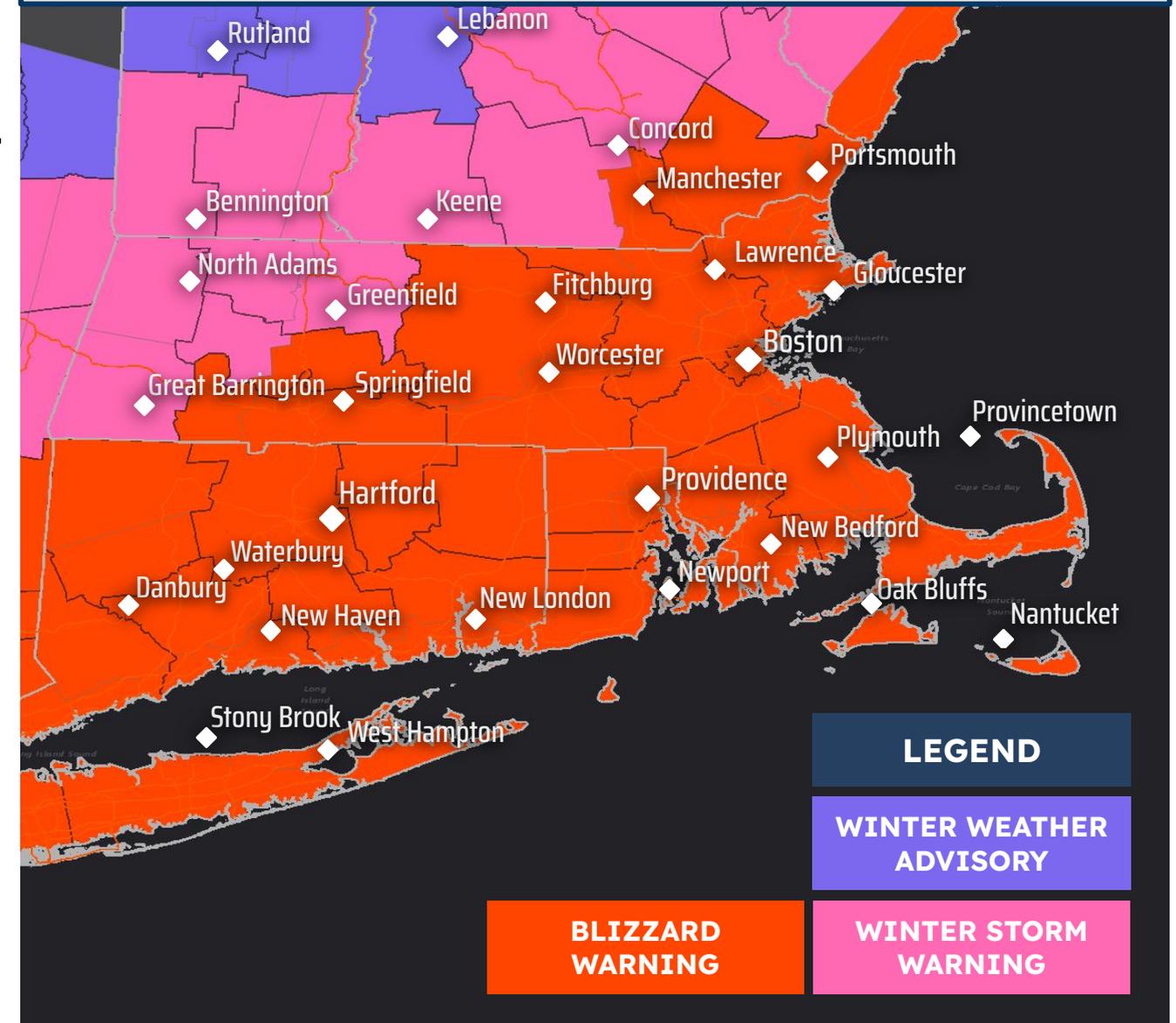


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Winter Storm Headlines



New Information/Updates

- Blizzard Warnings for all areas except northwest MA.





Contact and Next Briefing Information

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Next Briefing

→ **Monday 10 AM**



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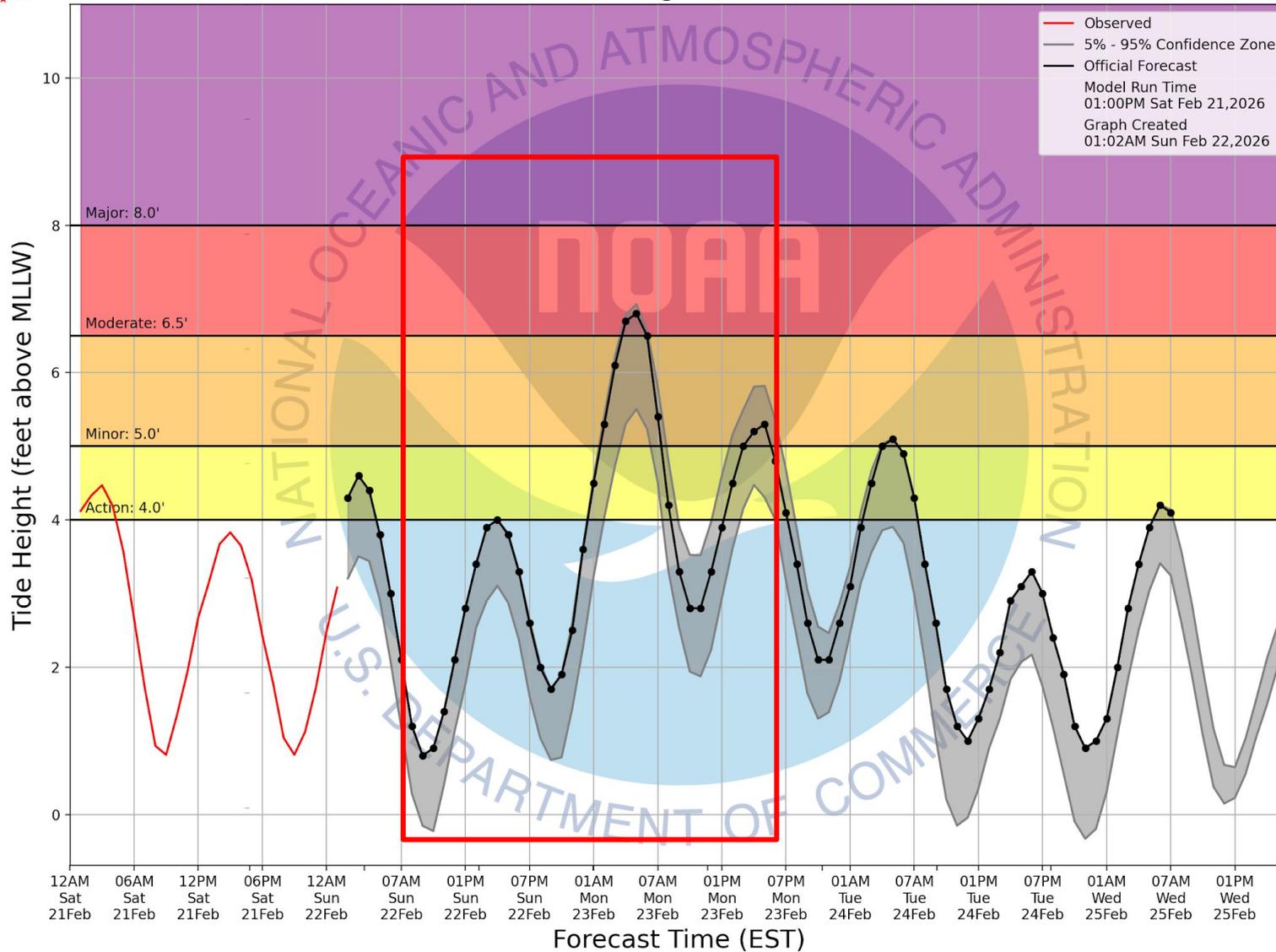


Nantucket - Water Level Forecast

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Nantucket Harbor at Nantucket, MA
Tide Height (MLLW)



- High tides this morning, tonight and Monday are of greatest concern
- Potential for Moderate flooding
 - Water 1-2 feet deep
- NWS Boston [Coastal Flood Threat](#) page has additional information



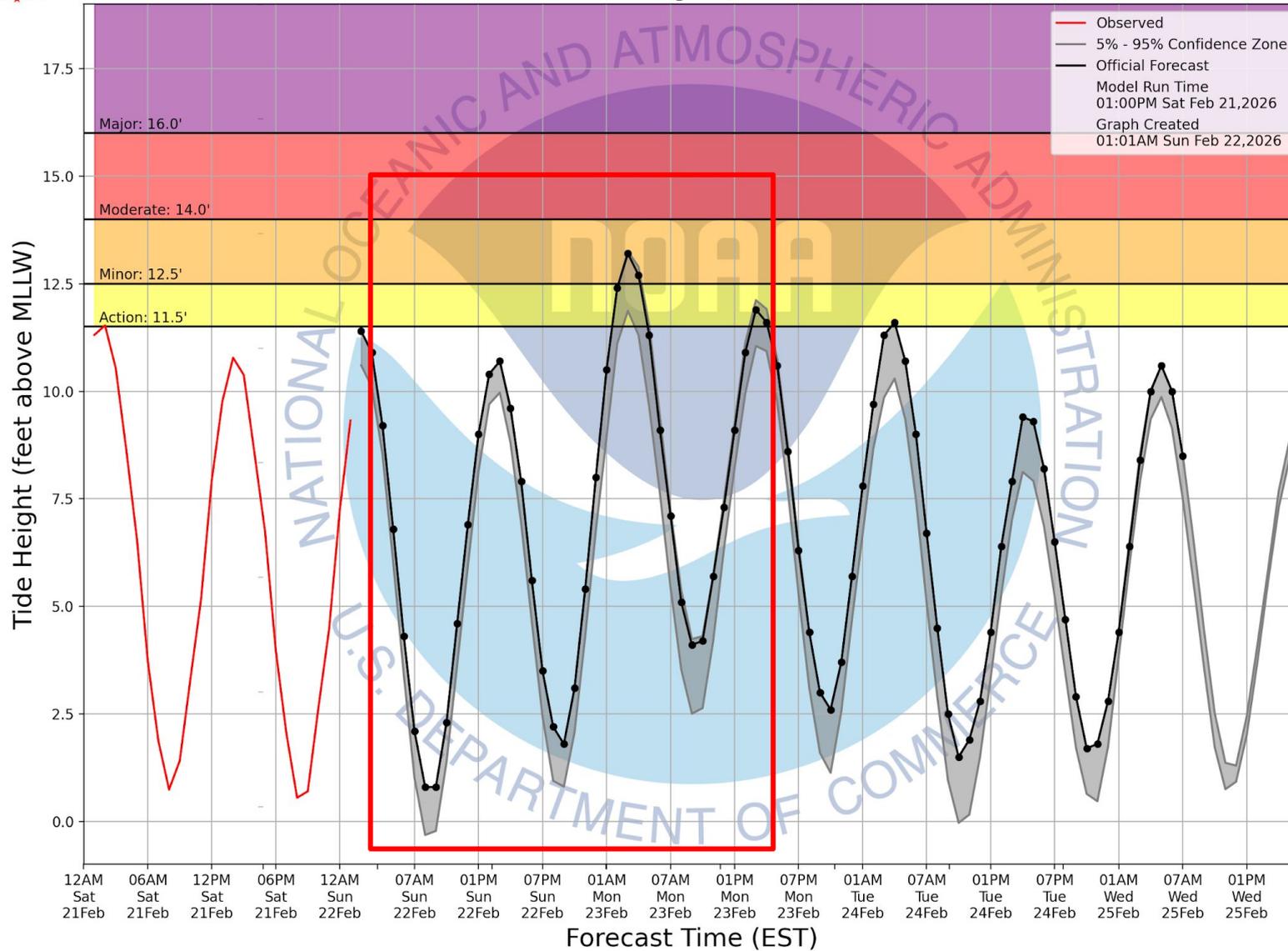


Boston - Water Level Forecast

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Boston Harbor at Boston, MA
Tide Height (MLLW)



- High tides this morning into Monday are of greatest concern
- Lower water levels due to lower surge than Nantucket
- Minor flooding most likely
 - Up to 1 foot deep
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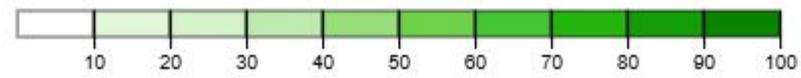
Precipitation Chances

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Low chances for precipitation late-week, otherwise mainly dry this week after the storm.

Probability of Precipitation Forecast (%)

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Hyannis	85	10	50	45	20	0	0	5	10	10	5	0	5	15	25	25	20	15	10	10	10	5	5	5	
Lowell	80	30	90	80	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	10	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Nantucket	80	5	35	30	10	0	0	10	20	15	5	0	5	20	30	30	25	15	10	10	10	5	5	5	
New Bedford	80	10	60	55	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	10	20	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	
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Pittsfield	95	90	75	35	15	5	5	10	5	5	5	0	0	5	10	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	
Providence	100	25	35	75	15	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	10	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	5	
Springfield	60	20	75	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
Worcester	75	20	85	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	



Probability of Precipitation Forecast (%)
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Main Points

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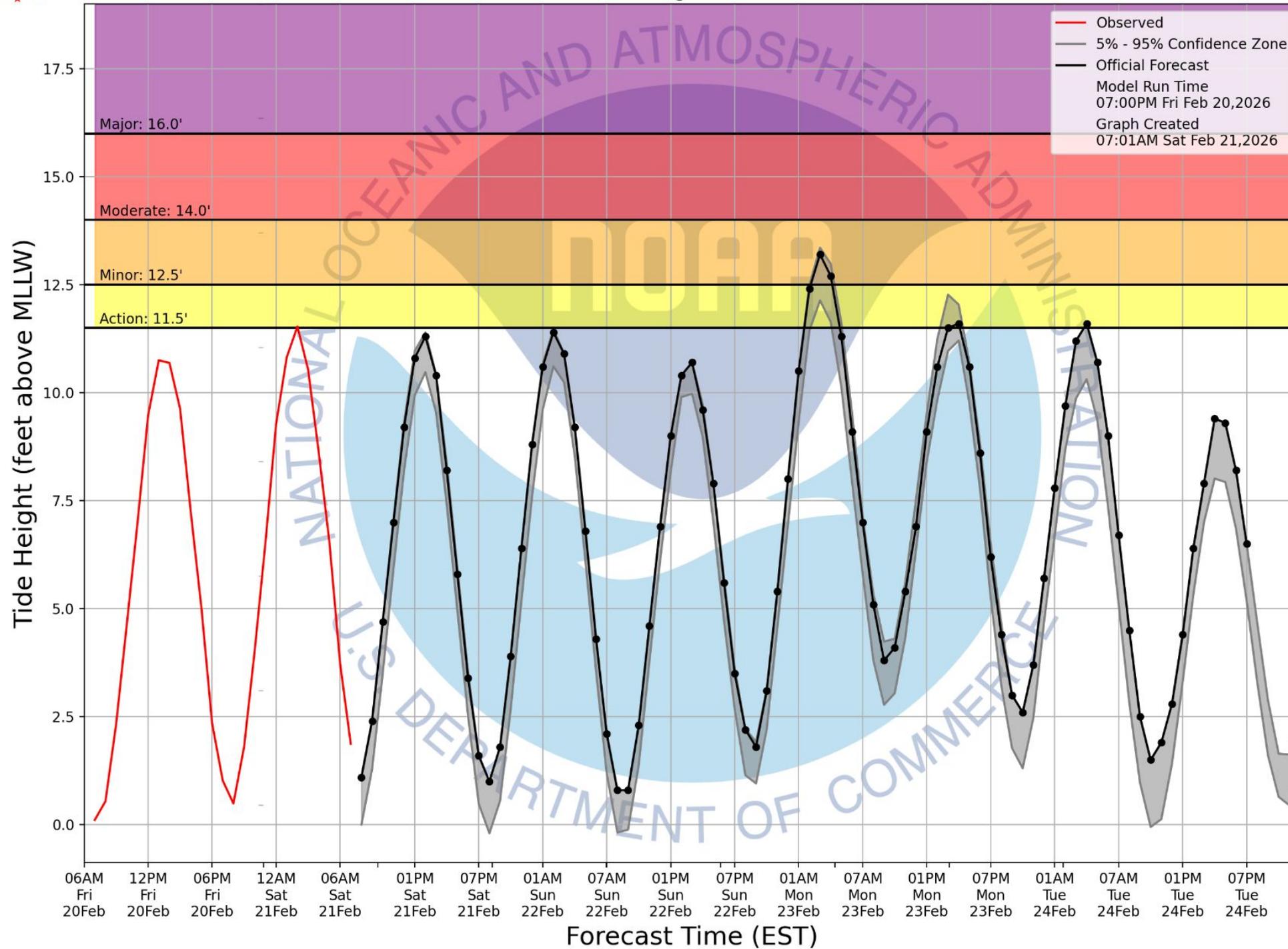
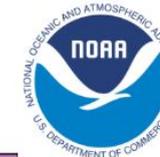
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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
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Snow 	Insert Impact Information	Insert Location information	Insert Timing information
Marine 	Insert Impact Information	Insert Location information	Insert Timing information



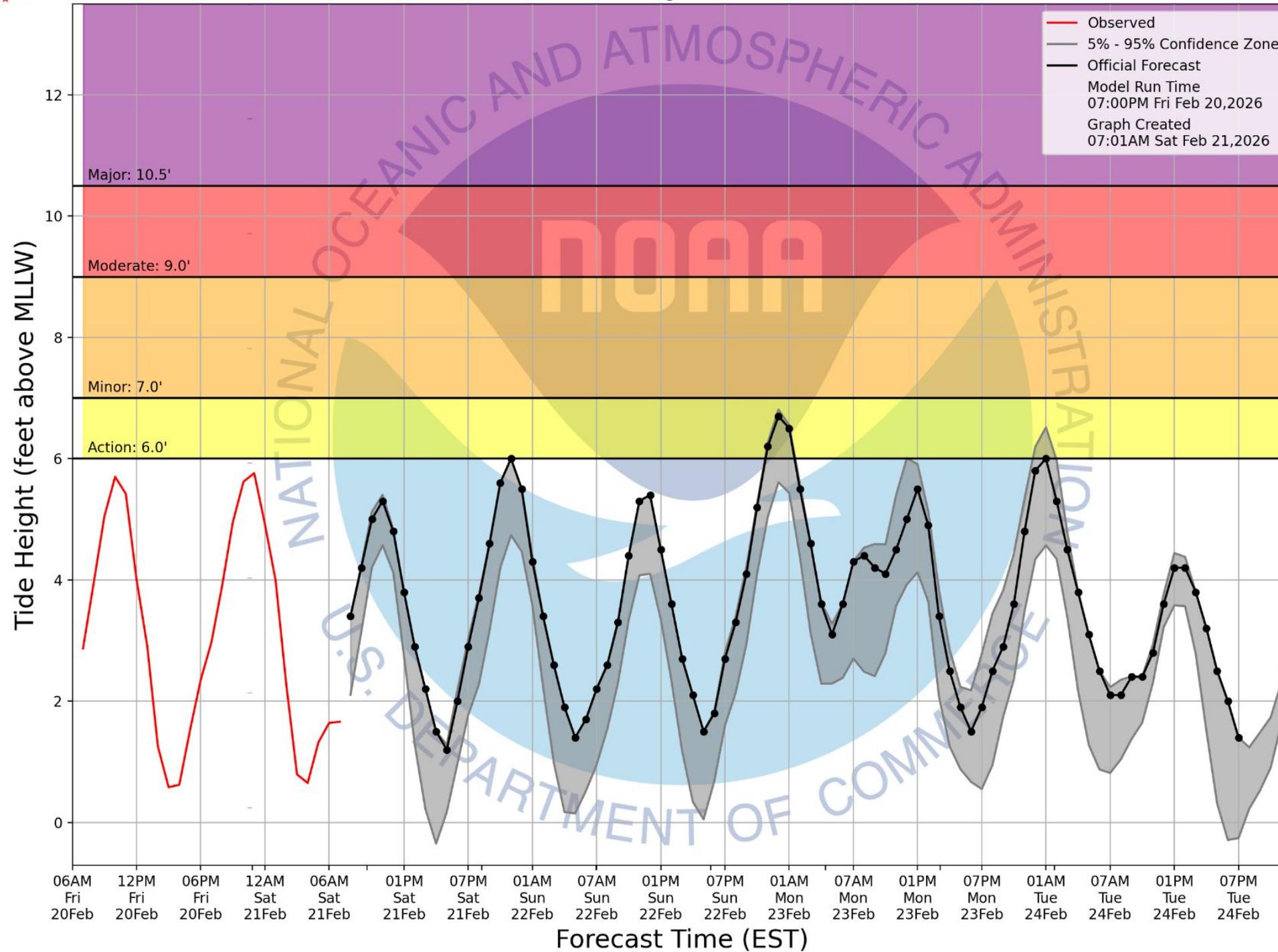


Boston Harbor at Boston, MA Tide Height (MLLW)



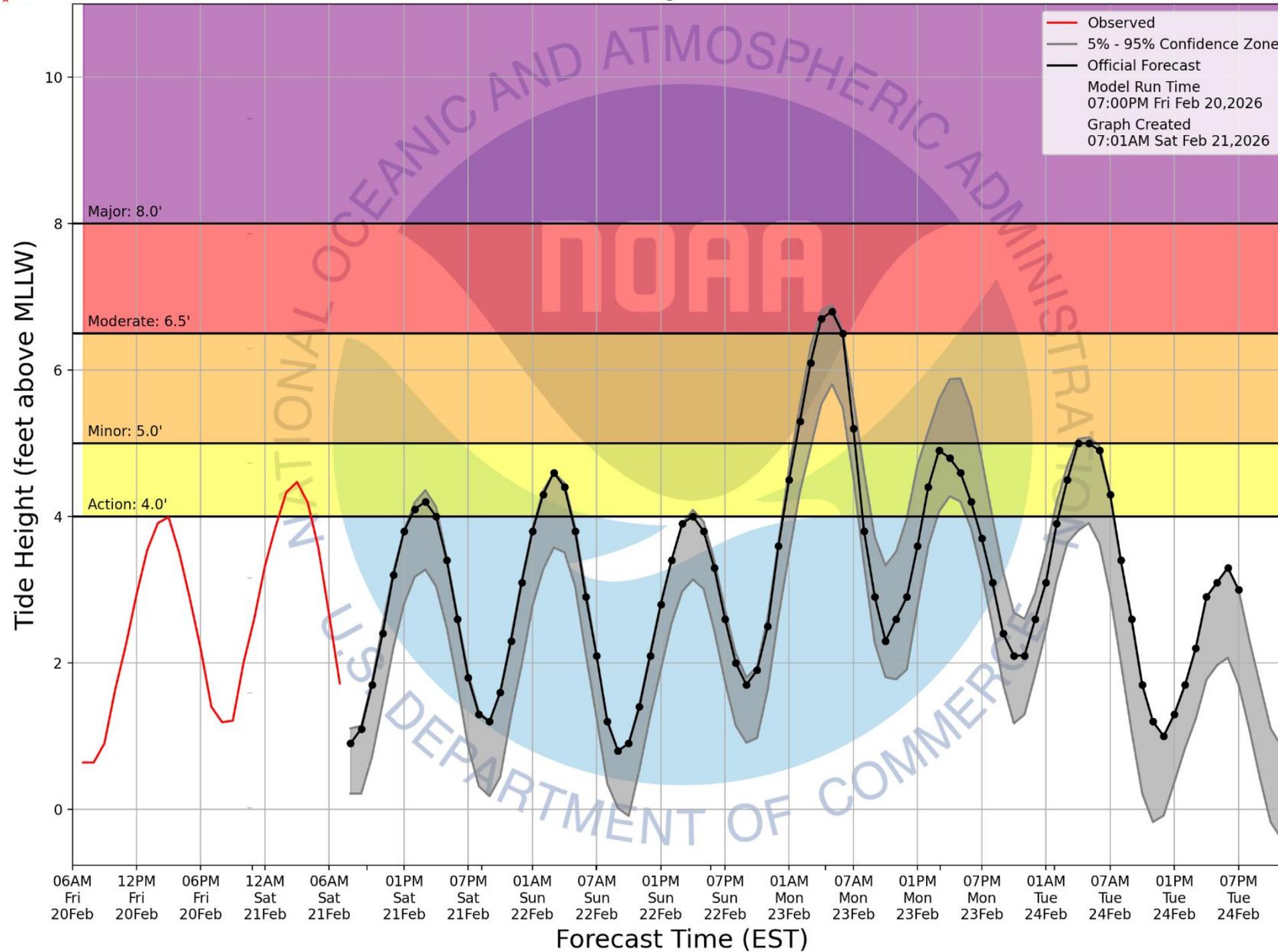
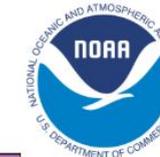


Narragansett Bay at Fox Point, RI Tide Height (MLLW)



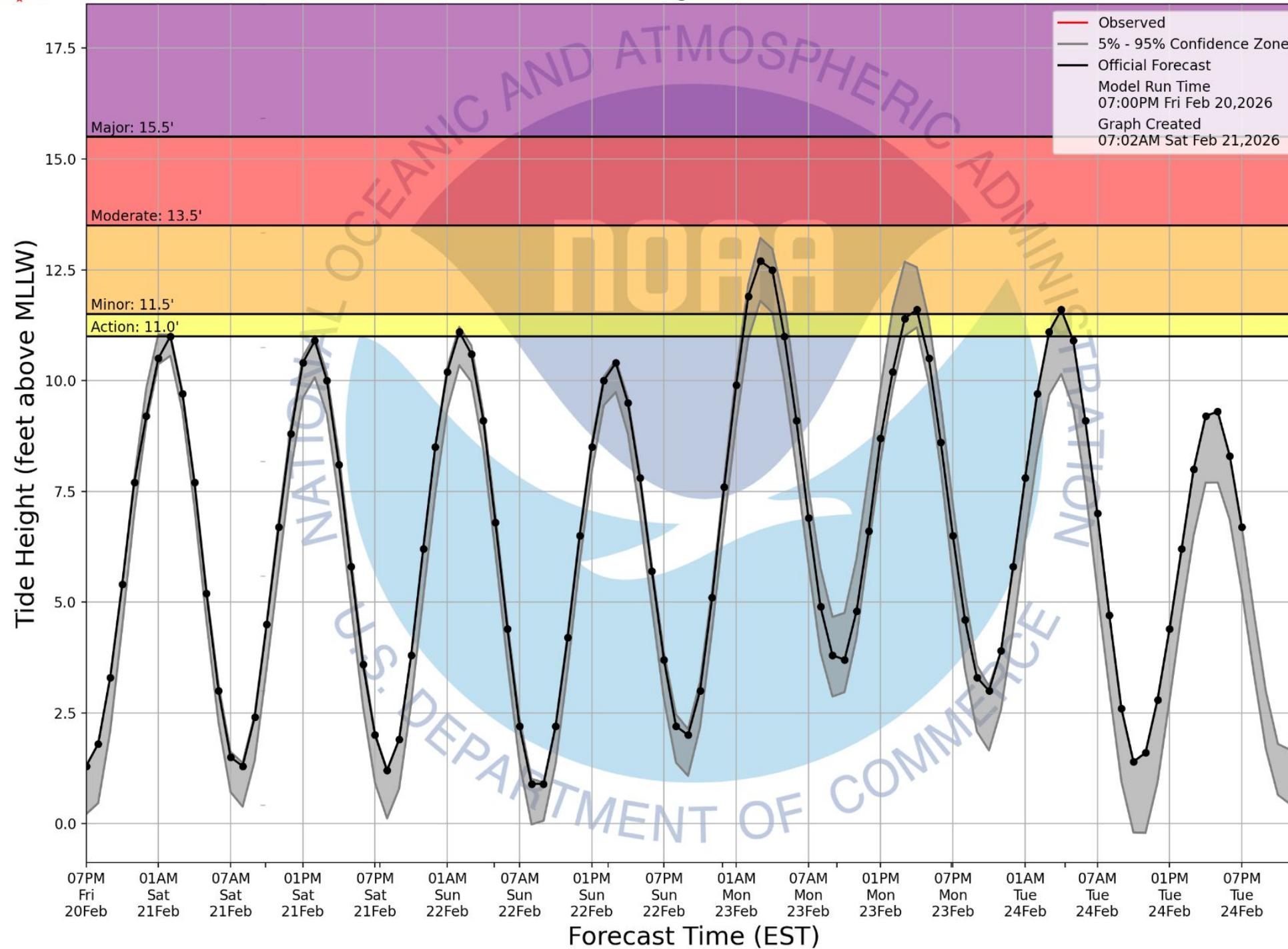


Nantucket Harbor at Nantucket, MA Tide Height (MLLW)





Massachusetts Bay at Scituate, MA Tide Height (MLLW)





Atlantic Coast at Dennis Sesuit Harbor, MA Tide Height (MLLW)

