



Winter Weather Briefing

For Southeast North Carolina and Northeast South Carolina

January 24, 2026
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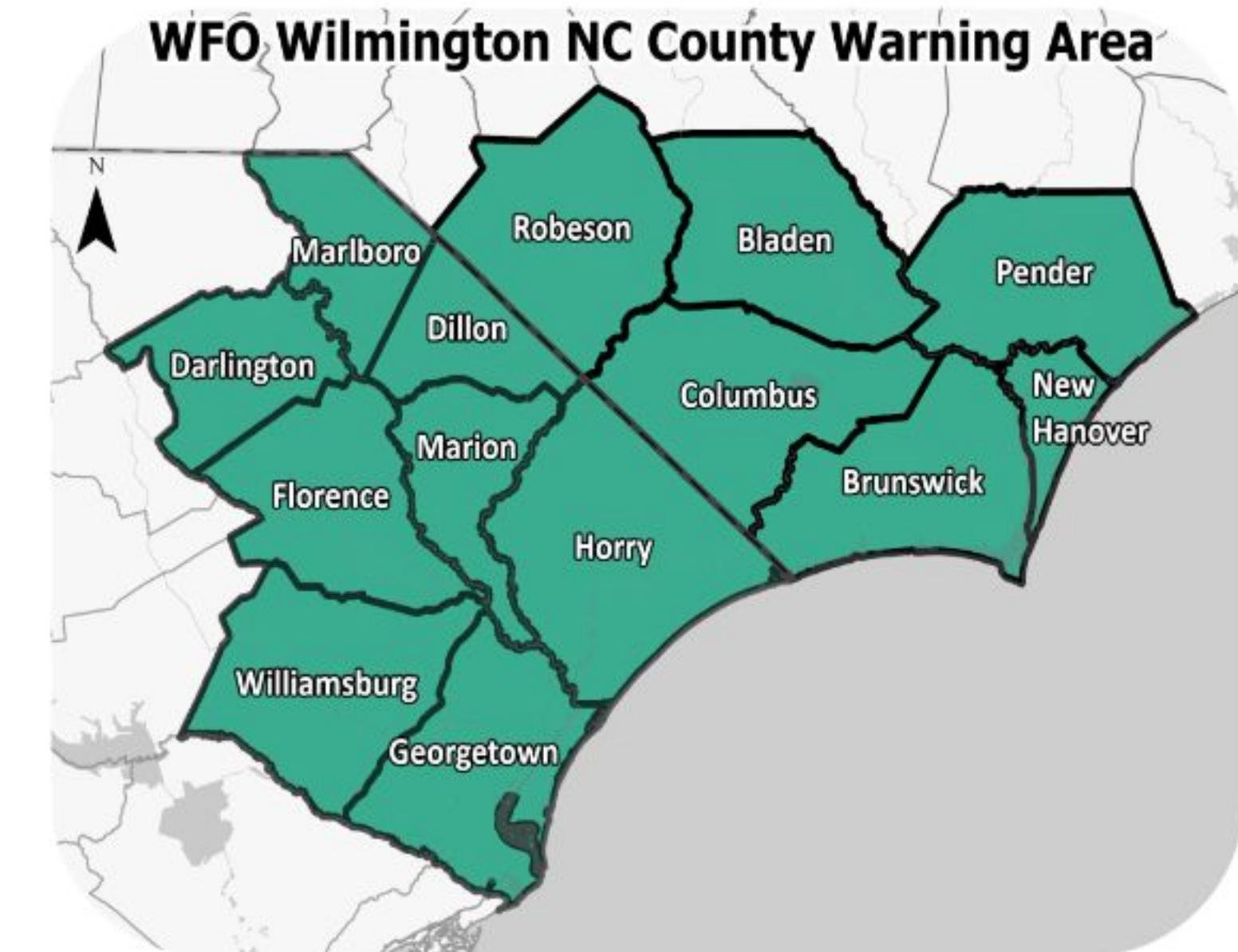
Decision Support Briefing #7

→ As of 7:13 AM Saturday January 24, 2026

NEW

Important Updates

- Ice Storm Warning now in effect for Dillon and Darlington Counties, as well as Marlboro and Robeson Counties
- Winter Weather Advisory in effect for rest of the forecast area (except for coastal Georgetown County)



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Key Messages

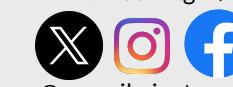
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- Confidence is increasing in significant impacts from wintry precipitation (mainly freezing rain) this weekend, especially near/west of I-95.
- Moderate to high confidence that a wintry mix of precipitation (mainly freezing rain) will begin late today/early tonight. The main window of concern is tonight into early Sunday. Precipitation will gradually change to all rain throughout the day Sunday as temperatures warm, especially near the coast.
- High confidence in dangerous cold following the storm through much of next week, especially Monday night and Thursday night when single digit wind chill temps are possible.



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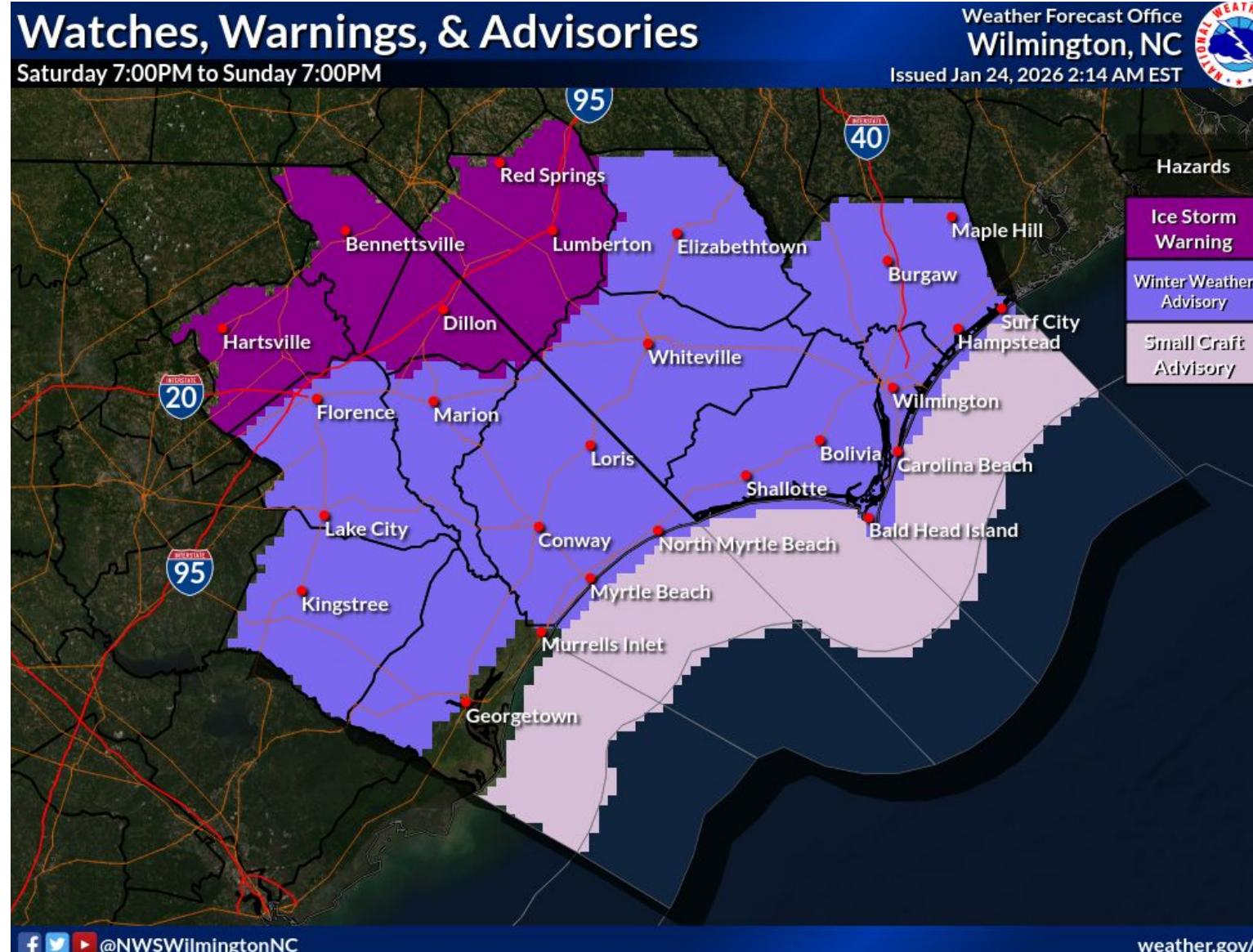
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Watches, Warnings, & Advisories

Saturday 7:00PM to Sunday 7:00PM



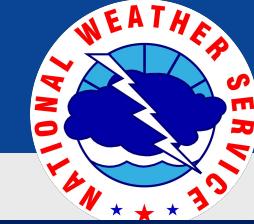
- **Ice Storm Warning** from this evening through Sunday evening for the following counties:
 - ◆ Marlboro
 - ◆ Robeson
 - ◆ Darlington
 - ◆ Dillon
- **Winter Weather Advisory** from this evening through Sunday evening for all other counties (except coastal Georgetown County)
- **Small Craft Advisory** today through 7 AM Tuesday for all nearshore waters out to 20 nm



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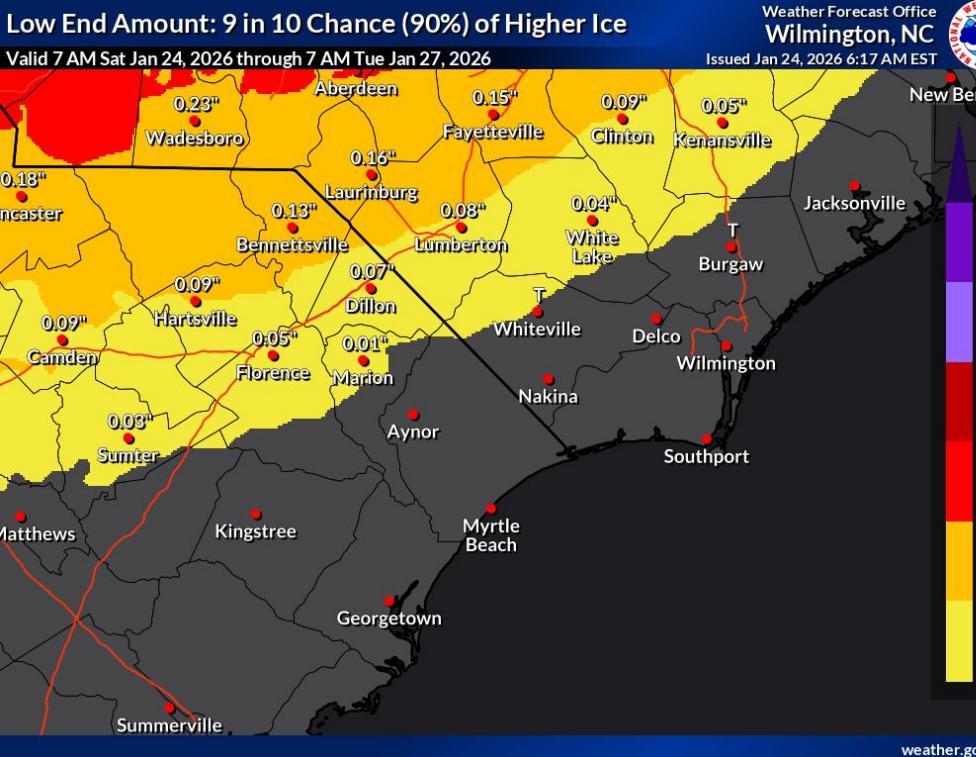
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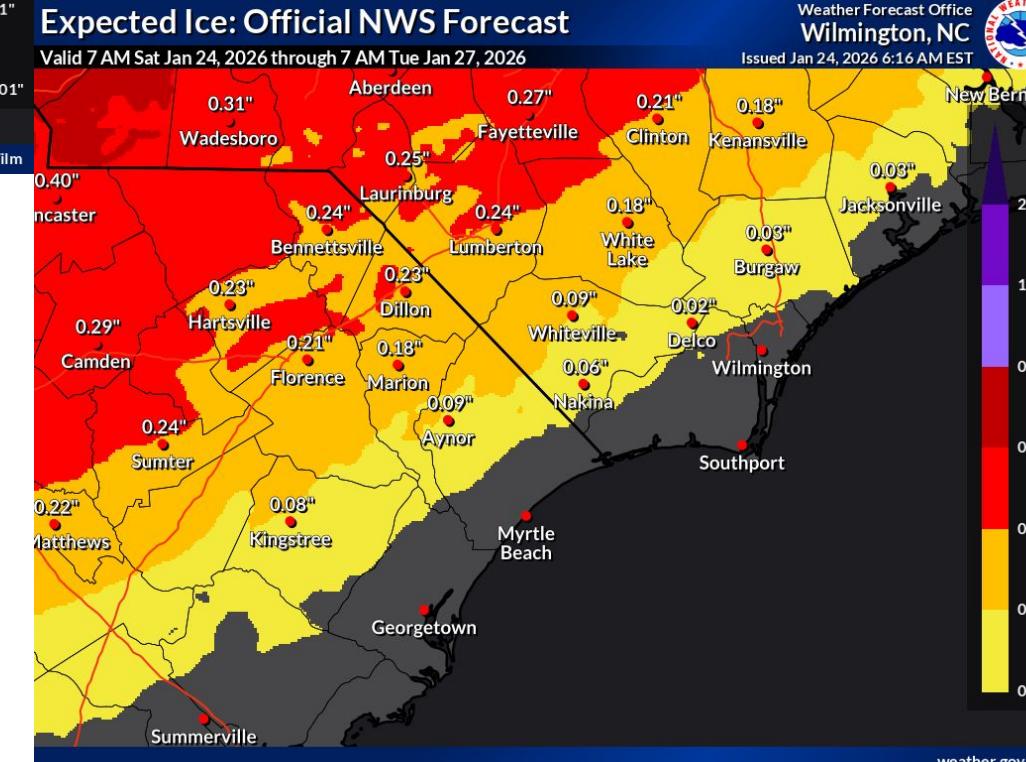
Ice Accumulations Thru Sunday Afternoon

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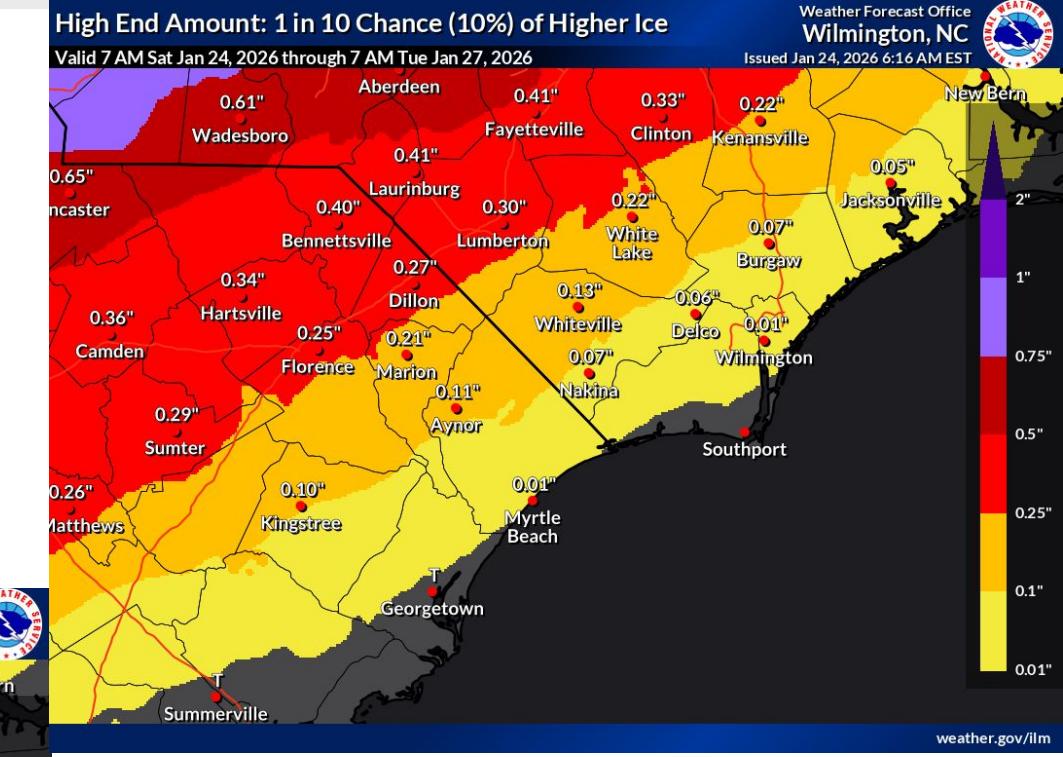
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Expected / Most
Likely Scenario



Low-End Scenario
90% chance there will
be *more* ice than this



High-End / Reasonable
Worst-Case Scenario
90% chance there will
be *less* ice than this



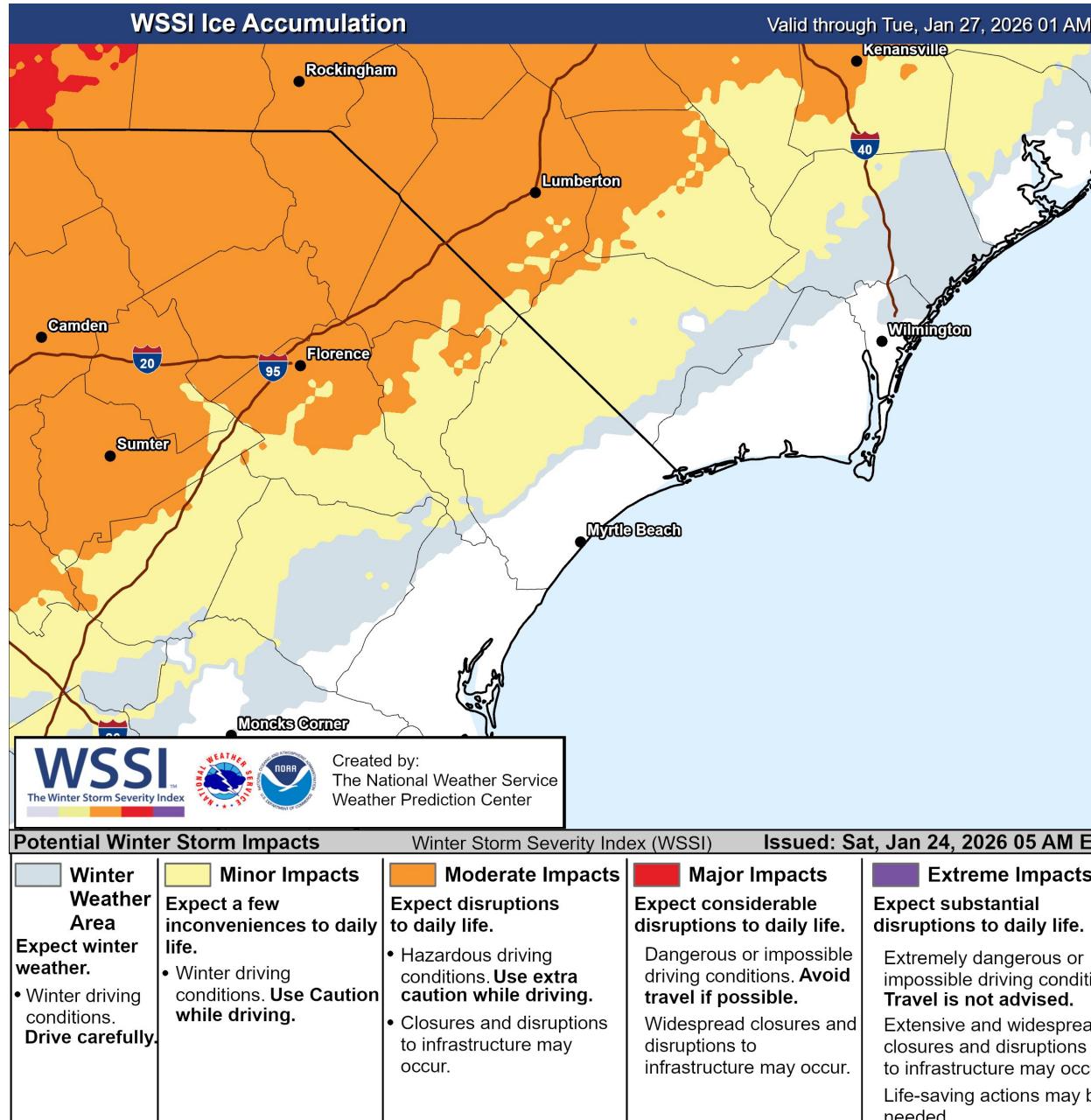
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Winter Storm Severity Index

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Moderate Winter Storm Impacts Inland This Weekend



- **Moderate Impacts** expected mainly for northwestern areas, which will cause winter driving conditions
- **Ice accumulation** due to freezing rain is the primary factor in expected impacts, with minimal impacts from sleet



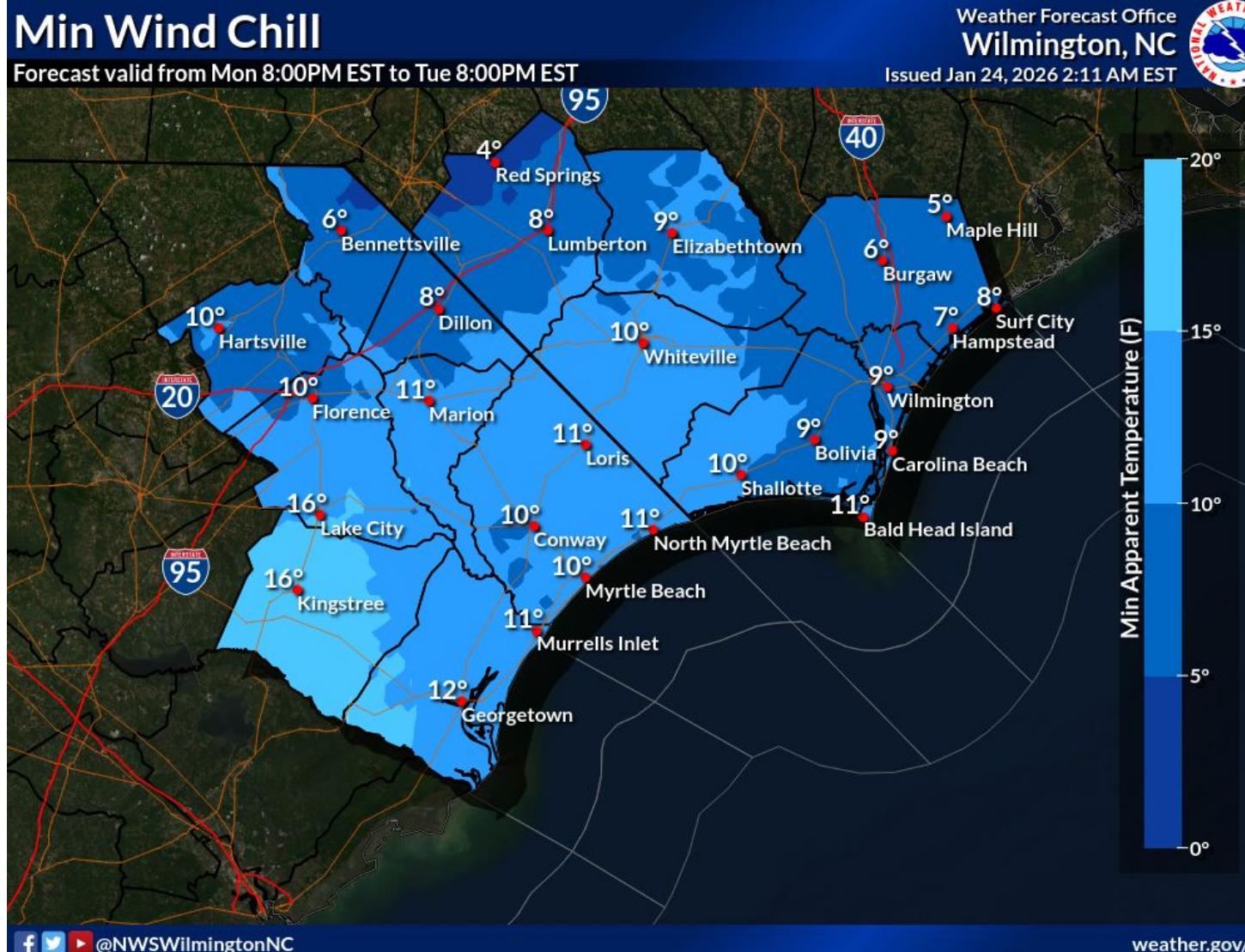
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Dangerous Cold

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Timing

- Much of next week, mainly Monday/Thursday nights



Forecast

- Well below normal temps, with dangerous cold possible during overnight hours
- Wind chills in the single digits possible



Impacts

- Frostbite and hypothermia can occur if unprotected skin is exposed to these temperatures



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Key Take-Aways

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- Confidence is HIGH that the event will occur
- Confidence is HIGH regarding impacts



Ice accumulation from freezing rain, along with some sleet, is expected across southeast NC and northeast SC, mainly near and west of I-95 and east into Bladen County. Confidence is overall high regarding ice accumulations, though there is still some play regarding the higher amounts west of I-95.



Dangerous cold temperatures will follow for several days, which will be especially hazardous to those without power.



Hazardous marine conditions expected across the coastal waters through early next week.



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ICE & SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW

Each year in the U.S., there are over 1,000 deaths and 100,000 injuries due to vehicle crashes during winter weather.



Clean off your vehicle before driving.
Flying snow from cars causes accidents.

Keep it slow, and don't use cruise control.
Roads can be slick even if they just look wet.

Leave extra distance between vehicles.
Stay especially far from snow plows.



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