



Winter Storm Briefing #5

January 30, 2026

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- Covering the period from Friday, January 30th to Thursday, February 5th.
- **Next Scheduled Full Email Briefing: Today, January 30, 2026 by 3:30 PM.**
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What Has Changed?

- Winter Storm Watches have been upgraded to **Winter Storm Warnings** for SE VA and NE NC, including Hampton Roads.
- A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect tonight-Saturday for the entire area
- **Coastal Flood Watches** have been issued for portions of SE VA and NE NC.
- Marine: Storm Watches have been upgraded to **Storm Warnings** for the coastal waters S of Cape Charles, with Heavy Freezing Spray Watches for the bay, Lower James, and coastal waters N of Parramore Island.

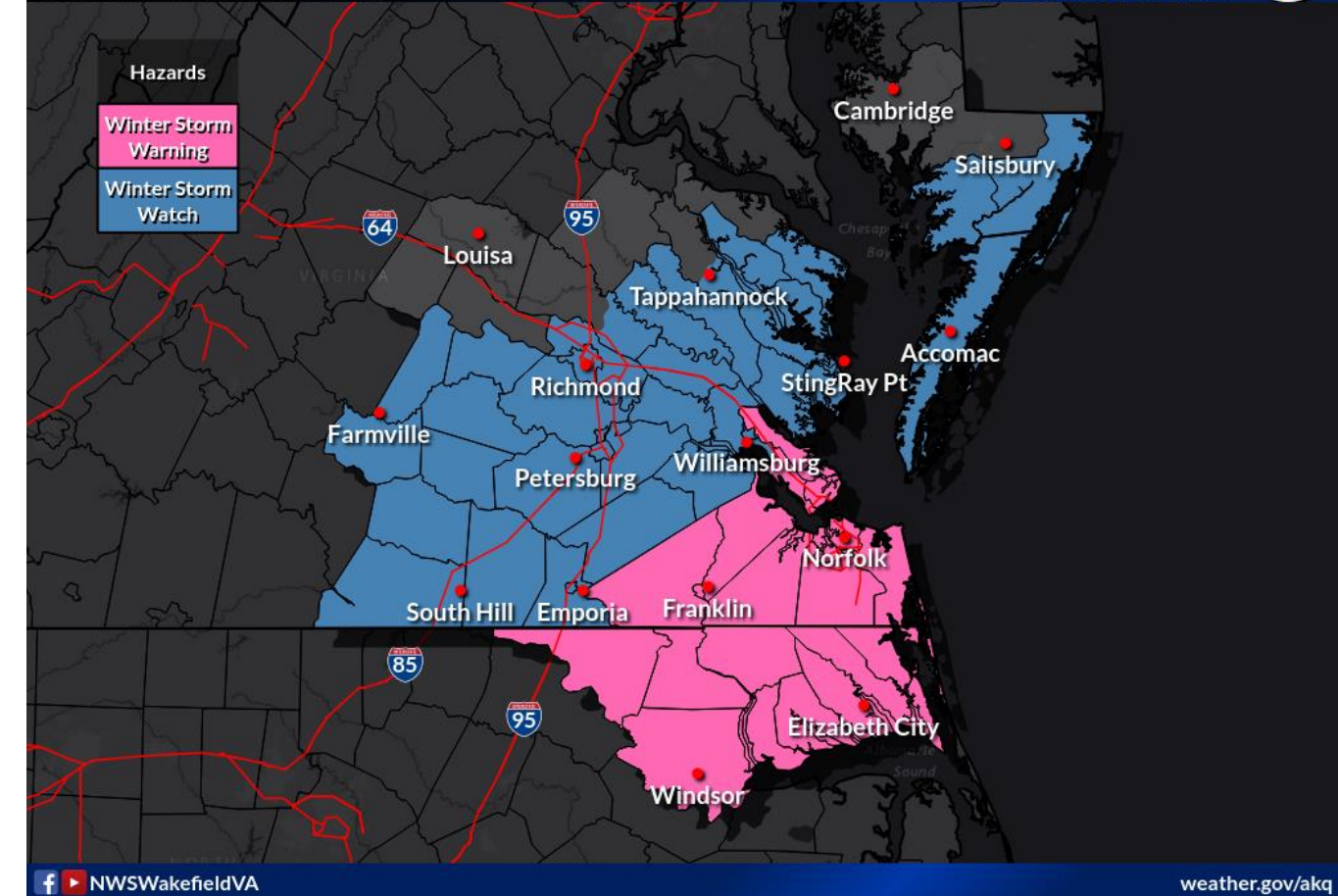
Winter Storm Headlines

In Effect from Late Tonight-Sunday

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Wakefield, VA

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Highlights

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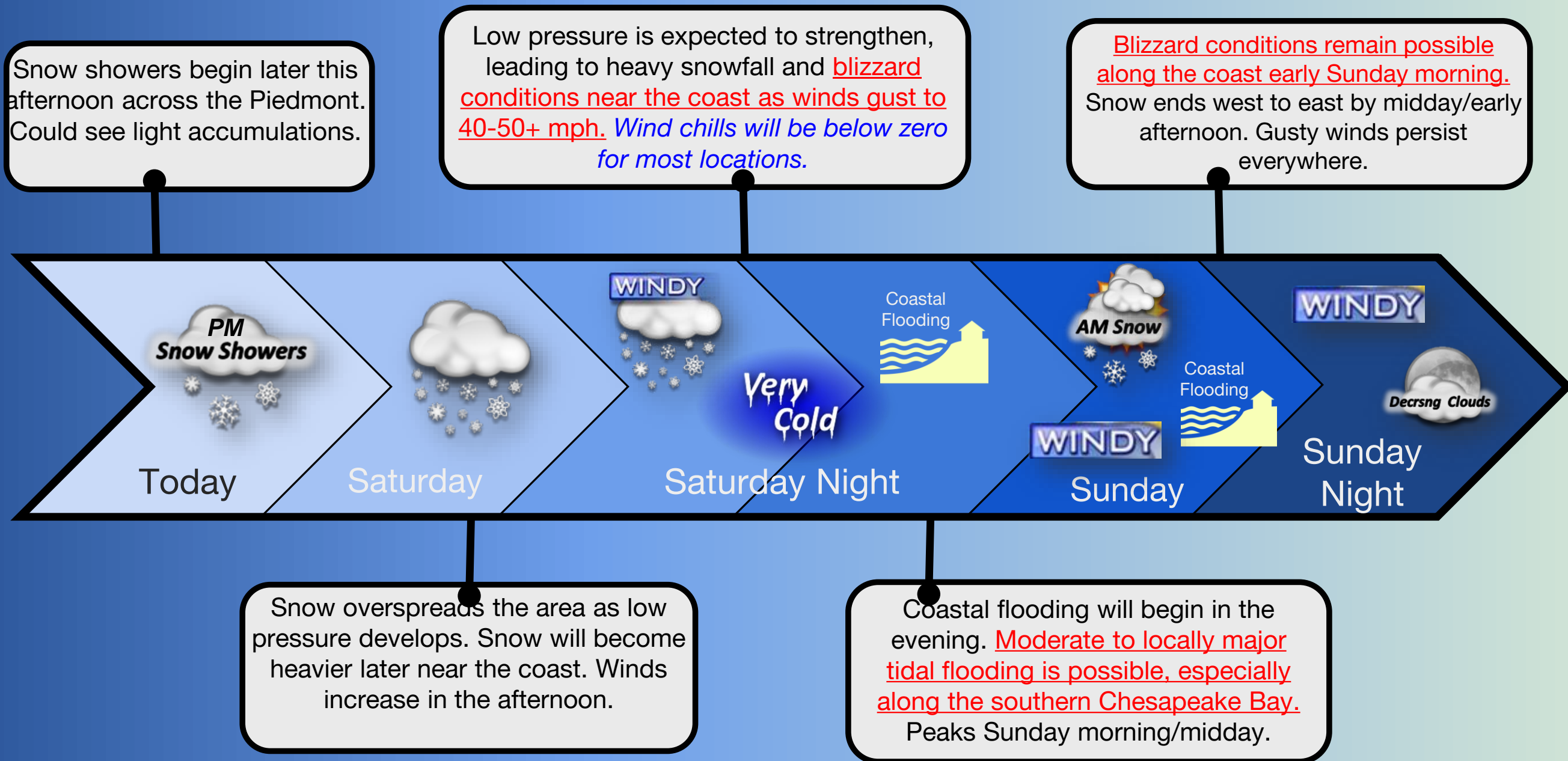
- A winter storm arrives this weekend, starting late tonight and peaking Saturday evening through Sunday morning. 6-12" of snow is expected in SE VA and NE NC, with a sharp cutoff in snow totals to the northwest. Totals could go from 1" to 6"+ in less than 50 miles. **Winter Storm Warnings** have been issued for **SE VA/NE NC** where confidence in heavy snow is highest, and **watches remain in effect farther NW (including the Richmond Metro)** where uncertainty is higher and/or totals have trended down.
- Strong winds are likely with this storm, especially along the coast where **winds may be damaging. Blizzard conditions are possible** with the greatest chance along the coast.
- Very cold wind chills are expected beginning tonight and continuing into Sunday with the coldest wind chills Saturday night into early Sunday where wind chills below 0F are possible area-wide. **Cold Weather Advisories** are in effect from tonight into early Saturday night with **Extreme Cold Watches** in effect from Saturday night into Sunday morning.
- Tidal flooding is likely Saturday night into Sunday. **Moderate to locally major tidal flooding is possible**, especially in the lower Chesapeake Bay. Beach and dune erosion are likely on Sunday. Due to very cold temperatures, any tidal flooding could freeze to road surfaces. **Coastal Flood Watches** are in effect for Norfolk/Chesapeake, VA Beach, Northampton County VA and Eastern Currituck County.
- **Marine Weather - Storm Warnings** have been issued for the **coastal waters S of Cape Charles** from Sat night-Sun, and Storm Watches remain in effect for the bay, Lower James, and northern coastal waters. Small Craft Advisories are in effect today. **Heavy Freezing Spray Watches** have been issued for the bay, Lower James, and northern coastal waters from Sat night-Sun AM.





Winter Storm Timeline

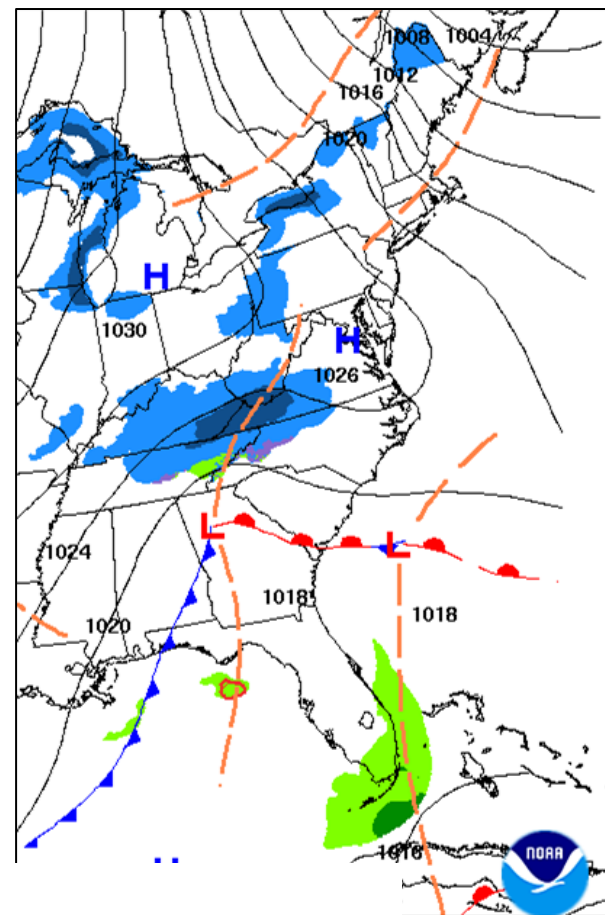
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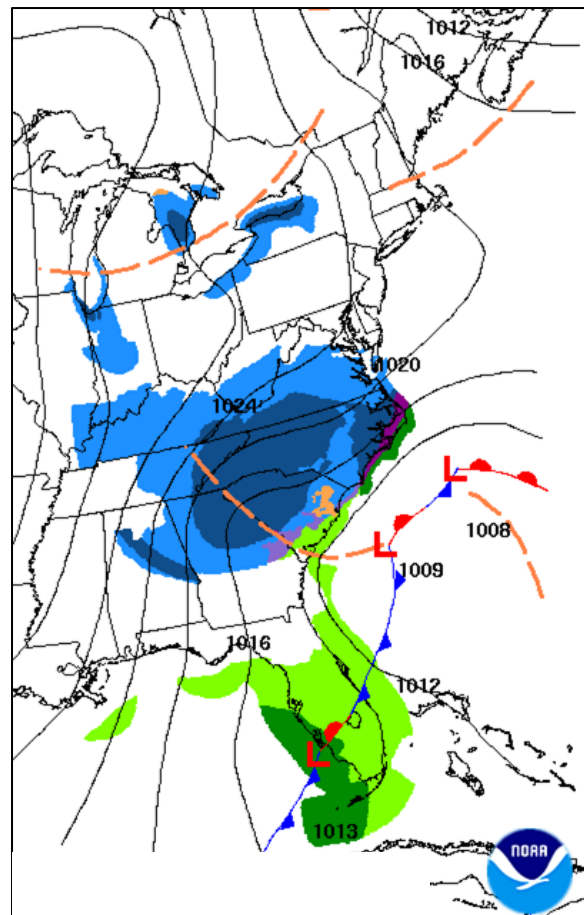
Weather Pattern / Outlook

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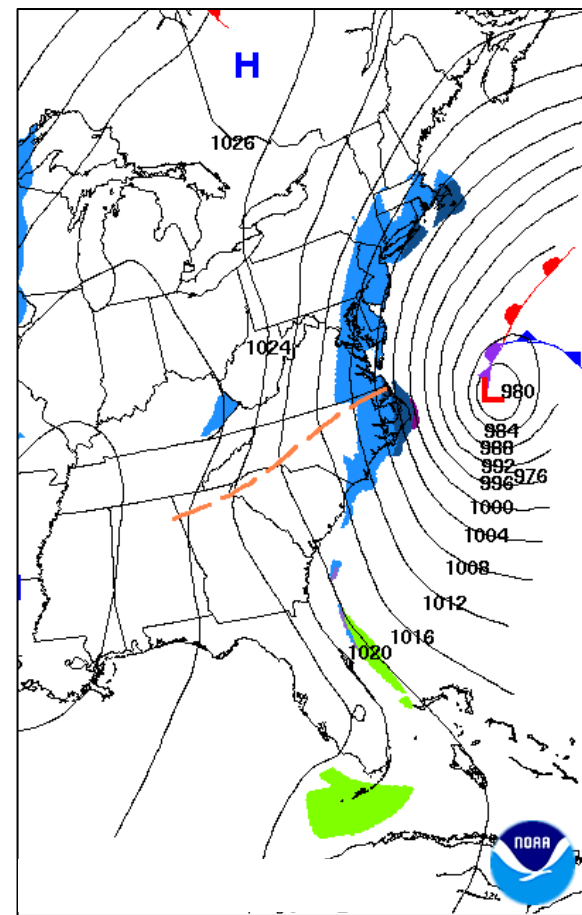
Today

Increasing clouds and very cold with a chance for light snow in the afternoon across south-central VA.



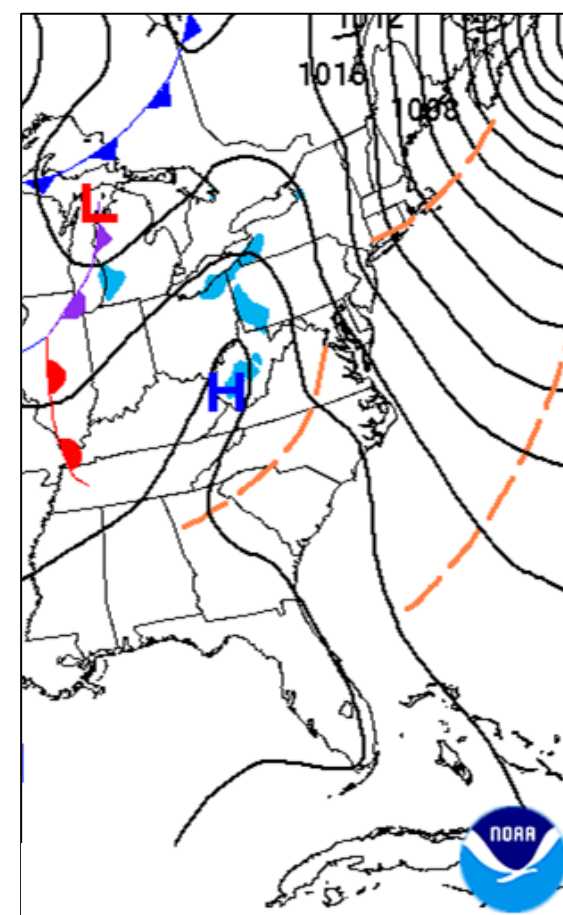
Saturday

Developing low pressure brings the threat for snow and increasing winds. Blizzard conditions are possible near the coast Sat evening/night.



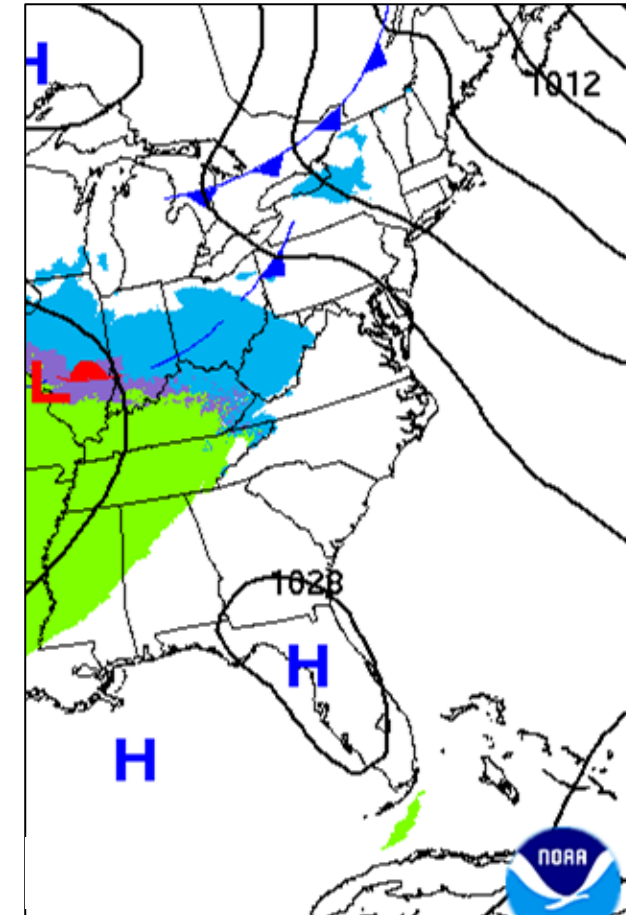
Sunday

Intense low pressure offshore brings the potential for additional winter weather and very strong winds along the coast.



Monday

Still cold, but dry with diminishing winds.



Tuesday

Cool and dry.

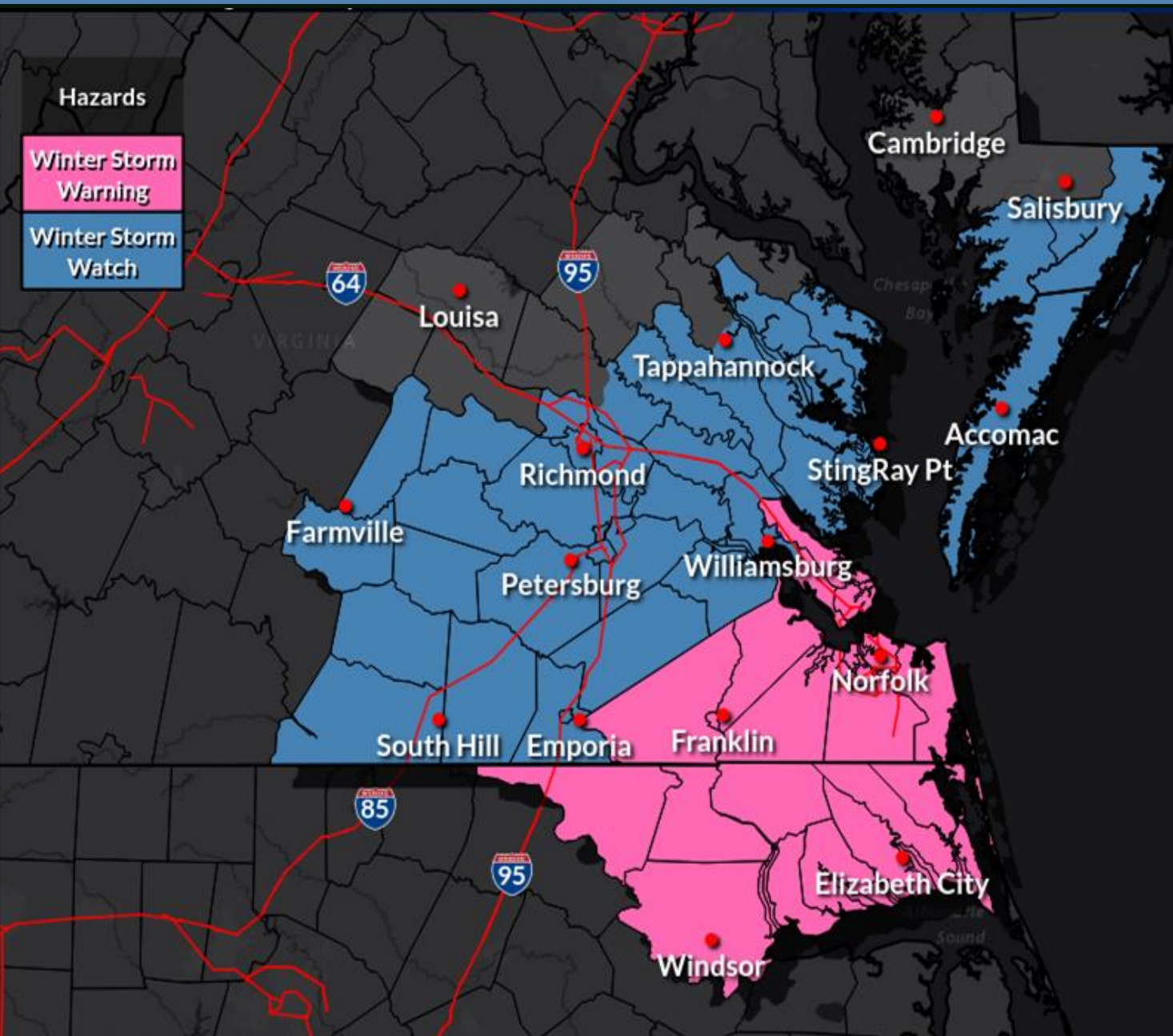


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When: Late Tonight into Sunday. Peak Impacts will occur late Saturday-Sunday AM.



Where: Warnings for SE VA/NE NC where confidence in heavy snow is highest, with watches where totals have trended down and/or uncertainty remains.



Impacts:

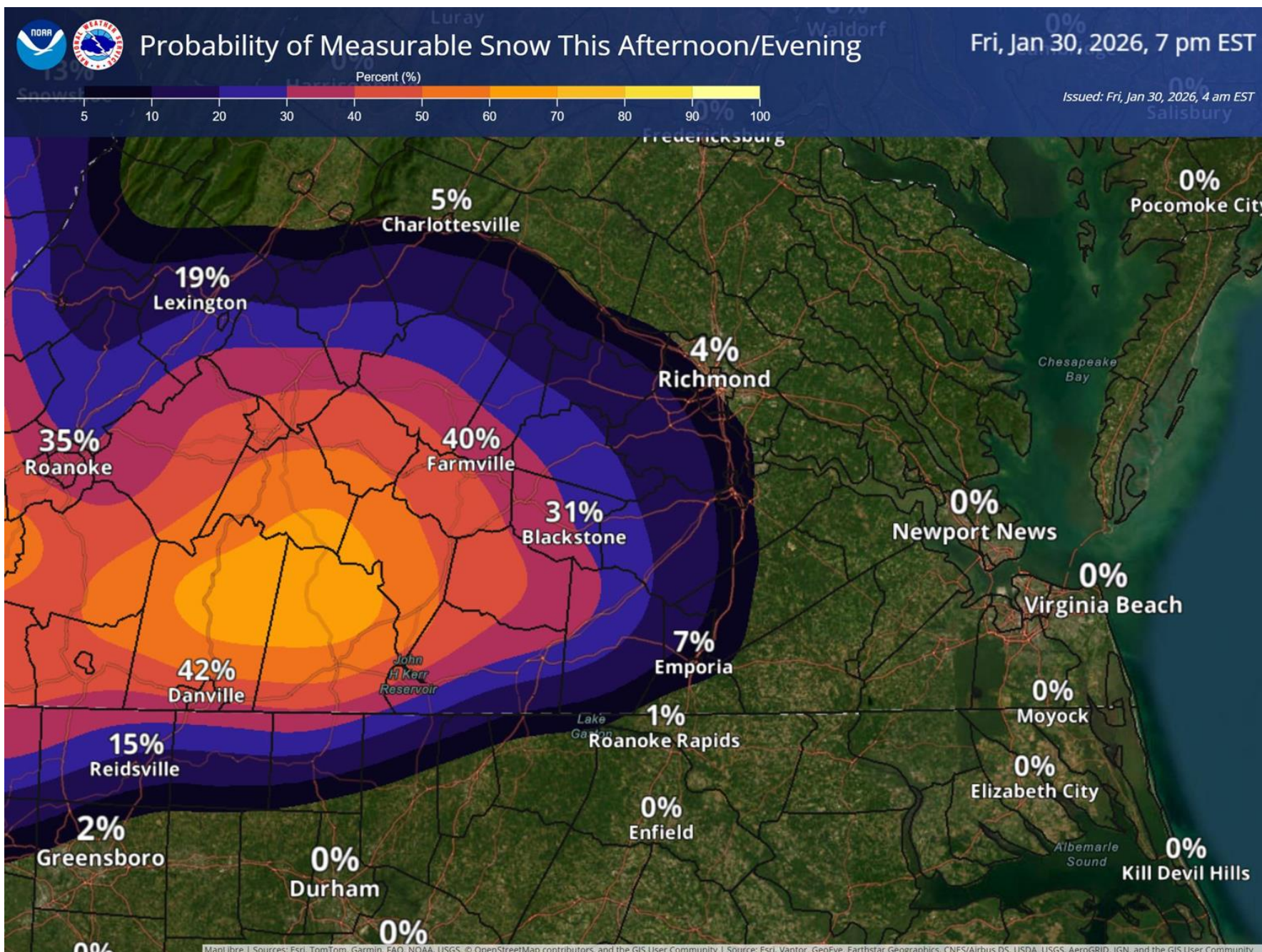
- Significant snowfall, especially across the south/southeast.
- Blizzard conditions and damaging winds are possible, especially along the coast. Strong winds may lead to blowing and drifting snow across the area.





Light Snow This Afternoon?

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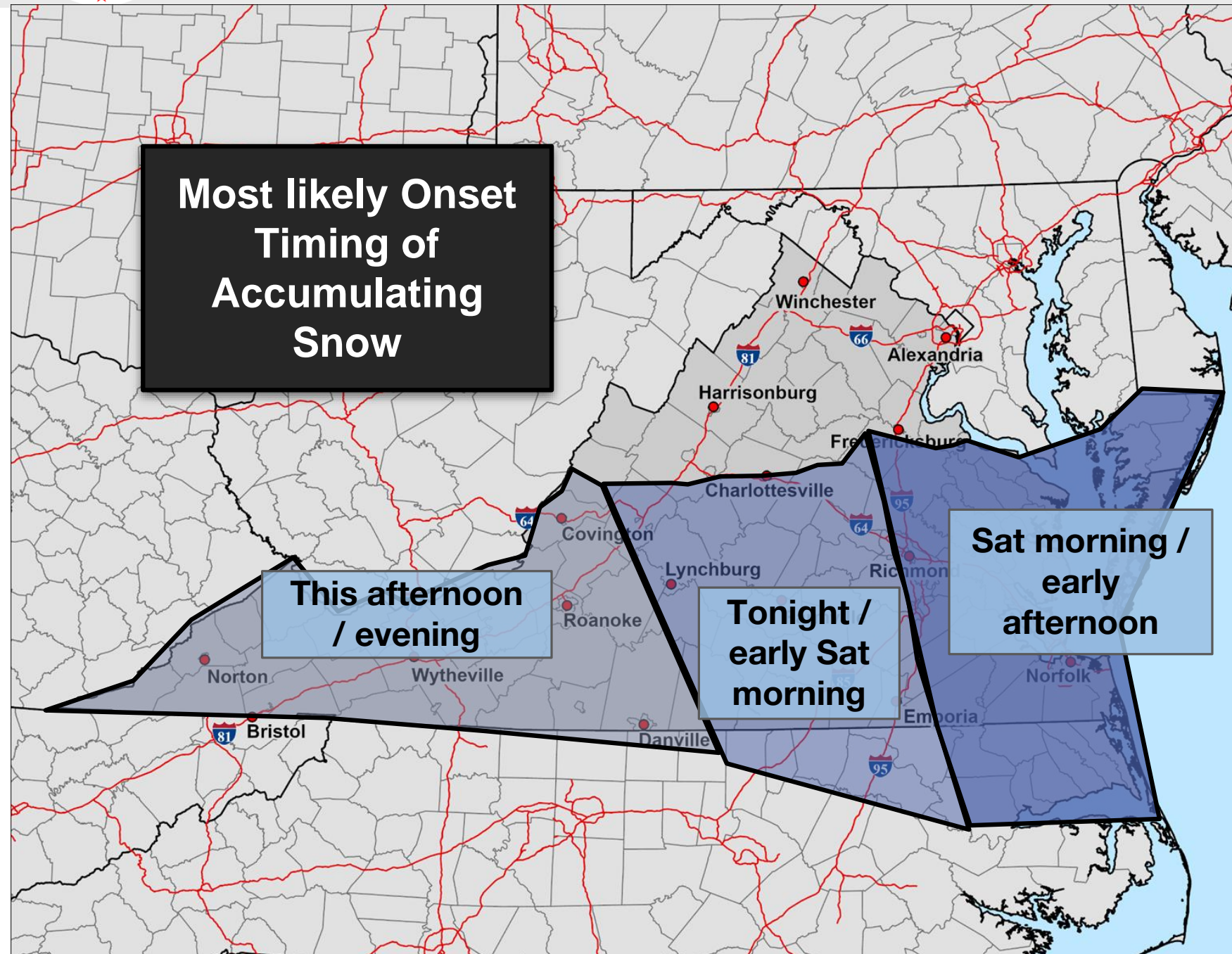
- Light snow is possible south of I-64 this afternoon, though **chances have trended down** slightly since yesterday
- There is a 10-40% probability of a very light accumulation. In addition, it will be very dry and fluffy snow.





Expected Onset Time of Accumulating Snow

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MOST LIKELY ONSET TIMING

Sat afternoon / evening

- **West** This afternoon / evening
- **Central** Tonight / Sat morning
- **East** Sat morning / afternoon

CONFIDENCE

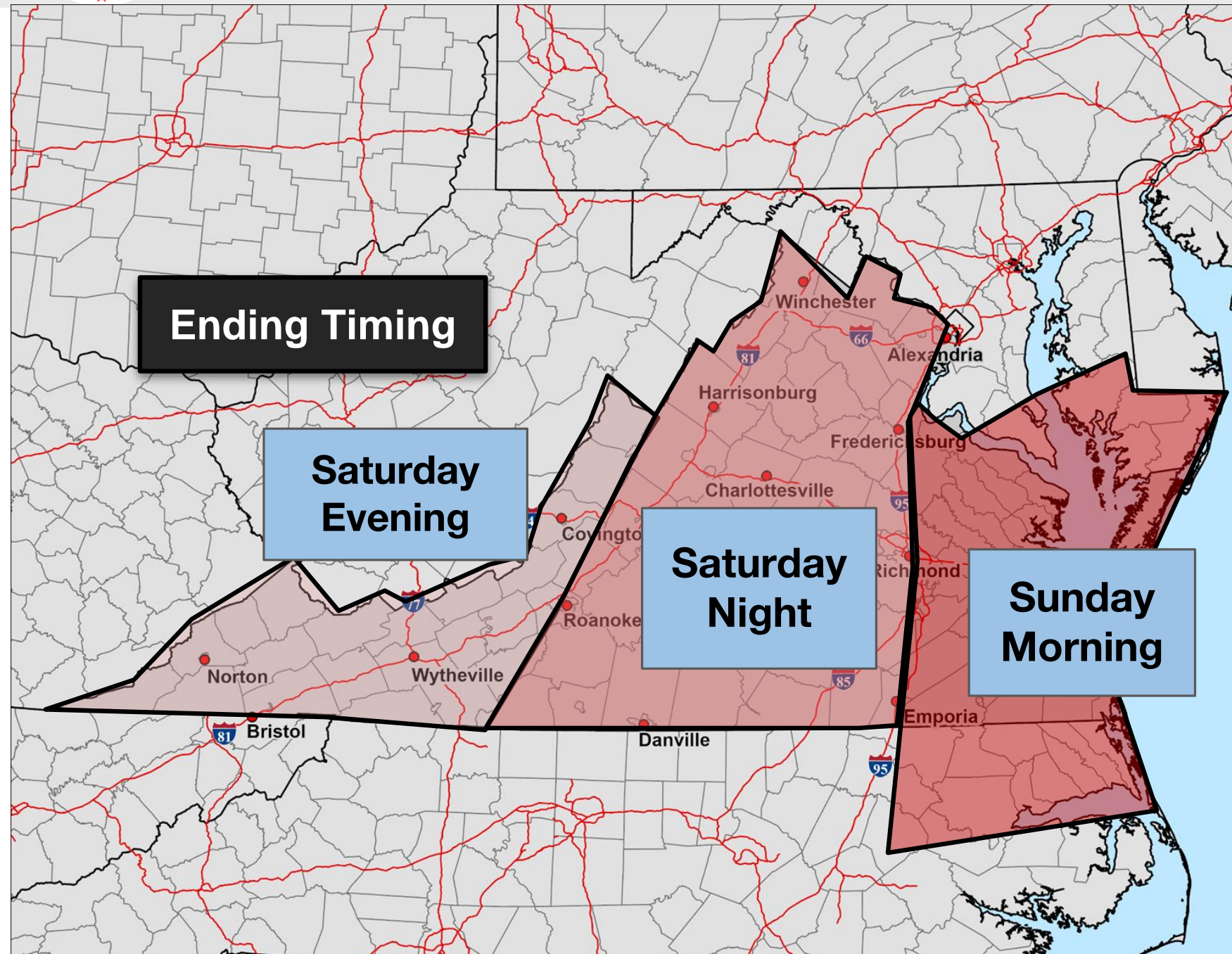
- **Moderate confidence in the exact timing of the onset of snow. Snow will start out light and increase through the event before ending Sunday.**





Expected Ending Time of Snow

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MOST LIKELY END TIMING

Late Sun Night / Mon Morning

- West Saturday Evening
- Central Saturday Night
- East Sunday Morning

CONFIDENCE

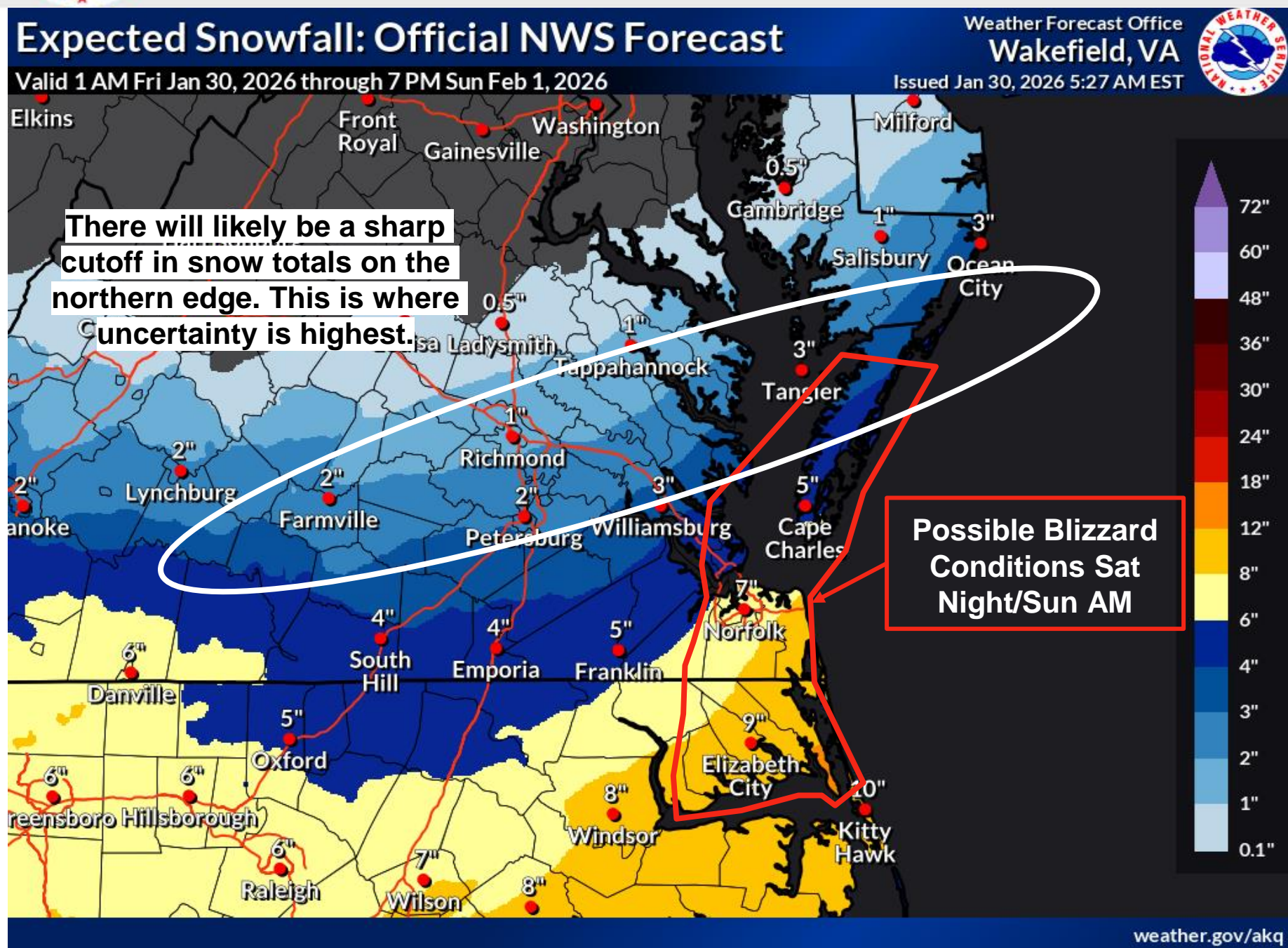
- Moderate confidence in the timing of the ending of the storm.
- Exact timing forecasts will change. Ending could be sooner or later.





Expected Snowfall Forecast

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- Highest totals are expected in the south and southeast with a sharp decrease in snow totals on the northern edge.
- Areas close to the coast may see **blizzard conditions** Saturday Night into Sunday with near zero visibility and wind gusts of 50+ mph.

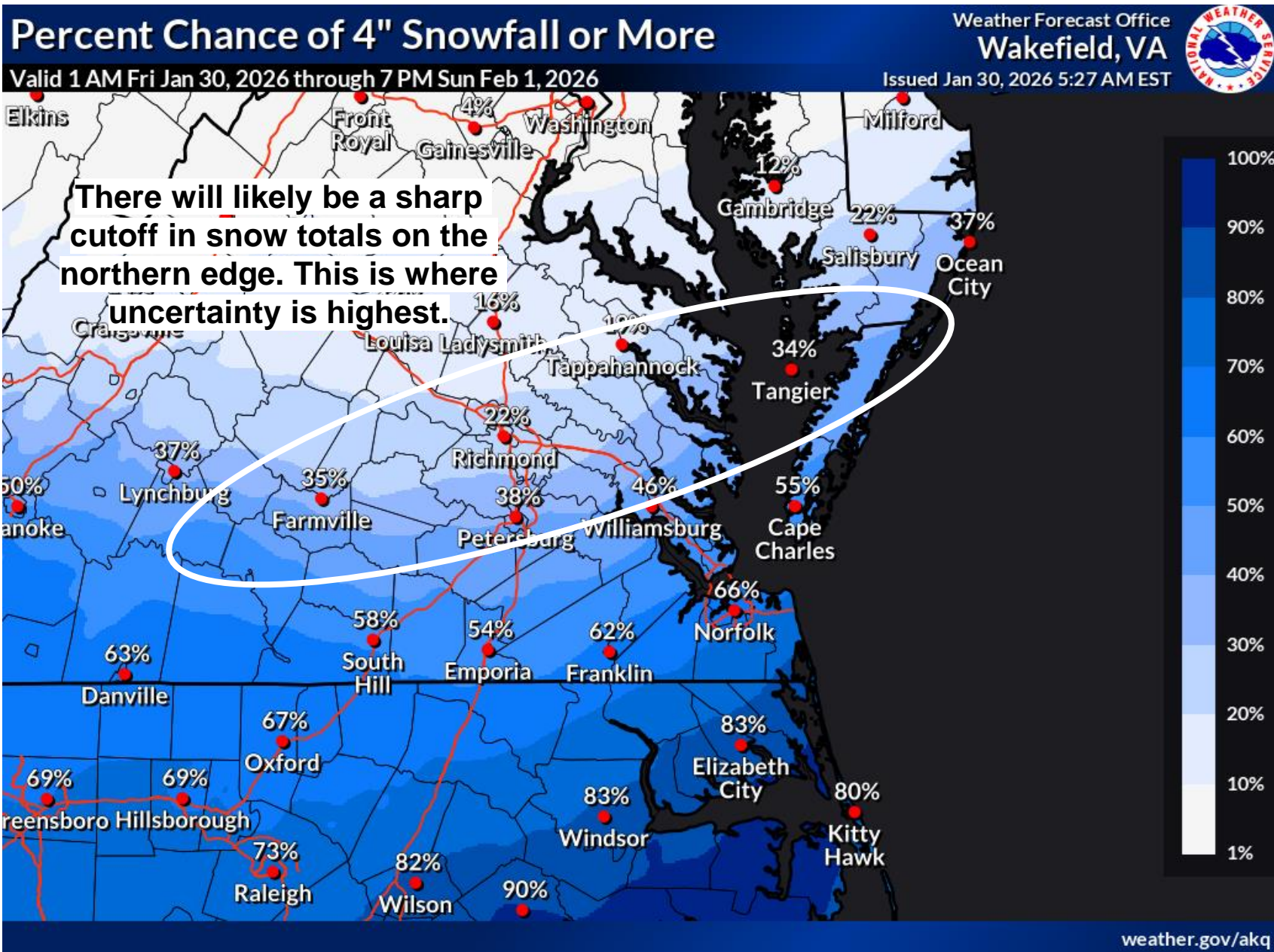




Probability of at least 4" of Snow

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Through 7 am Sunday Morning



The entire area is at risk for at least 4" of snow, but the highest probabilities are across far southern VA, SE VA/NE NC. Amounts will be determined by the highly uncertain storm track. Even a 50 mile change in storm track will make the difference in storm totals. Totals could go from 1" to 6" in 50 miles.

There is a high probability (60-90%) of at least 4" of snow across southern VA, SE VA and NE NC, with a low-medium probability (25-45%) along the US 360 corridor including the Richmond Metro and parts of the Lower MD Eastern Shore.

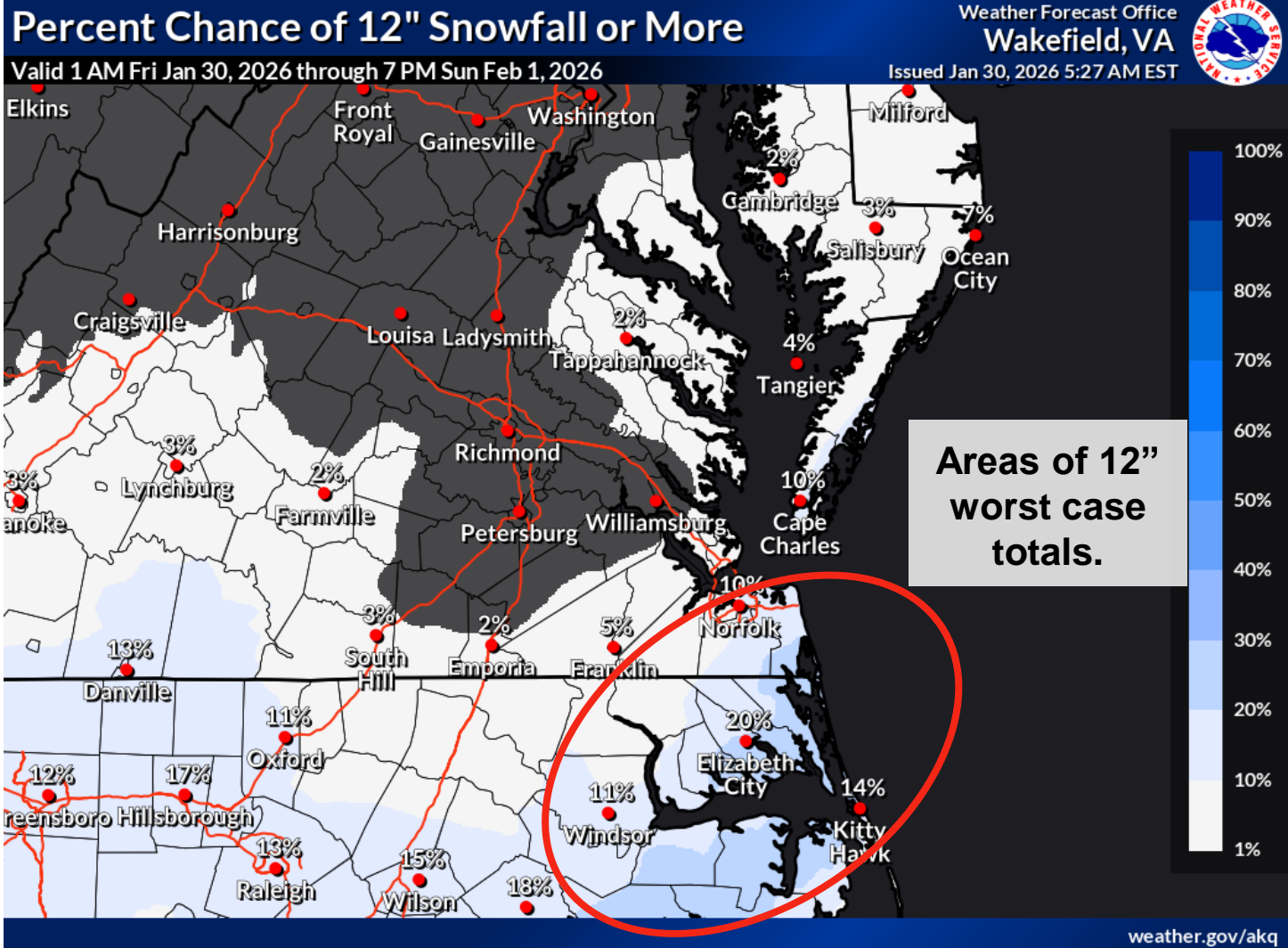
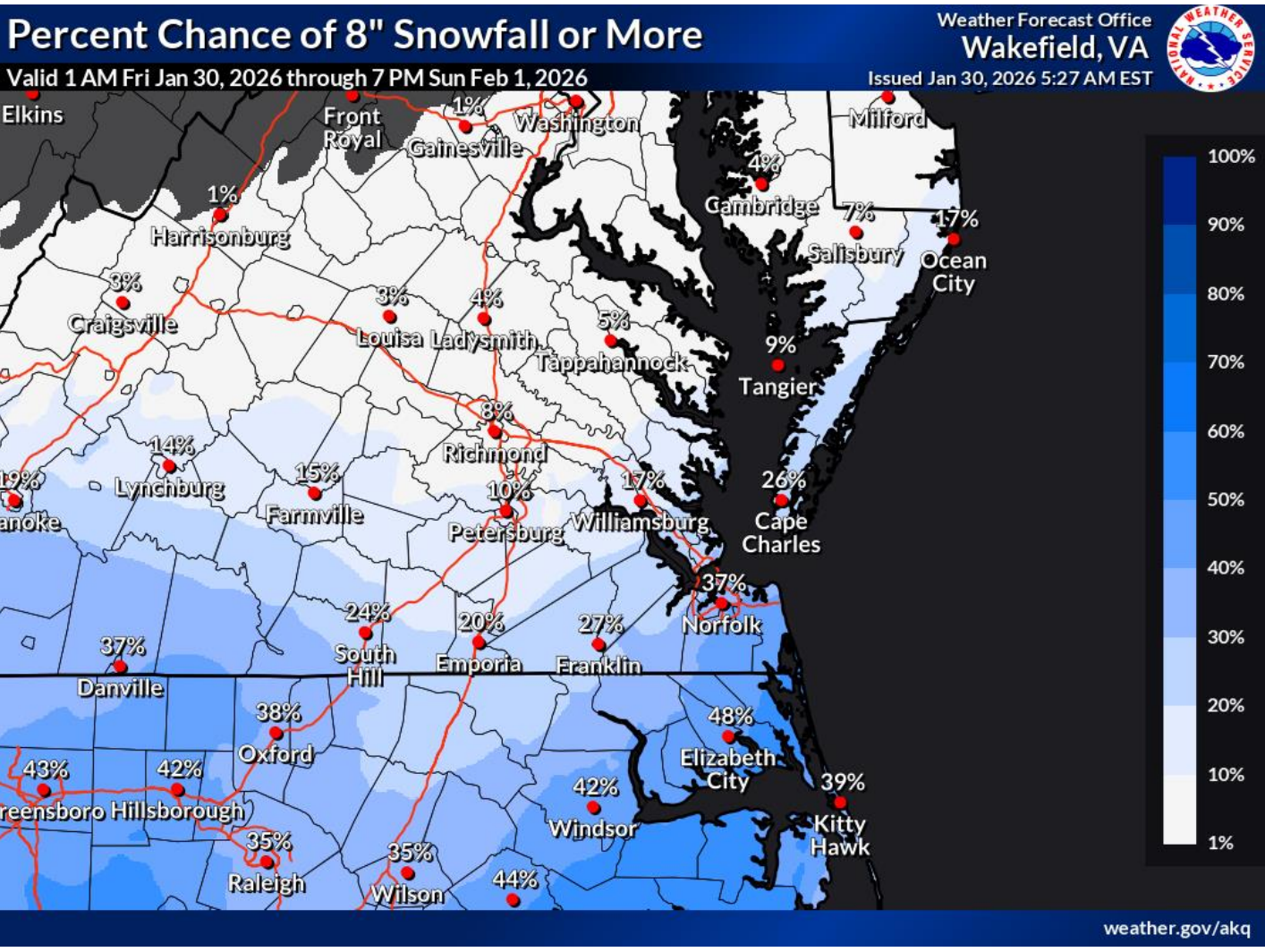




Probability of at least 8" and 12" of Snow

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There is a medium probability (30-50%) of at least 8" across southern and SE VA and NE NC. Probabilities of 8" of snow continue to decrease across parts of central VA and the Maryland Eastern Shore. There are low (10-20%) probabilities of 12" of snow across southern/SE VA and NE NC. Elsewhere, a foot of snow is unlikely (< 10%).



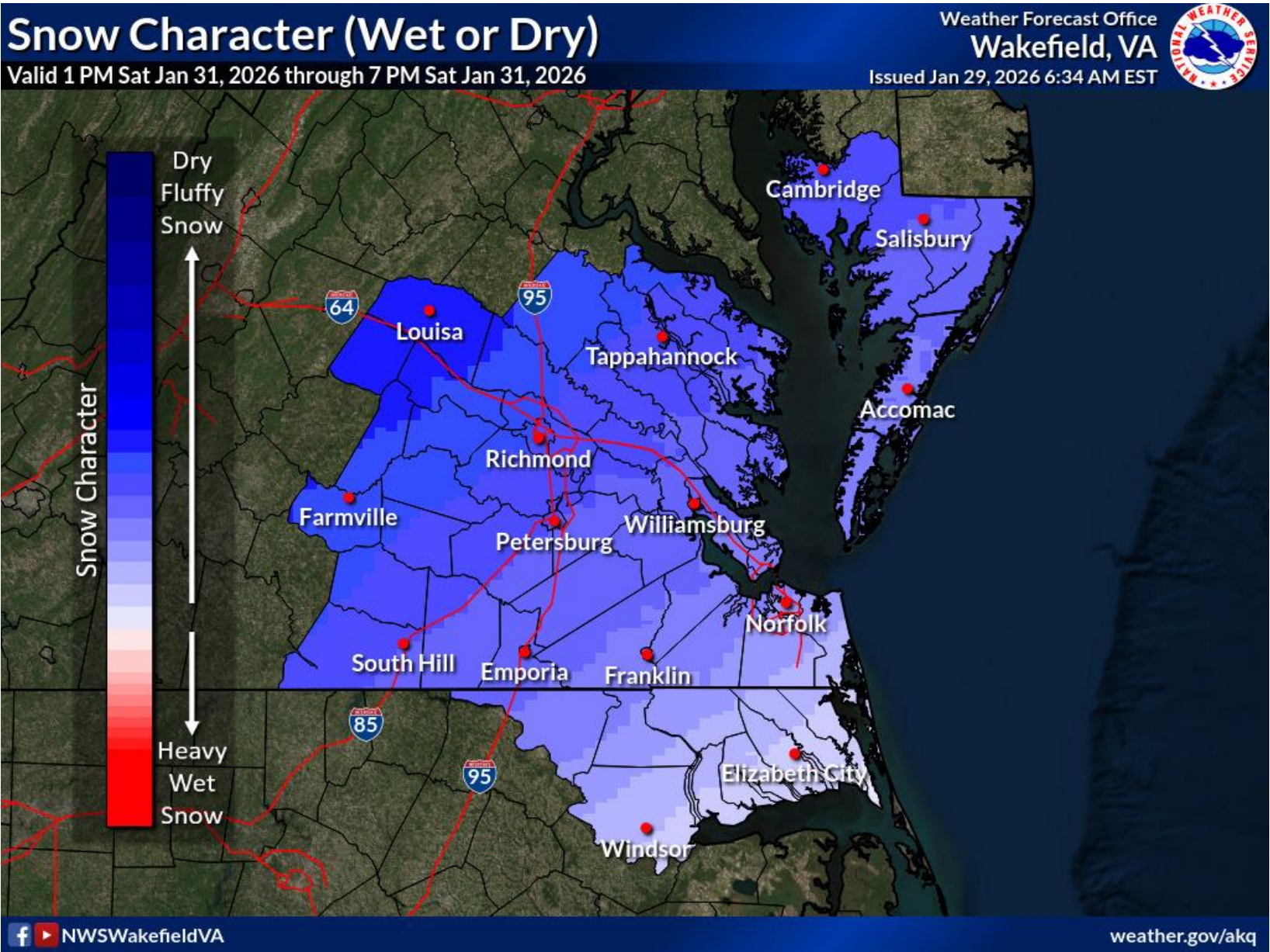


Snow Character / Snow Type

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Saturday Evening Into Early Sunday



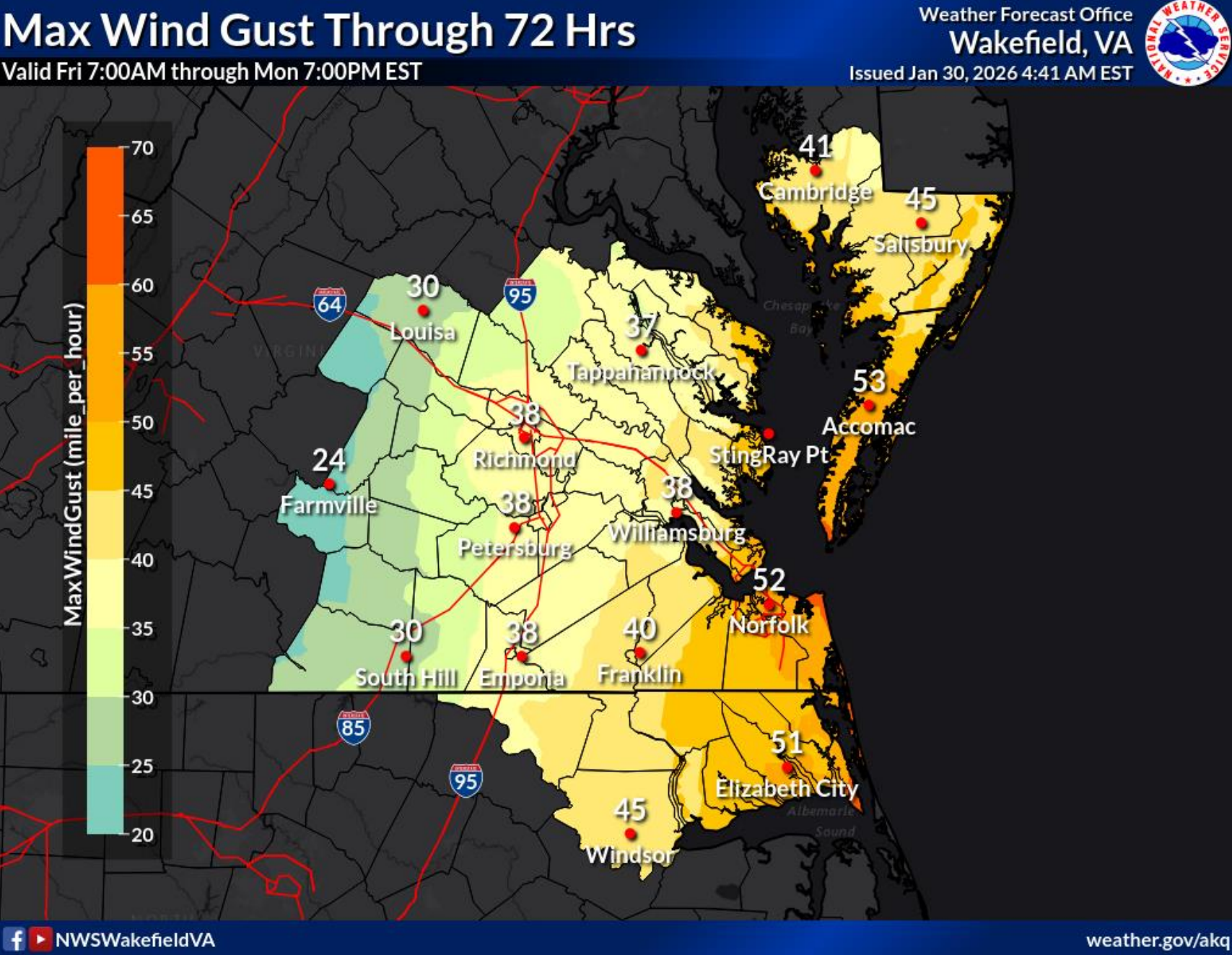
Drier snow will mean a high snow ratio and faster accumulation rates. Snow character may become slightly wetter across eastern VA/NE NC early Sunday morning, but remain dry inland.





High Wind Potential

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Damaging wind gusts and blizzard conditions are possible closer to the coast late Saturday night into Sunday morning.

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Timing the Weather and Temperatures

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Weather Forecast

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Temperature Forecast (°F)

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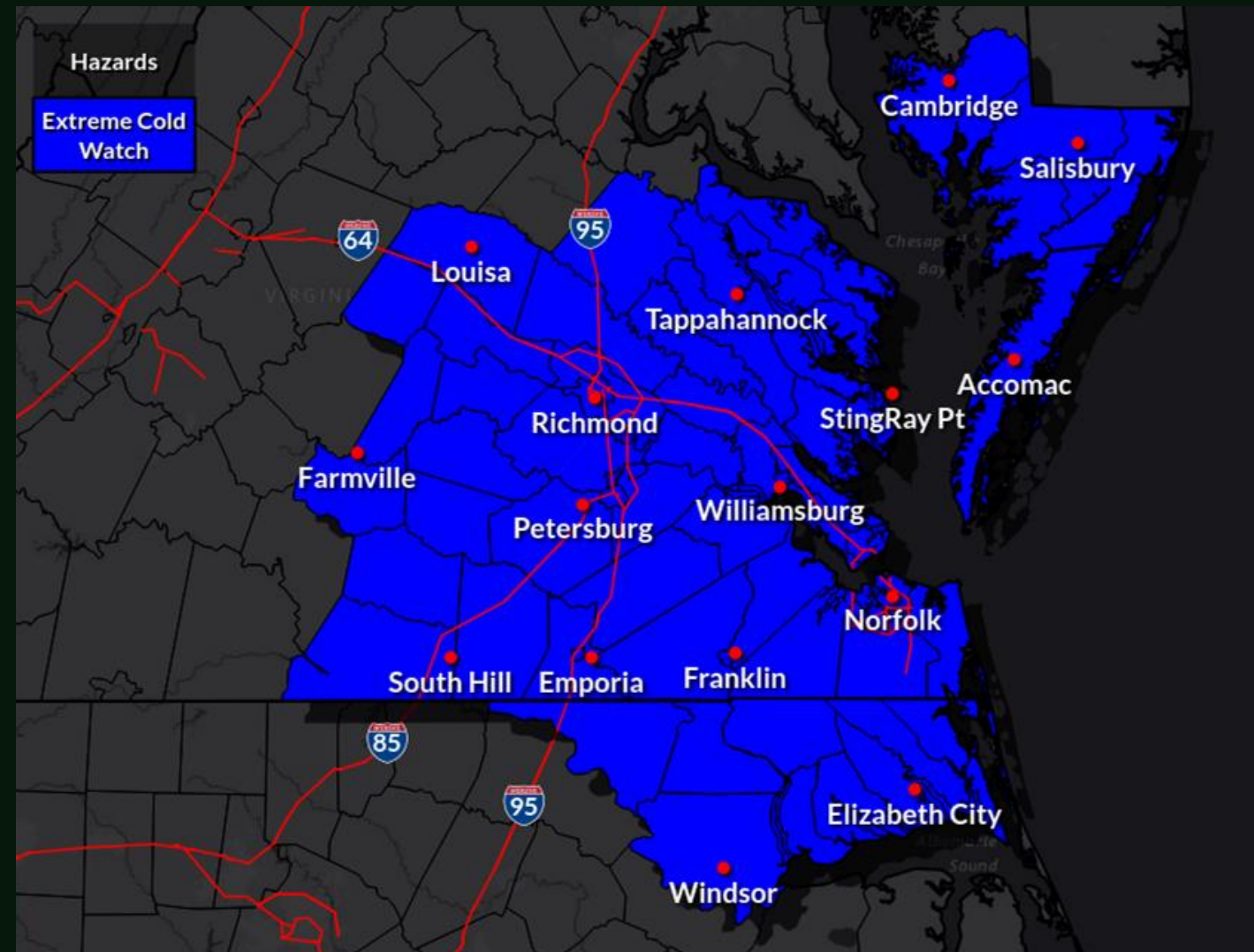




Extreme Cold Watches



Saturday night into Sunday AM



When: Saturday night into Sunday AM



Where: Area in blue



Details:

→ Wind chills could reach as low as -5 to -10°



Impacts:

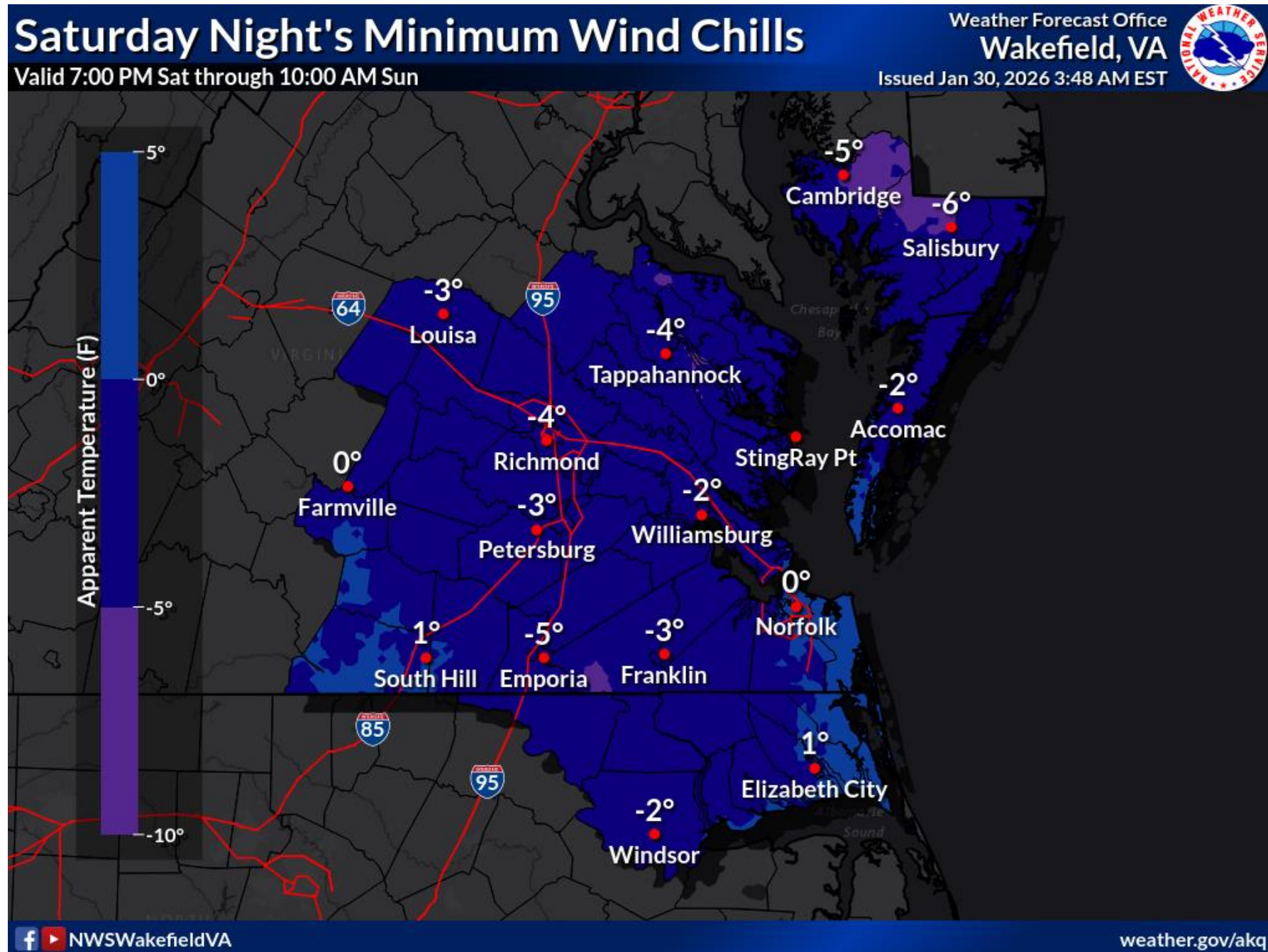
→ The very cold wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Make sure outdoor animals have a warm, dry shelter, food, and unfrozen water.





Saturday Night Wind Chills

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- Wind chills remain very cold on Saturday, potentially staying in the single digits inland and teens across SE VA/NE NC Saturday afternoon.
- An Extreme Cold Watch has been issued for the entire area Saturday night into Sunday morning



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Wind Gusts and Wind Chills

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Dangerous wind chills Saturday night / early Sunday.

Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

	1/30		1/31				2/1				2/2				2/3			
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Suffolk	7	12	16	24	26	33	43	43	37	22	15	12	12	6	6	6	7	3
Tappahannock	7	7	13	16	20	23	32	32	31	23	17	14	14	3	3	8	8	5
Virginia Beach	14	18	25	32	38	48	56	58	48	38	33	28	23	13	13	12	12	8
Wakefield	3	7	13	21	22	29	39	37	33	21	15	7	9	6	6	6	7	5
Williamsburg	7	9	13	20	23	30	38	38	36	25	20	10	10	7	7	7	8	6
Windsor	6	12	15	24	25	36	39	41	33	18	15	7	9	6	6	6	7	5

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

	1/30		1/31				2/1				2/2				2/3			
	Fri		Sat				Sun				Mon				Tue			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
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Ahoskie	25	14	7	6	7	2	-2	-5	10	7	0	2	28	21	17	16	37	26
Bowling Green	17	10	4	3	6	3	-3	-4	8	7	1	4	25	20	14	13	32	25
Cambridge	9	6	0	-2	5	2	-3	-6	3	6	3	2	19	15	13	13	26	23
Cape Charles	11	11	7	5	7	5	3	2	4	11	8	8	16	23	19	19	25	27
Chesapeake	23	14	10	9	11	9	4	0	8	11	4	6	25	24	21	20	34	29
Corolla	21	16	15	15	14	11	7	4	9	11	8	7	22	22	18	17	30	31
Edenton	28	15	11	10	11	6	1	-1	11	9	4	3	27	18	13	13	36	29
Elizabeth City	24	15	12	10	11	7	4	0	9	10	4	5	25	23	19	18	34	28
Emporia	27	13	8	4	5	2	-3	-4	11	6	-1	1	30	20	17	16	38	25
Farmville	21	13	5	3	7	4	0	-1	15	8	4	2	31	24	18	17	34	28
Gloucester	16	13	9	7	7	4	-1	-4	6	7	4	6	25	24	19	17	33	29
Goochland	15	11	4	2	5	2	-4	-3	13	8	2	2	27	22	14	13	33	25
Hampton/NNews	18	13	9	8	10	7	1	-2	9	10	6	7	24	22	17	16	32	31
Louisa	20	9	3	1	5	2	-3	-3	13	7	3	2	27	22	14	13	32	25
Norfolk / Portsmouth	20	13	10	8	10	8	3	0	8	10	7	7	26	23	18	16	32	31
Ocean City	11	5	2	1	8	6	0	-3	6	4	0	1	20	17	12	12	26	22
Petersburg	18	13	7	4	6	3	-3	-4	10	8	2	4	30	22	17	16	36	26
Richmond	16	11	4	3	6	3	-2	-4	9	9	3	4	26	22	16	15	36	26
Salisbury	11	8	3	0	7	4	-2	-6	3	6	0	-1	18	13	10	10	25	23
South Hill	21	13	7	4	6	4	1	0	14	9	3	4	29	23	19	19	36	28
Suffolk	23	14	10	9	9	6	0	-1	9	11	5	6	27	24	20	20	36	28
Tappahannock	16	11	4	3	7	4	-3	-5	7	7	2	3	24	21	16	14	31	25
Virginia Beach	19	12	9	9	11	8	5	3	9	10	7	8	22	21	18	17	30	27
Wakefield	25	15	8	7	8	3	-2	-3	10	8	3	3	29	21	17	16	37	26
Williamsburg	19	13	8	7	8	5	-1	-3	9	8	3	5	27	23	18	17	34	28
Windsor	29	17	11	9	10	4	-1	-2	11	8	1	3	28	22	18	17	37	27





Daily Regional Forecast

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Maximum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/30 Fri	1/31 Sat	2/1 Sun	2/2 Mon	2/3 Tue	2/4 Wed	2/5 Thu
Accomac	24	25	28	34	37	39	39
Ahoskie	31	24	29	38	42	44	43
Bowling Green	24	21	27	37	39	38	38
Cambridge	22	20	26	32	36	37	35
Cape Charles	26	25	28	34	36	38	38
Chesapeake	31	27	28	38	41	44	43
Corolla	32	31	30	36	39	43	43
Edenton	36	28	29	37	42	46	44
Elizabeth City	33	28	28	37	42	44	43
Emporia	29	22	31	39	43	44	43
Farmville	27	21	33	39	42	41	42
Gloucester	27	23	27	37	40	41	40
Goochland	25	21	30	38	41	39	39
Hampton/NNews	29	26	29	38	41	43	43
Louisa	24	21	30	37	39	38	39
Norfolk / Portsmouth	29	26	29	38	41	43	43
Ocean City	23	24	27	33	36	38	37
Petersburg	27	22	30	39	43	43	42
Richmond	25	21	29	37	41	41	40
Salisbury	22	22	25	32	36	37	36
South Hill	29	22	32	38	42	44	43
Suffolk	30	26	29	38	42	44	43
Tappahannock	25	22	27	36	39	40	39
Virginia Beach	29	28	30	37	39	42	42
Wakefield	29	23	29	38	42	43	42
Williamsburg	29	23	29	38	41	43	42
Windsor	35	27	30	37	43	46	44

Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)

	1/31 Sat	2/1 Sun	2/2 Mon	2/3 Tue	2/4 Wed	2/5 Thu	2/6 Fri
Accomac	14	15	19	23	25	27	22
Ahoskie	18	14	10	15	22	27	20
Bowling Green	11	12	12	13	22	25	18
Cambridge	9	12	16	18	22	23	19
Cape Charles	19	21	24	28	32	34	29
Chesapeake	21	17	17	20	26	31	24
Corolla	28	21	21	24	31	34	29
Edenton	22	14	14	19	26	31	25
Elizabeth City	22	15	15	18	25	30	24
Emporia	17	14	9	15	22	25	18
Farmville	12	13	9	17	22	26	19
Gloucester	18	14	17	18	25	28	22
Goochland	12	13	9	13	22	25	18
Hampton/NNews	21	16	19	22	28	30	25
Louisa	11	9	9	13	22	25	18
Norfolk / Portsmouth	18	18	19	22	27	31	25
Ocean City	13	15	16	19	23	25	20
Petersburg	13	14	10	16	24	26	19
Richmond	13	12	12	15	24	26	20
Salisbury	11	12	13	16	19	23	18
South Hill	14	12	12	19	24	28	21
Suffolk	21	15	15	19	25	30	23
Tappahannock	12	12	15	15	23	26	19
Virginia Beach	21	21	22	25	29	33	28
Wakefield	14	15	11	16	23	27	21
Williamsburg	18	14	15	17	25	27	22
Windsor	20	16	11	17	24	30	22

Probability of Precipitation Forecast (%)

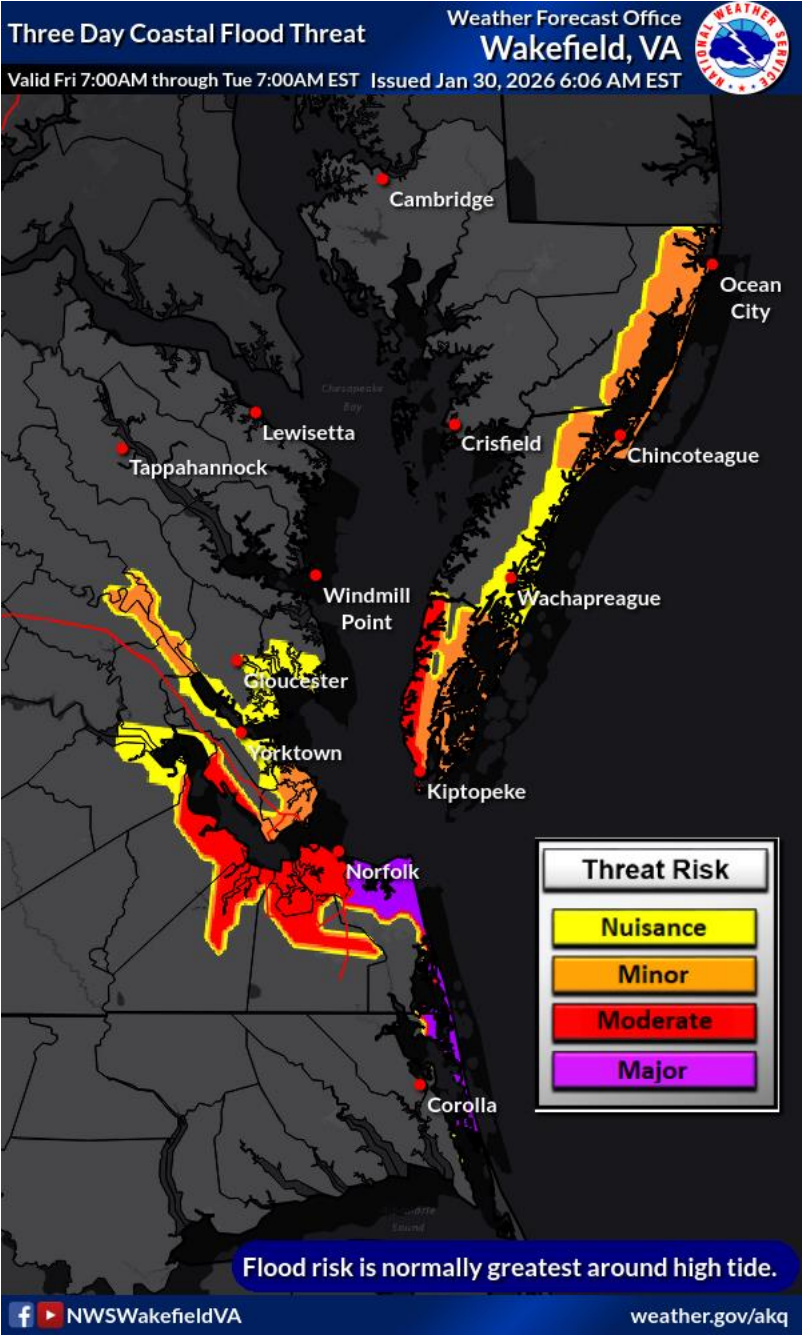
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Ahoskie	15	60 90	75 25	0 0	0 0	15 45	50 35
Bowling Green	5	15 45	45 10	0 0	0 5	25 45	45 25
Cambridge	0	10 50	50 25	0 0	0 5	15 45	45 25
Cape Charles	10	25 80	80 40	0 0	0 5	10 50	50 35
Chesapeake	10	45 85	85 45	0 0	0 0	10 45	50 35
Corolla	10	65 95	95 60	0 0	0 0	10 50	50 40
Edenton	5	70 95	90 45	0 0	0 0	15 40	50 45
Elizabeth City	10	60 90	90 50	0 0	0 0	10 40	50 40
Emporia	25	55 85	70 15	0 0	0 5	25 45	50 35
Farmville	30	35 65	55 5	0 0	0 5	30 45	45 30
Gloucester	5	20 65	65 30	0 0	0 5	15 50	50 35
Goochland	10	20 55	50 10	0 0	0 5	30 45	45 30
Hampton/NNews	10	30 75	75 35	0 0	0 5	15 50	50 35
Louisa	5	15 35	30 5	0 0	0 5	30 45	40 25
Norfolk / Portsmouth	10	40 85	85 40	0 0	0 5	10 45	50 35
Ocean City	0	10 60	70 45	0 0	0 5	10 45	45 30
Petersburg	15	35 70	60 15	0 0	0 5	25 50	50 35
Richmond	10	25 60	55 15	0 0	0 5	25 50	50 30
Salisbury	0	10 55	60 35	0 0	0 5	15 45	45 25
South Hill	40	60 80	65 10	0 0	0 5	25 45	50 35
Suffolk	10	40 85	80 30	0 0	0 0	10 45	50 35
Tappahannock	5	15 55	55 15	0 0	0 5	20 45	45 30
Virginia Beach	10	45 90	90 50	0 0	0 5	10 50	50 40
Wakefield	10	40 80	70 25	0 0	0 5	20 45	50 35
Williamsburg	10	25 65	65 25	0 0	0 5	20 50	50 35
Windsor	5	65 90	90 35	0 0	0 0	15 35	50 40





Tidal Flooding Overview

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Nuisance	Shallow flooding only in the most vulnerable locations. Expect around a half foot of inundation.
Minor	Up to 1 foot of inundation possible in vulnerable locations.
Moderate	1 to 2 feet of inundation expected. Water will extend inland from the waterfront.
Major	2 to 3 feet or more of inundation expected. Flooding will extend well inland.

- **What/When:** Tidal anomalies are expected to rise substantially late Saturday into Sunday with **Moderate to locally MAJOR** coastal flooding expected during Sunday's high tide cycles.
- **Where:** Lower Chesapeake Bay and the VA Beach and Currituck Outer Banks coastline.
- A **Coastal Flood Watch** is in effect for Norfolk/Chesapeake, VA Beach, Northampton County VA and Eastern Currituck County.
- **Note:** Tidal flooding could freeze to road surfaces.

For details visit the [Coastal Flood Webpage](#) and [Forecast Tide Tables](#)

Note: Flood risk / impacts will typically be greatest around each high tide for a given day. Images represent the peak flood category / impact expected.

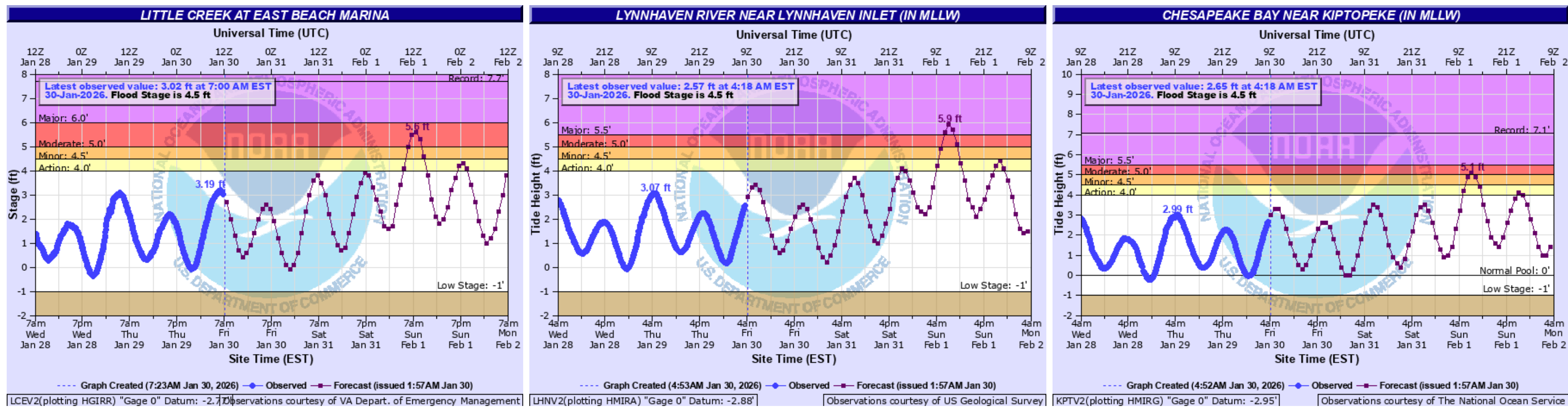




Tidal Overview - Lower Ches Bay

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Note: All forecasts reference Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).



Summary of Tidal Trends

- Moderate to locally major tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning.
- Inundation of 2-3 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.

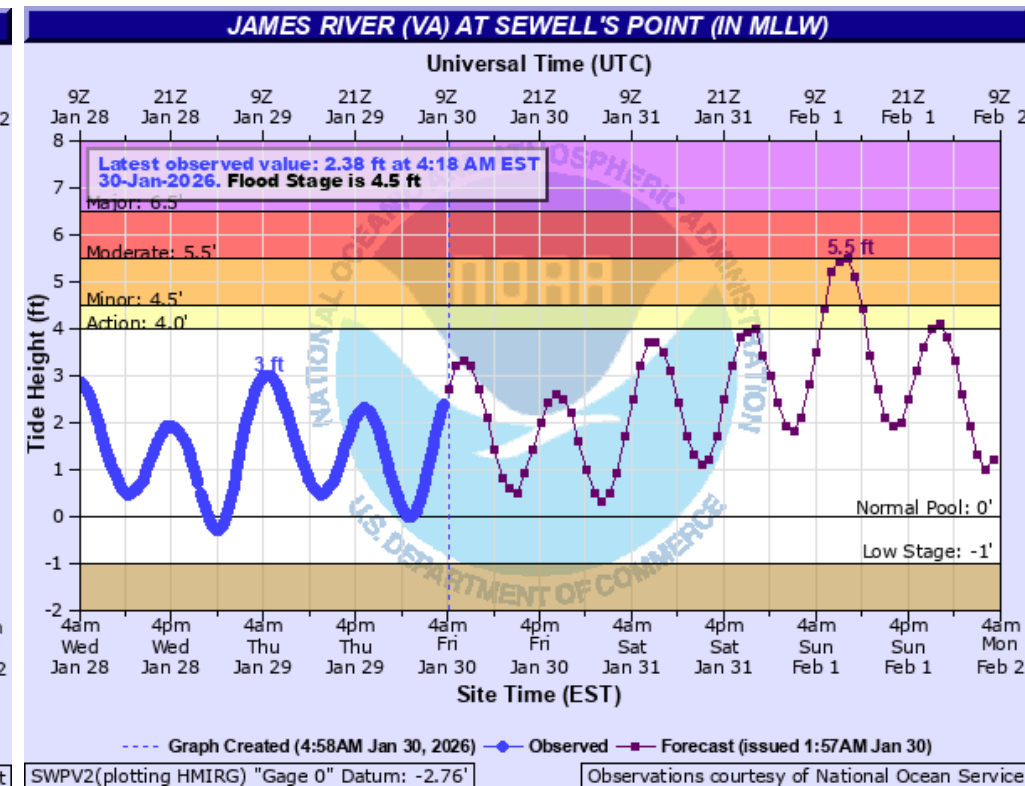
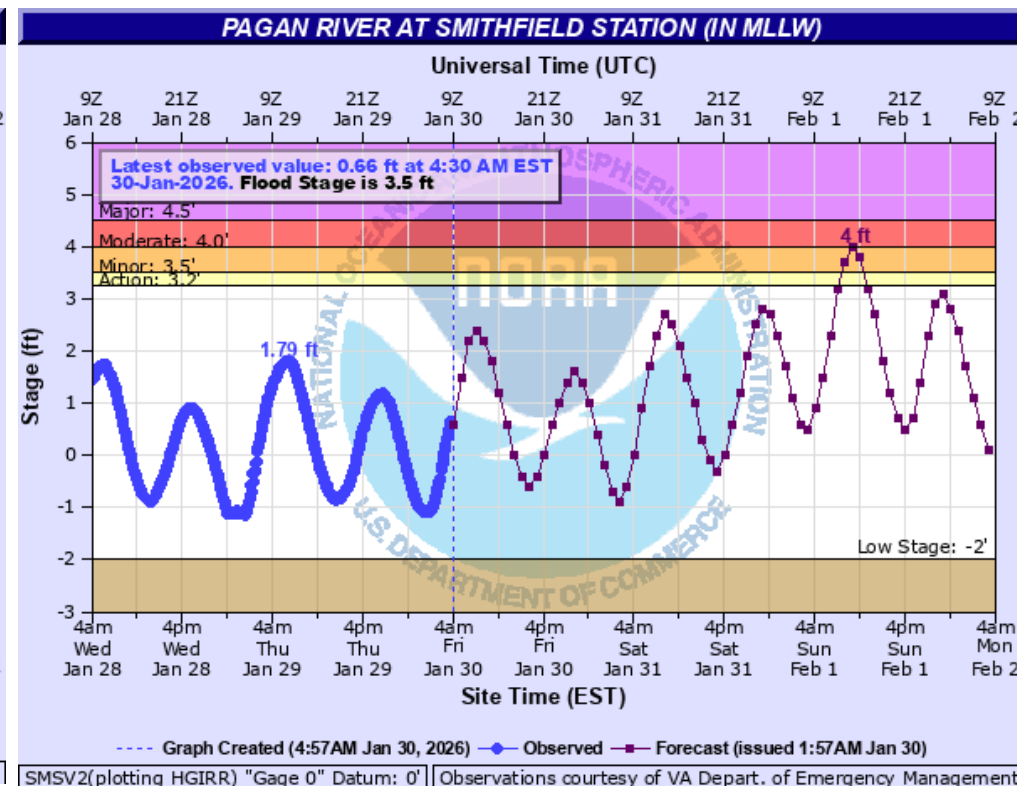
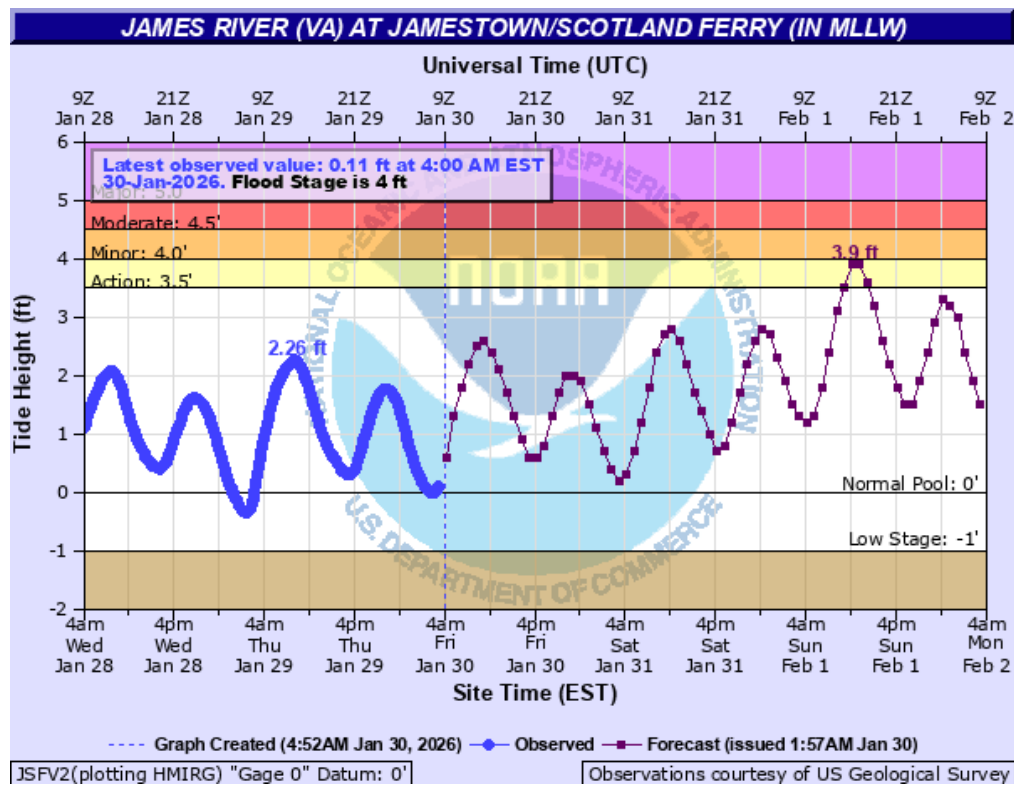
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Tidal Overview - Lower James River

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Summary of Tidal Trends

- Minor to locally moderate tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning.
- Inundation of 1-2 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.

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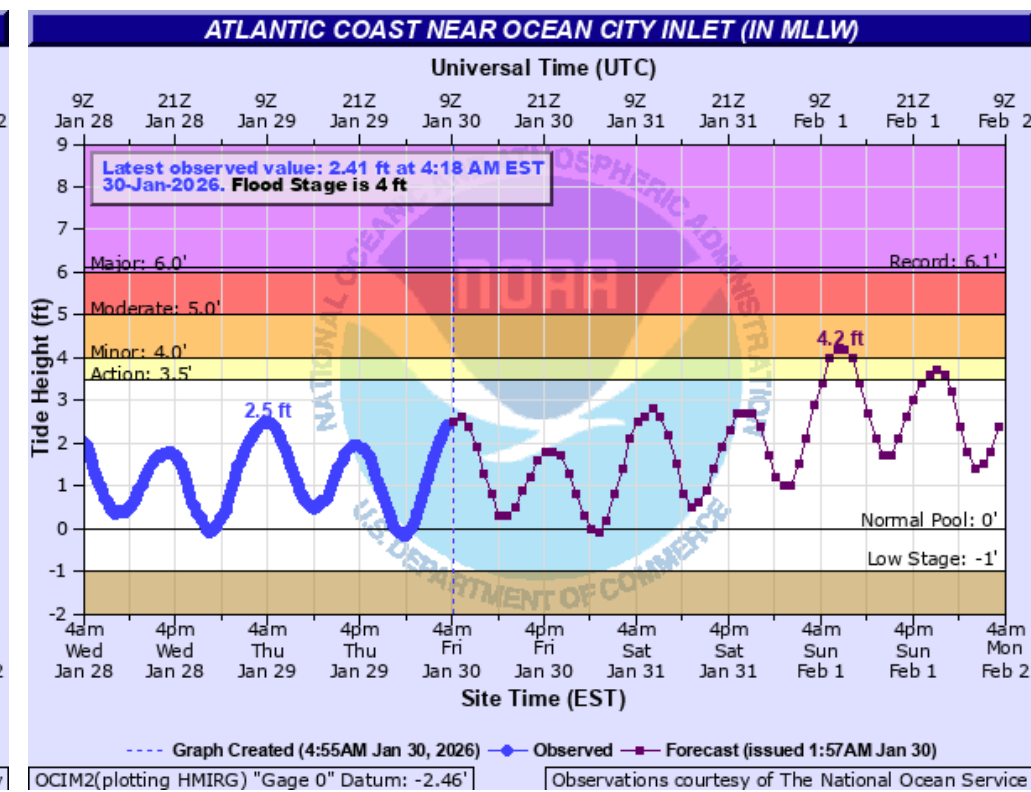
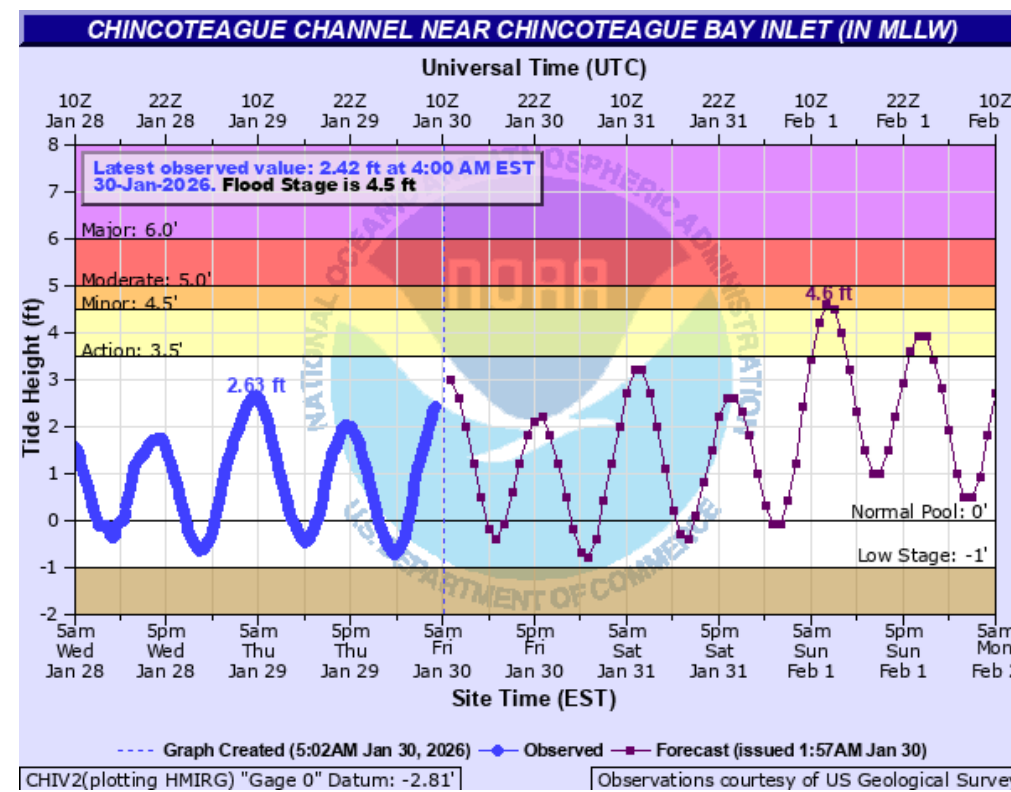
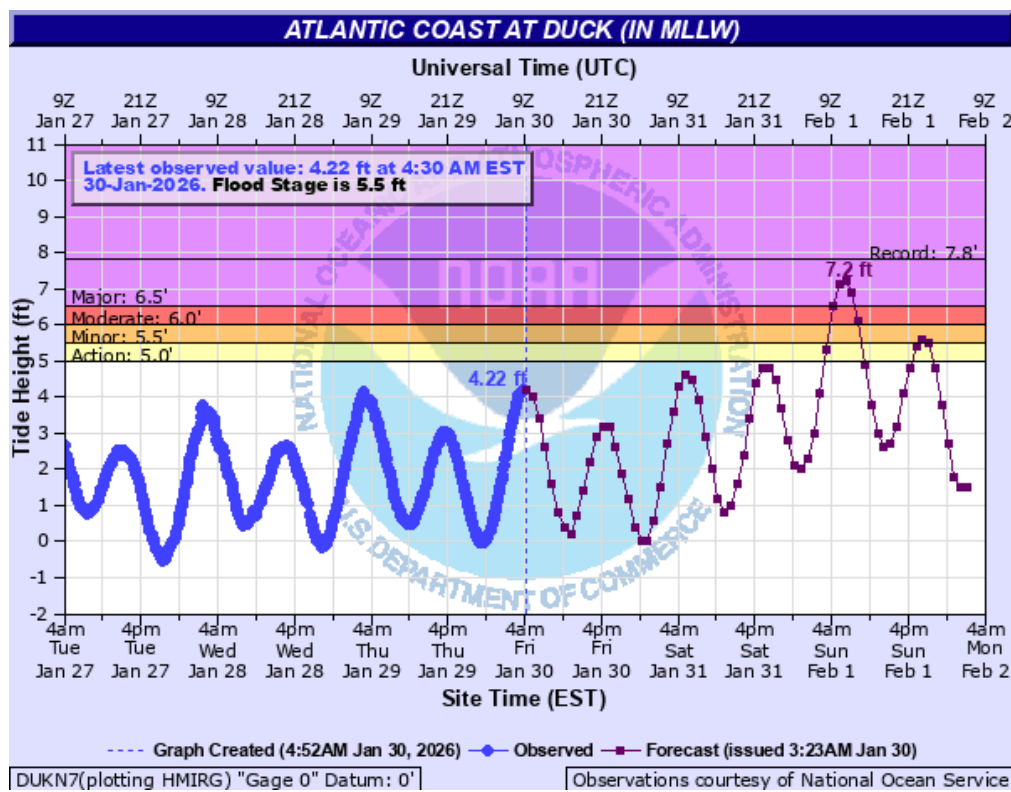


Tidal Overview - Ocean

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Summary of Tidal Trends

- Major tidal flooding will occur along the coastline from VA Beach to Outer Banks Currituck during the high tide cycle Sunday morning. Inundation of 2-3 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected, along with extensive beach and dune erosion.
- Minor tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning along the Atlantic side of the Eastern Shore. Up to 1 foot of inundation AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.




For more site-specific details, visit the [Coastal Flood Webpage](#) and [Forecast Tide Tables](#)





Tidal Flooding Overview

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	Minor	Moderate	Major
Picture			
Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Shallow flooding in the most vulnerable locations near the waterfront and shoreline resulting in a low threat of property damage.➤ Up to 1 foot of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Widespread flooding of vulnerable areas will result in an elevated threat of property damage.➤ 1 to 2 feet of inundation primarily in shoreline and vulnerable areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Severe flooding will cause extensive inundation and flooding of numerous roads and buildings resulting in a significant threat to property and life.➤ 2 to 3 feet or more of inundation.
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ A few shoreline and vulnerable roadways and adjacent properties will experience shallow flooding.➤ Minor beach erosion with possible erosion to the front of vulnerable dune structures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Inundation of roads and low lying property near the waterfront.➤ Flooding will extend along tidal rivers and creeks resulting in some road closures, flooding of vehicles, and some property.➤ Severe beach erosion and considerable erosion of dunes, especially during long duration events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Numerous roads will be impassable, with many unprotected cars submerged.➤ Evacuations will be necessary for the most vulnerable areas.➤ Flood waters may extend well inland.➤ Substantial coastal damage and severe erosion of dunes.



Storm/Gale Headlines



A **Storm Warning** has been issued for the coastal waters S of Cape Charles & Currituck Sound

A **Storm Watch** remains in effect for the Chesapeake Bay, coastal waters N of Cape Charles & Lower James

A **Gale Watch** remains in effect for the upper rivers



Winds: Storm Watches/Warnings: N/NNW winds 35 to 45 kt with gusts to 55 kt

Gale Watch: 30 to 35 kt with gusts 40 to 45 kt



Seas: 10-15 ft, occasionally to 20 ft

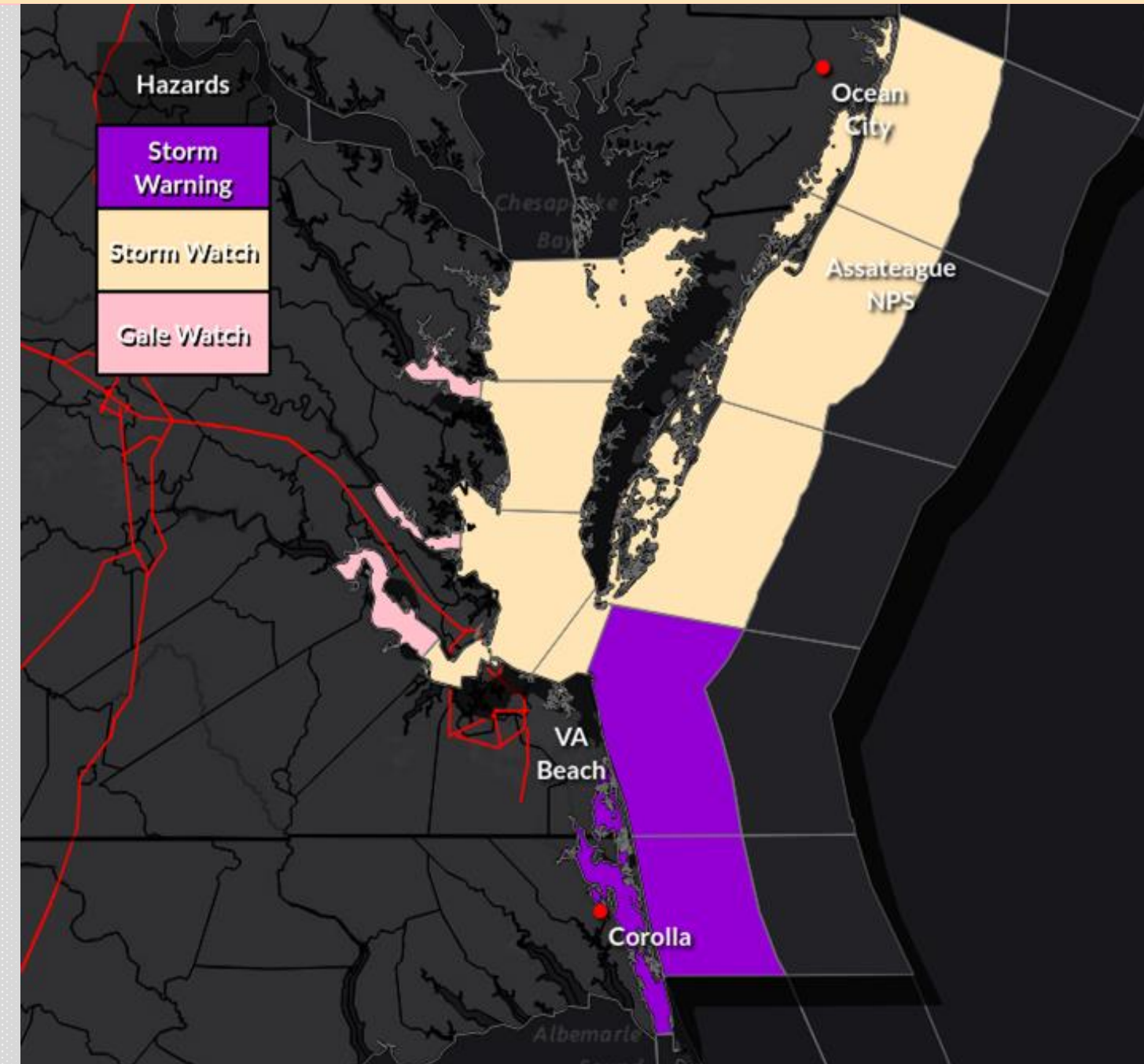


Timing: Late Saturday into Sunday night



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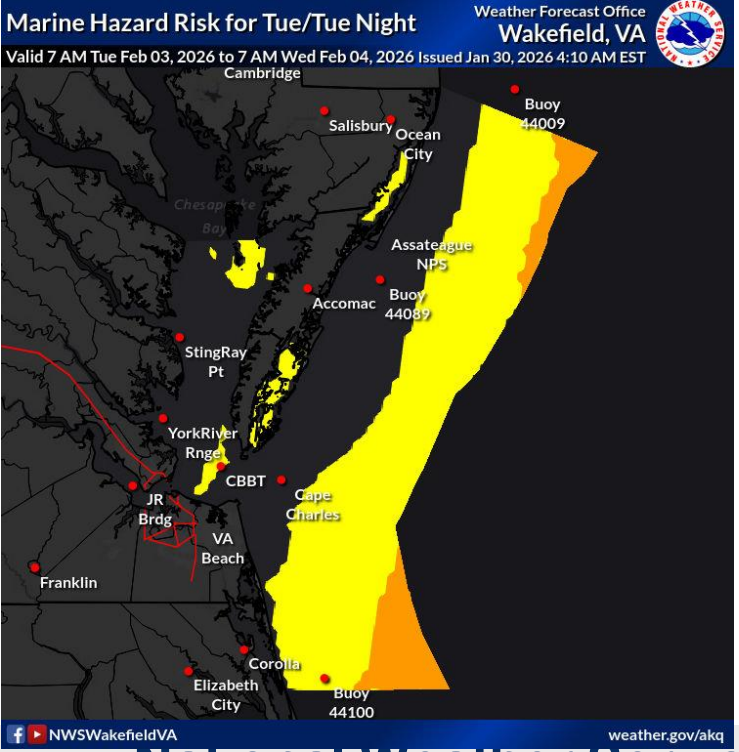
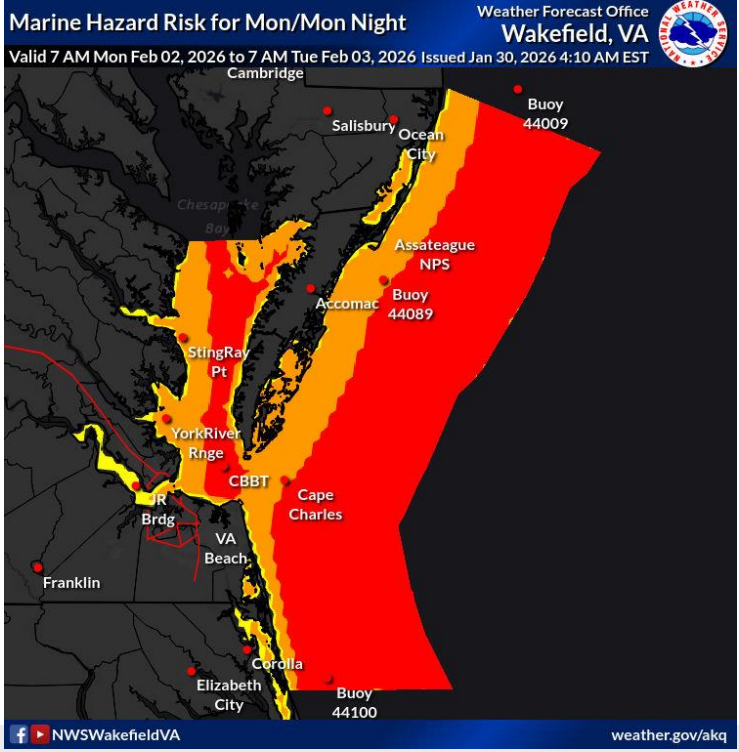
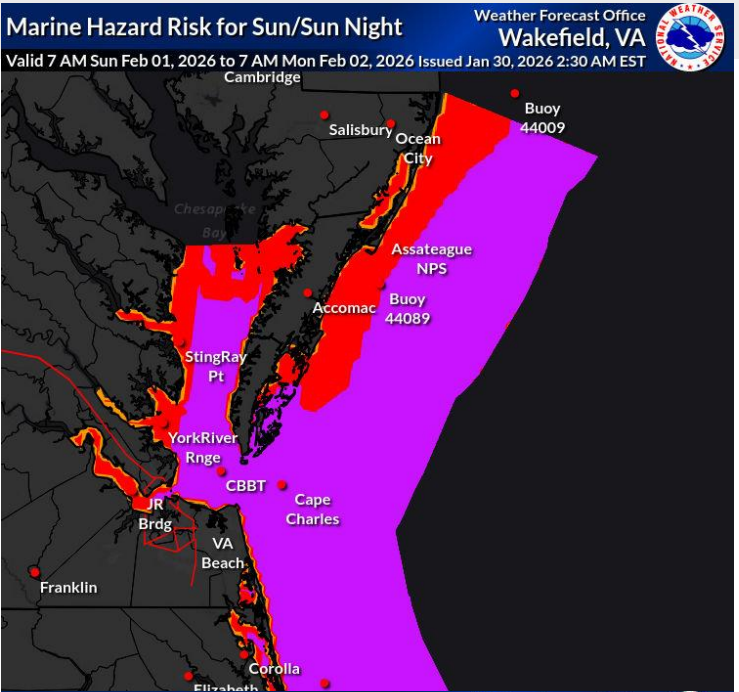
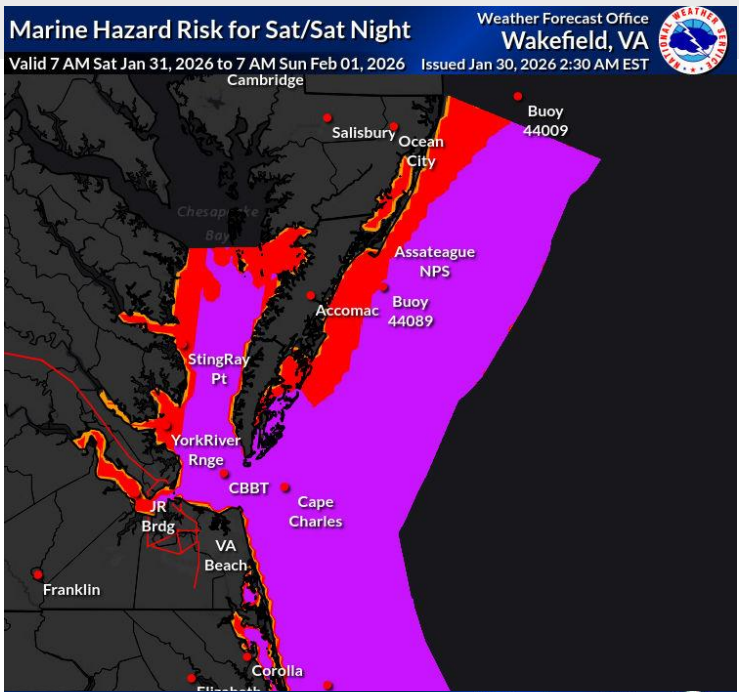
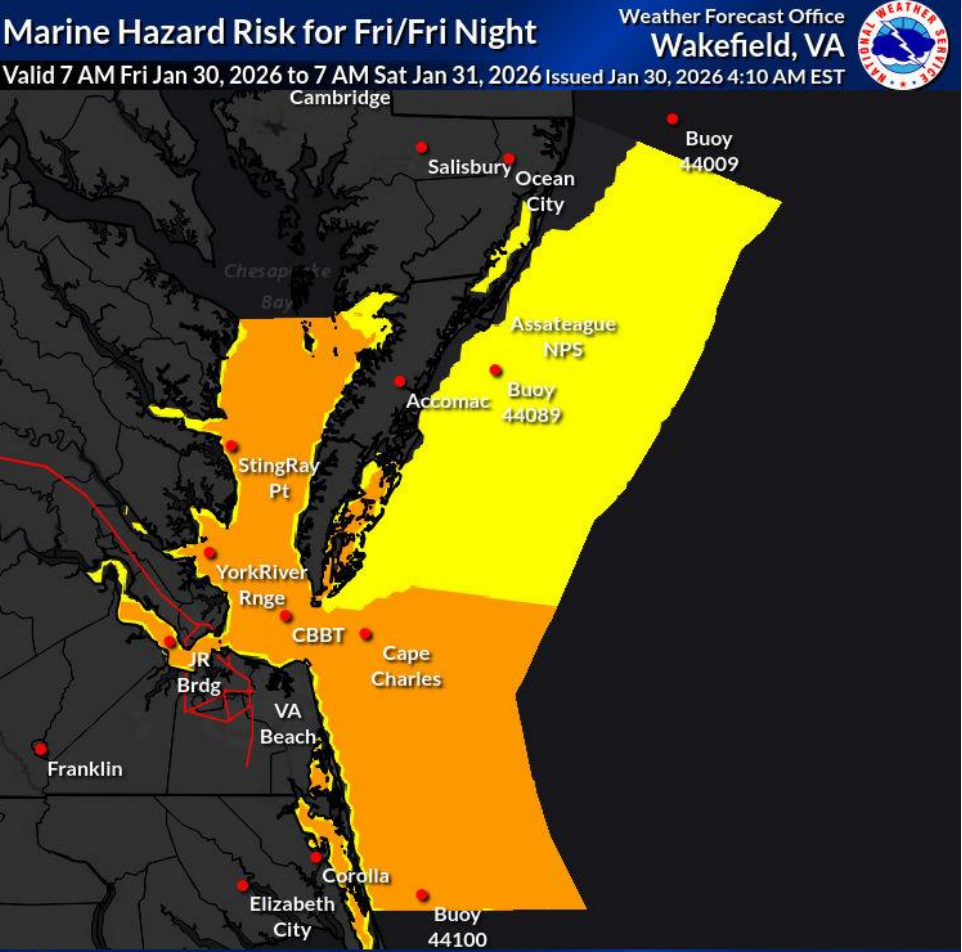


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Marine Threat Potential - Next 5 Days

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Limited	Wind Gusts \geq 20 knots (15 kt Bay & rivers) and/or Waves \geq 4 feet (2 ft Bay & rivers).
Elevated	Wind Gusts \geq 25 knots (20 kt Bay & rivers) and/or Waves \geq 5 feet (\geq 4 ft Bay & rivers).
Significant	Wind Gusts \geq 34 knots and/or Waves \geq 8 feet (\geq 5 ft Bay & rivers).
Extreme	Wind Gusts \geq 48 knots and/or Waves \geq 12 feet (\geq 8 ft Bay & rivers).



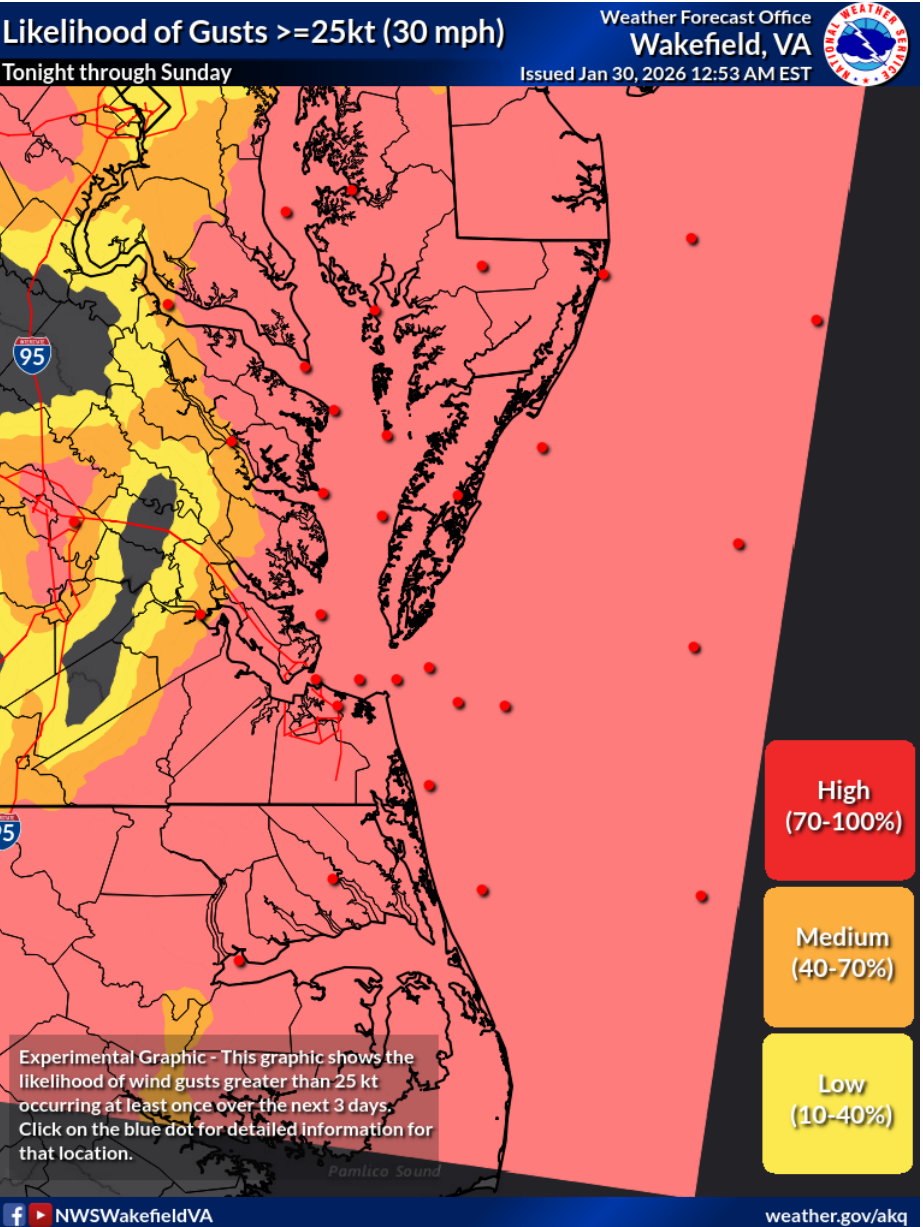


Marine Wind Probabilities (72 hour)

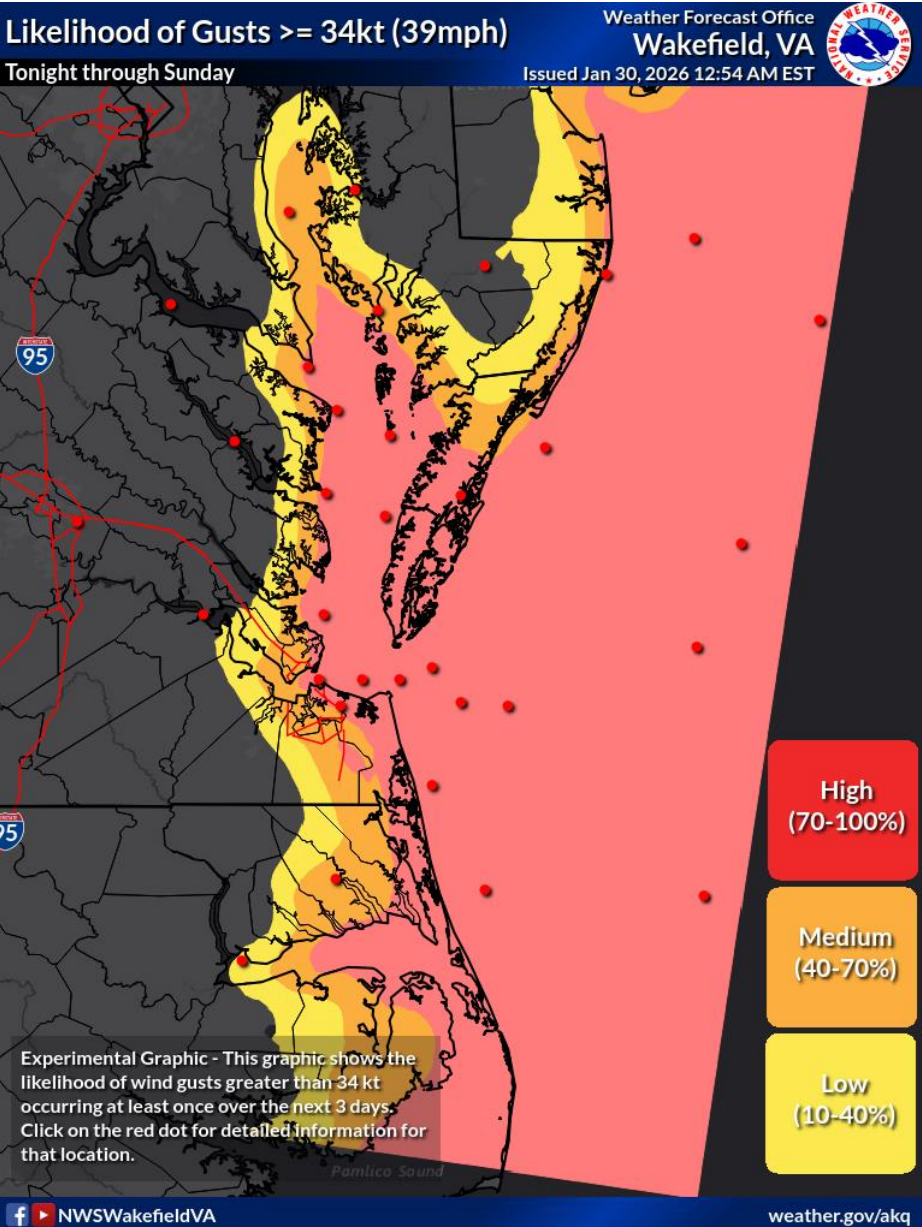
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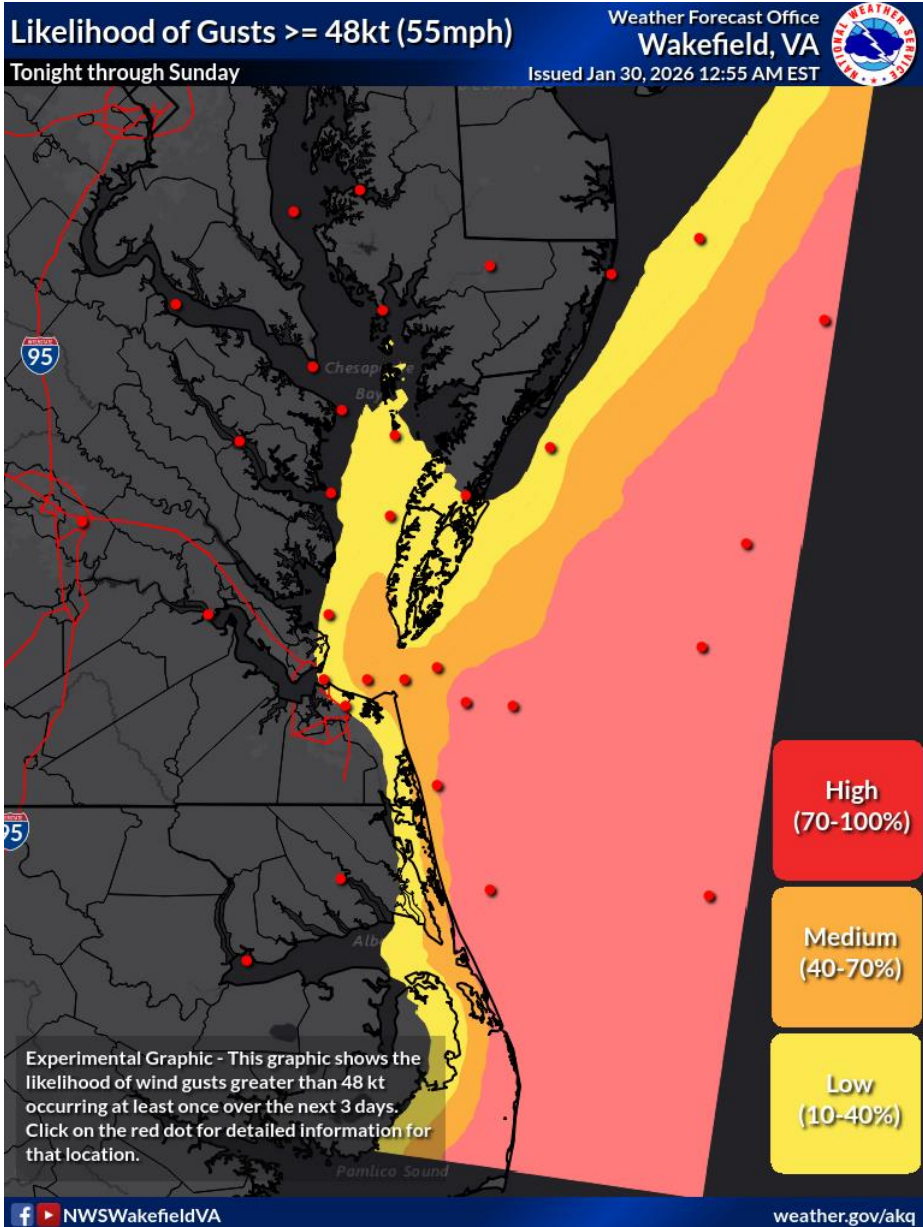
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Gale Conditions



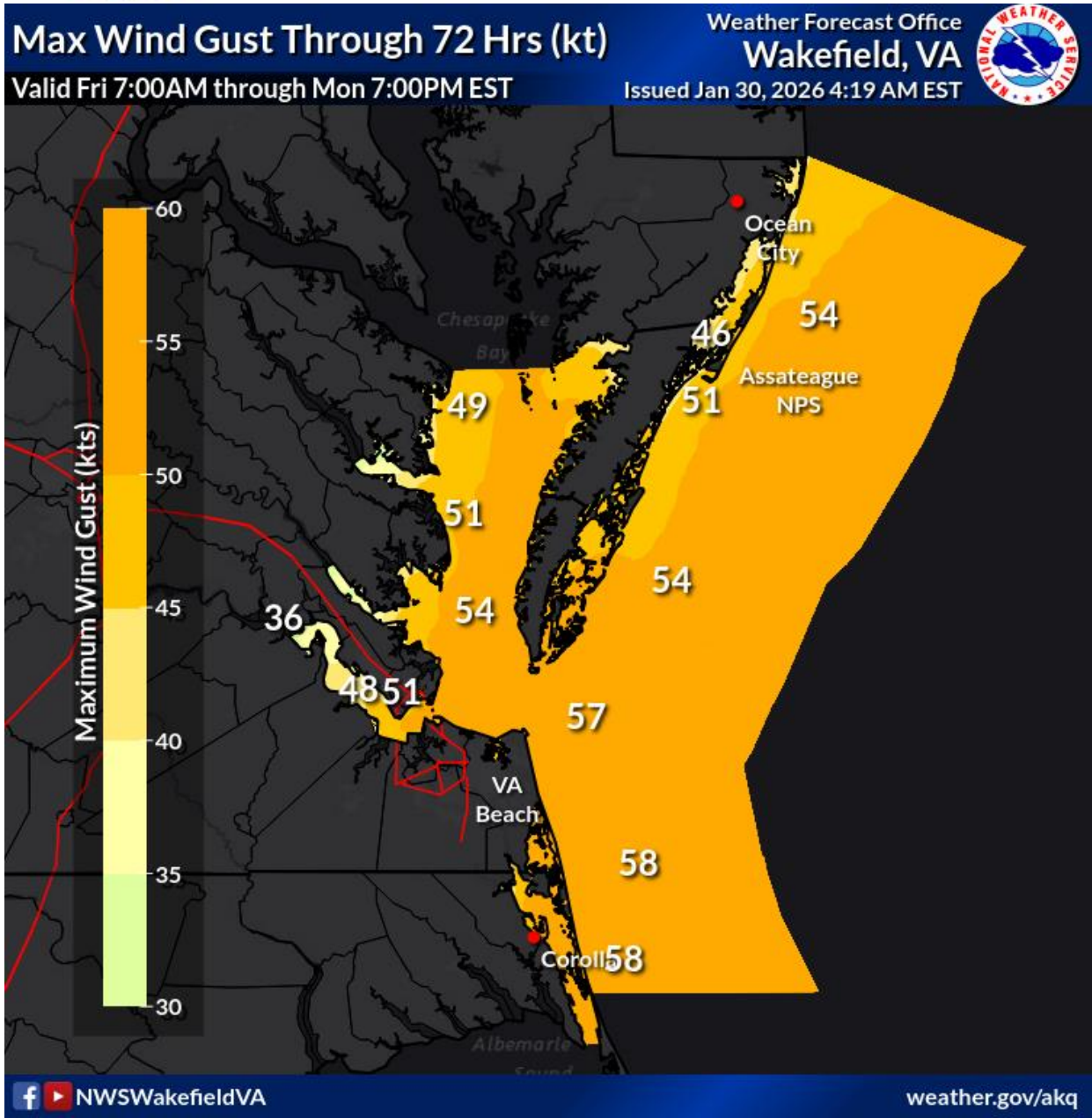
Storm Conditions





Marine Wind Overview

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Key Points:

- Storm Watches/Warnings are in effect Saturday evening-Sunday. N to NE winds rapidly increase to 35 to 45 knots with gusts of 55 knots expected.
- Rounds of freezing spray are expected through the weekend as periods of elevated winds develop. Moderate to occasionally heavy freezing spray is possible Saturday night-Sunday AM.

	Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (kt)																							
	1/30 Fri				1/31 Sat				2/1 Sun				2/2 Mon											
	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am
CBBT	12↓	12↓	15↓	19↓	21↓	24↓	25↓	28↓	30↓	34↓	40↓	44↓	49↓	50↓	52↓	49↓	44↓	39↓	37↓	35↓	33↓	31↓	31↓	30↓
Cape Henry	12↓	12↓	16↓	19↓	23↓	25↓	28↓	29↓	31↓	35↓	41↓	45↓	49↓	51↓	53↓	51↓	46↓	41↓	39↓	38↓	34↓	31↓	31↓	30↓
Chesapeake Light	13↓	13↓	18↓	20↓	23↓	25↓	28↓	30↓	33↓	38↓	43↓	46↓	50↓	53↓	53↓	51↓	48↓	44↓	41↓	39↓	35↓	34↓	33↓	30↓
Chincoteague Shoal	13↓	11↓	15↓	18↓	19↓	20↓	20↓	23↓	25↓	29↓	35↓	40↓	44↓	48↓	47↓	45↓	42↓	38↓	37↓	35↓	34↓	33↓	32↓	30↓
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Fenwick Shoal	18↓	17↓	19↓	19↓	18↓	17↓	18↓	19↓	21↓	26↓	33↓	39↓	43↓	46↓	46↓	46↓	43↓	39↓	35↓	33↓	30↓	30↓	28↓	26↓
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New Point Comfort	12↓	12↓	14↓	18↓	21↓	24↓	26↓	27↓	29↓	33↓	39↓	43↓	47↓	49↓	47↓	46↓	41↓	36↓	34↓	33↓	31↓	29↓	29↓	26↓
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Marine Forecast Wind Summary

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Sustained Wind (kt)

	Maximum Wind Speed Forecast (kt)													
	1/30		1/31				2/1				2/2			
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Cape Henry	10↓	15↓	20↓	23↓	28↓	36↓	41↓	42↓	37↓	31↓	27↓	25↓	20↓	13↓
Chesapeake Light	10↓	16↓	20↓	24↓	30↓	37↓	42↓	42↓	38↓	33↓	28↓	26↓	22↓	17↓
Chincoteague Shoal	10↓	14↓	16↓	18↓	23↓	32↓	38↓	37↓	33↓	29↓	27↓	25↓	20↓	16↓
Duck, NC	9↓	16↓	22↓	26↓	32↓	38↓	42↓	41↓	36↓	29↓	24↓	20↓	17↓	10↓
Fenwick Shoal	15↓	15↓	14↓	15↓	21↓	32↓	37↓	37↓	34↓	30↓	26↓	24↓	19↓	16↓
HRBT	9↓	15↓	20↓	22↓	26↓	34↓	36↓	37↓	30↓	26↓	22↓	19↓	14↓	8↓
JRB	8↓	12↓	17↓	19↓	23↓	30↓	33↓	33↓	26↓	21↓	18↓	14↓	10↓	6↓
New Point Comfort	9↓	14↓	18↓	21↓	25↓	33↓	37↓	36↓	31↓	26↓	24↓	22↓	16↓	9↓
Parramore Banks	9↓	14↓	17↓	19↓	24↓	32↓	37↓	36↓	34↓	29↓	26↓	23↓	20↓	14↓
Rappahannock Light	10↓	14↓	17↓	19↓	24↓	33↓	38↓	38↓	34↓	29↓	27↓	25↓	19↓	12↓
Tangier	10↓	13↓	17↓	17↓	23↓	31↓	38↓	37↓	34↓	30↓	28↓	26↓	21↓	13↓
Thimble Shoal	10↓	15↓	20↓	22↓	27↓	36↓	40↓	40↓	34↓	28↓	25↓	24↓	17↓	11↓

Wind Gusts (kt)

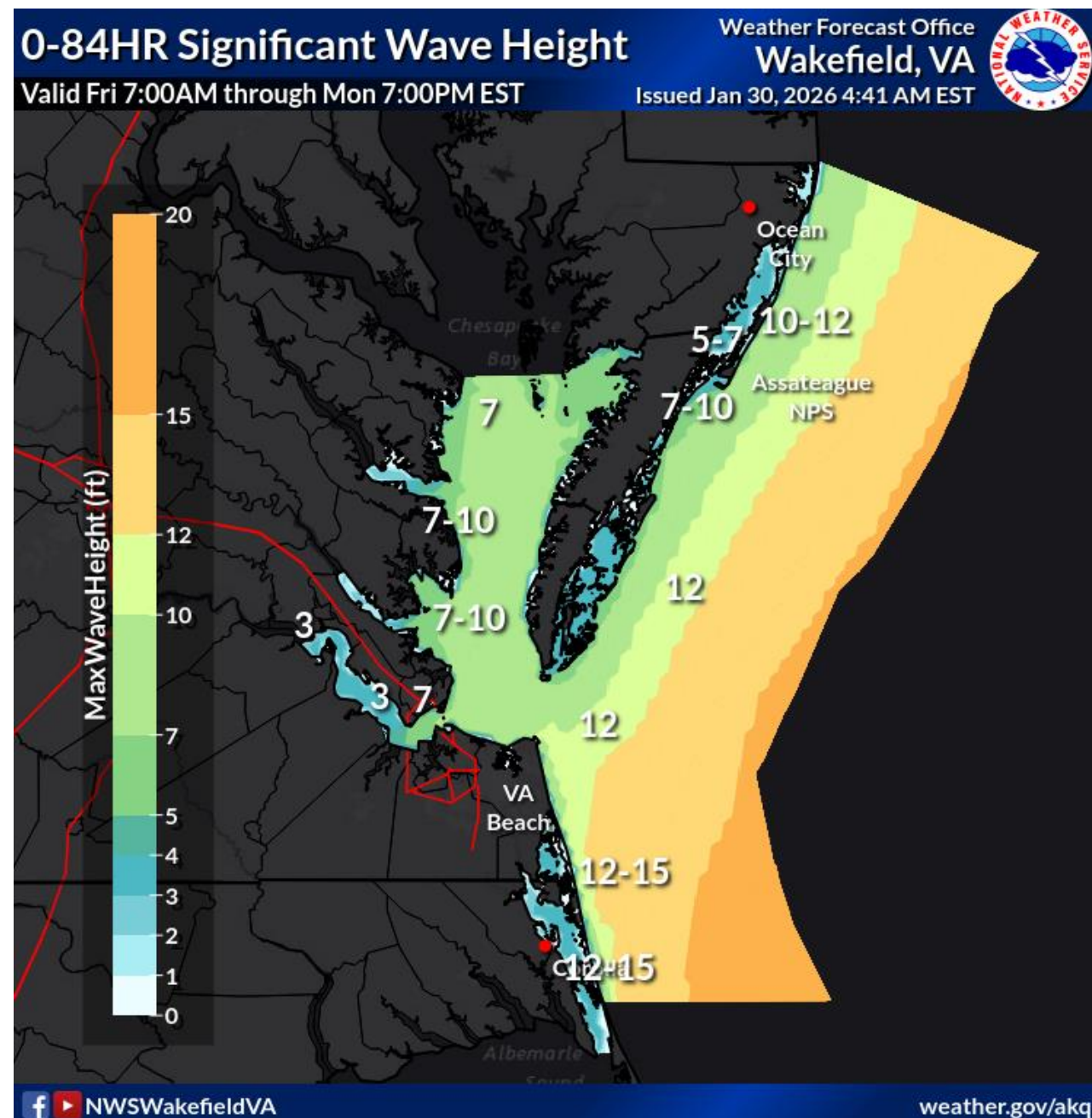
	Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (kt)													
	1/30		1/31				2/1				2/2			
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CBBT	12↓	19↓	24↓	28↓	34↓	44↓	50↓	52↓	44↓	37↓	33↓	31↓	24↓	15↓
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Marine Waves / Seas Forecast

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SIGNIFICANT Wave Height (one wave every 5 minutes or less)

	Wave Height Forecast (feet)																					
	1/30		1/31				2/1				2/2				2/3				2/4			
	Fri		Sat				Sun				Mon				Tue				Wed			
	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
CBBT	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Cape Henry	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Chesapeake Light	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0
Chincoteague Shoal	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Duck, NC	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Fenwick Shoal	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
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JRB	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
New Point Comfort	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Parramore Banks	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Rappahannock Light	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Tangier	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Thimble Shoal	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0

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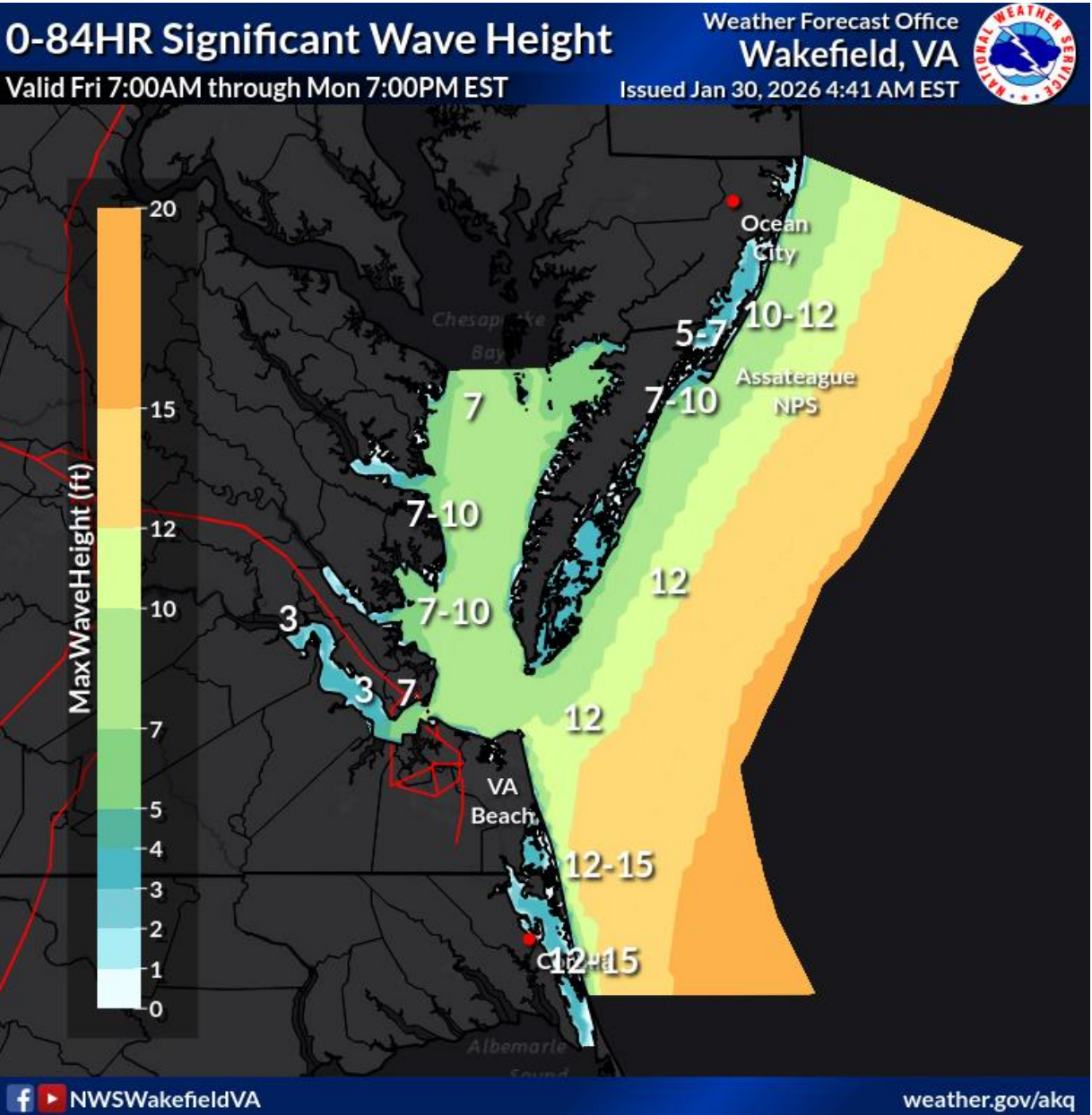
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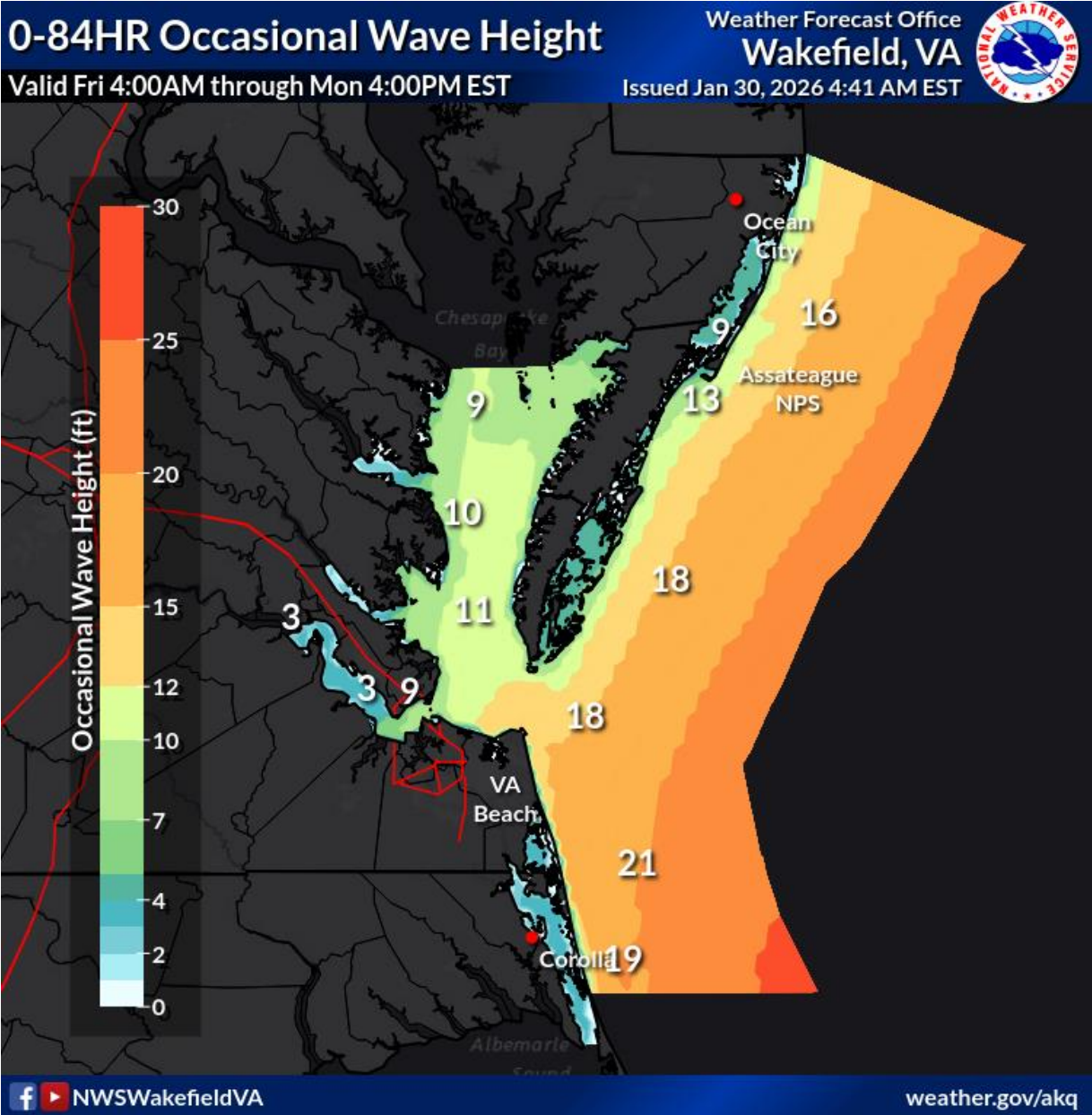
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3 Day Highest Significant and Occasional Wave Height Forecasts



SIGNIFICANT Wave Height - one every 5 minutes or less)



Occasional Wave Height (one every 15 to 20 minutes)



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Heavy Freezing Spray Watch

January 30, 2026
9:00 AM EST

In effect Saturday Night Through Sunday Morning

Heavy Freezing Spray Watch



WHAT: Moderate to Heavy ice accretion (around 2 cm per hour) on vessels from freezing spray



Winds: N 30-45 kt, Gusts to 50-55 Kt over the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Waters



WHERE: Chesapeake Bay from Smith Point to the Mouth of Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Coastal Waters north of Parramore Island



WHEN: Saturday night through Sunday morning



IMPACTS: Freezing spray may damage electronic equipment and can reduce vessel stability



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