



Winter Storm Briefing #5

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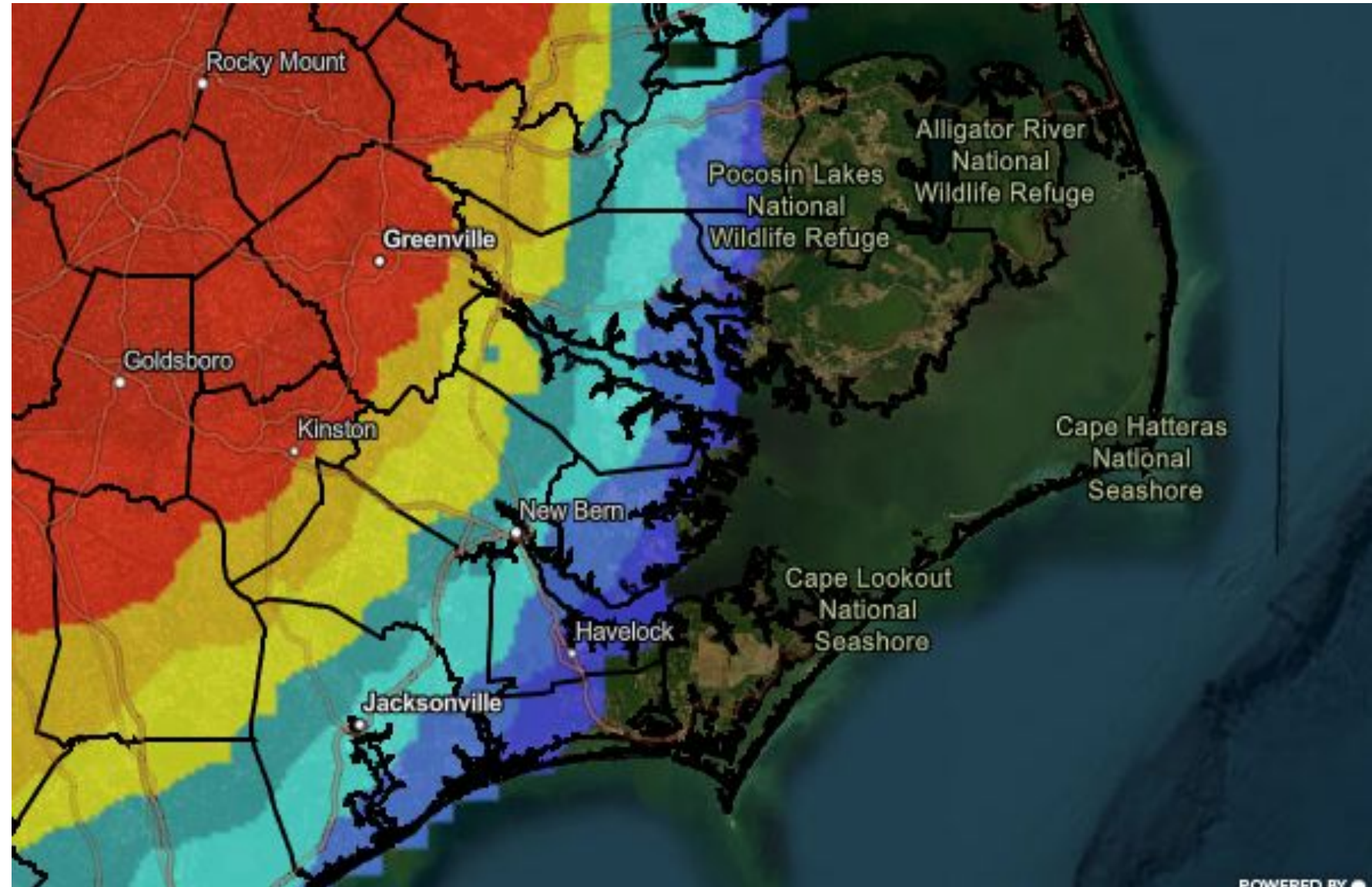
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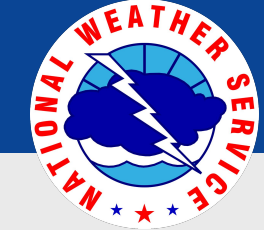
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Important Updates

- Snow accumulation threat continues to decrease.
- Greatest freezing rain accumulation threat is now along and west of Highway 17.

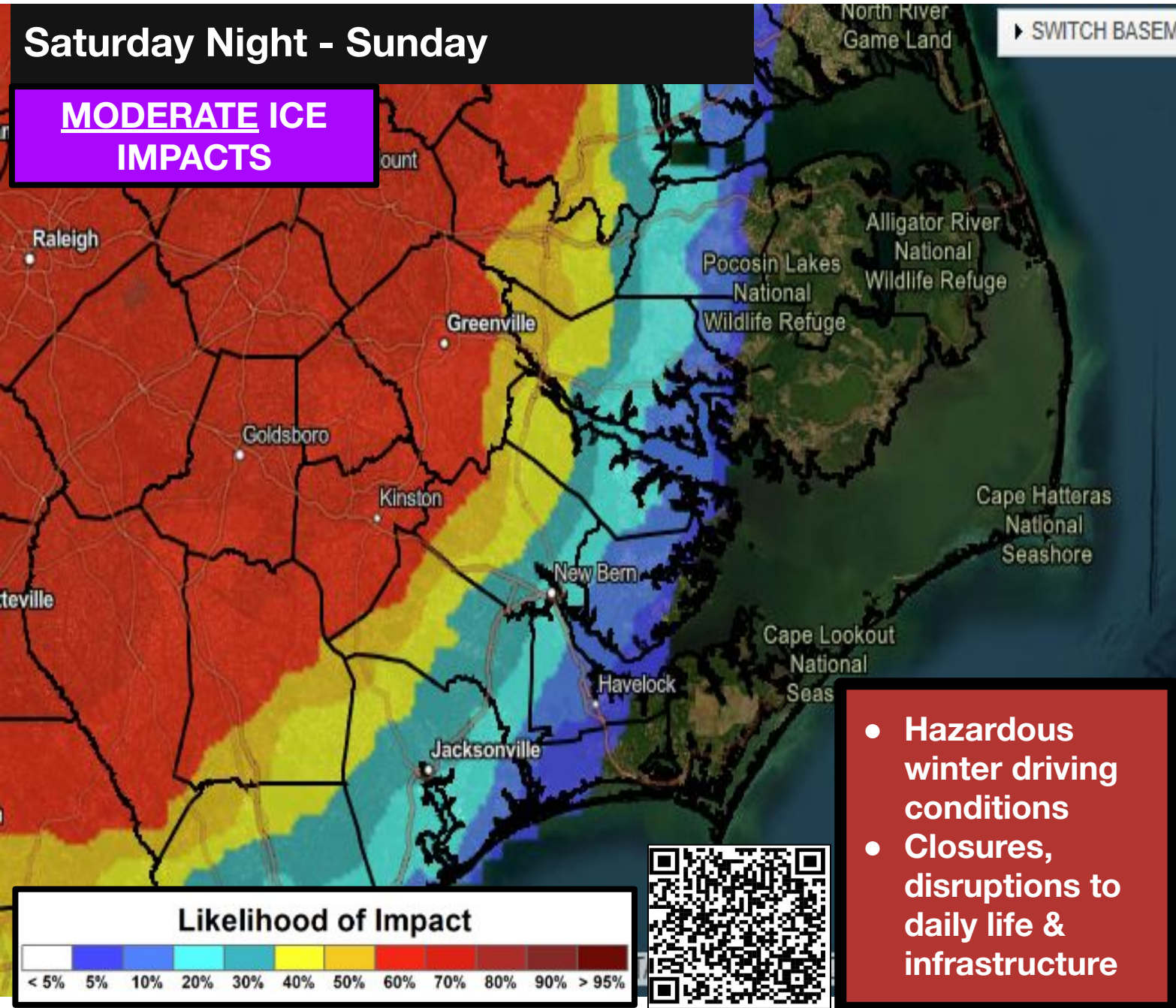




Winter Storm: Ice/Freezing Rain Impacts

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- Hazardous winter driving conditions
- Closures, disruptions to daily life & infrastructure

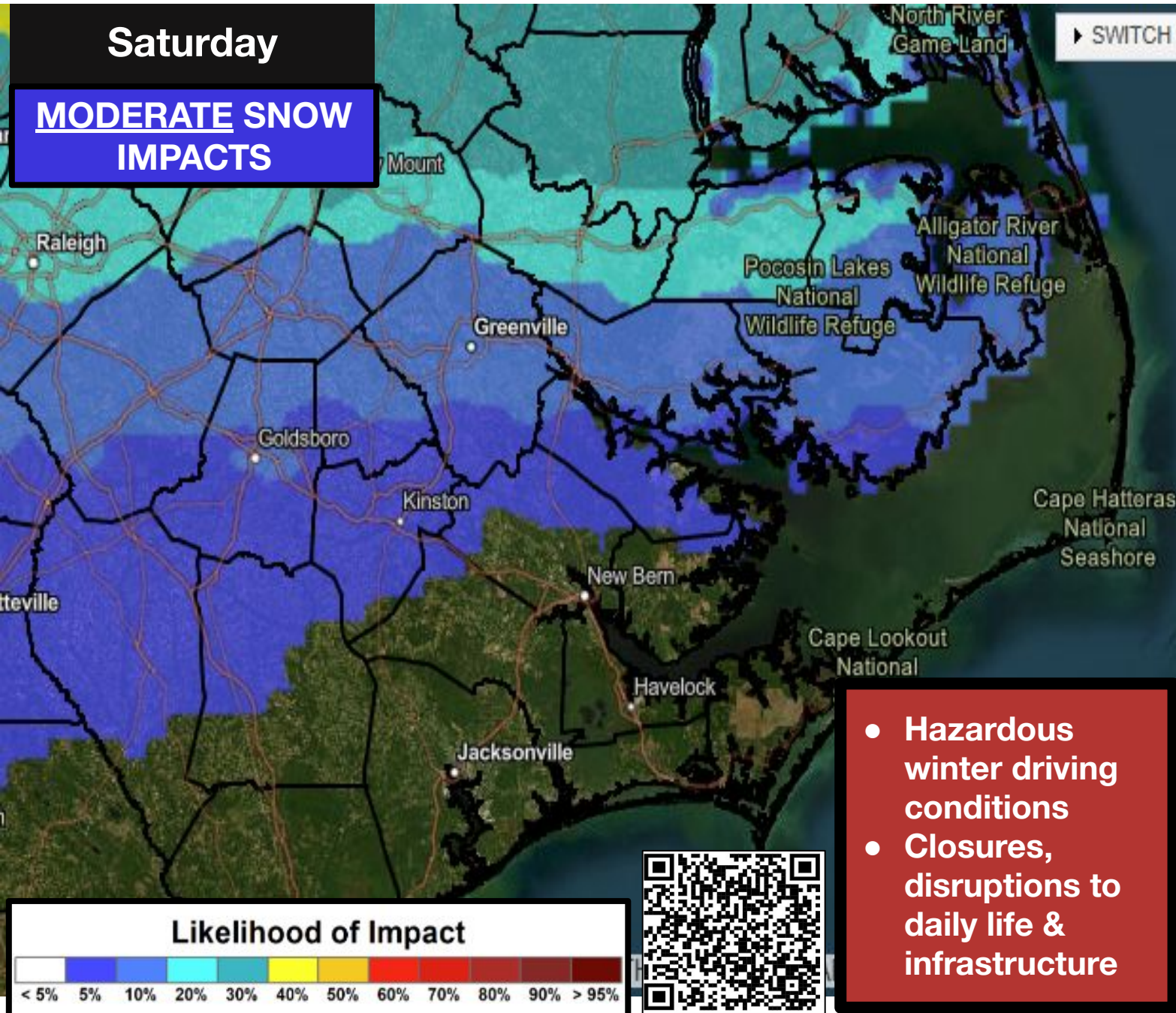
TIMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long duration event from Saturday Morning through Sunday, but exact timing is still subject to change.
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ice is likely across inland Eastern NC and there remains some potential for significant ice impacts. ▪ Confidence increasing that greatest impacts will be from freezing rain ▪ Highest uncertainty near the Hwy 17 corridor. Still potential for minor impacts, but temperatures have trended warmer.
UPDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an evolving forecast, and changes will be made. Please check back for updates, and follow weather.gov/mhx.



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TIMING

- Long duration event from **Saturday Morning through Sunday**, but exact timing is still subject to change.

HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- **Snow is becoming less likely**, though there remains potential for **minor snow impacts**.
- Probabilities for snow have continued to trend downward, but light snow is still possible along and north of US 64.
- **Highest uncertainty along the US 64 corridor**. Minor impacts still possible.

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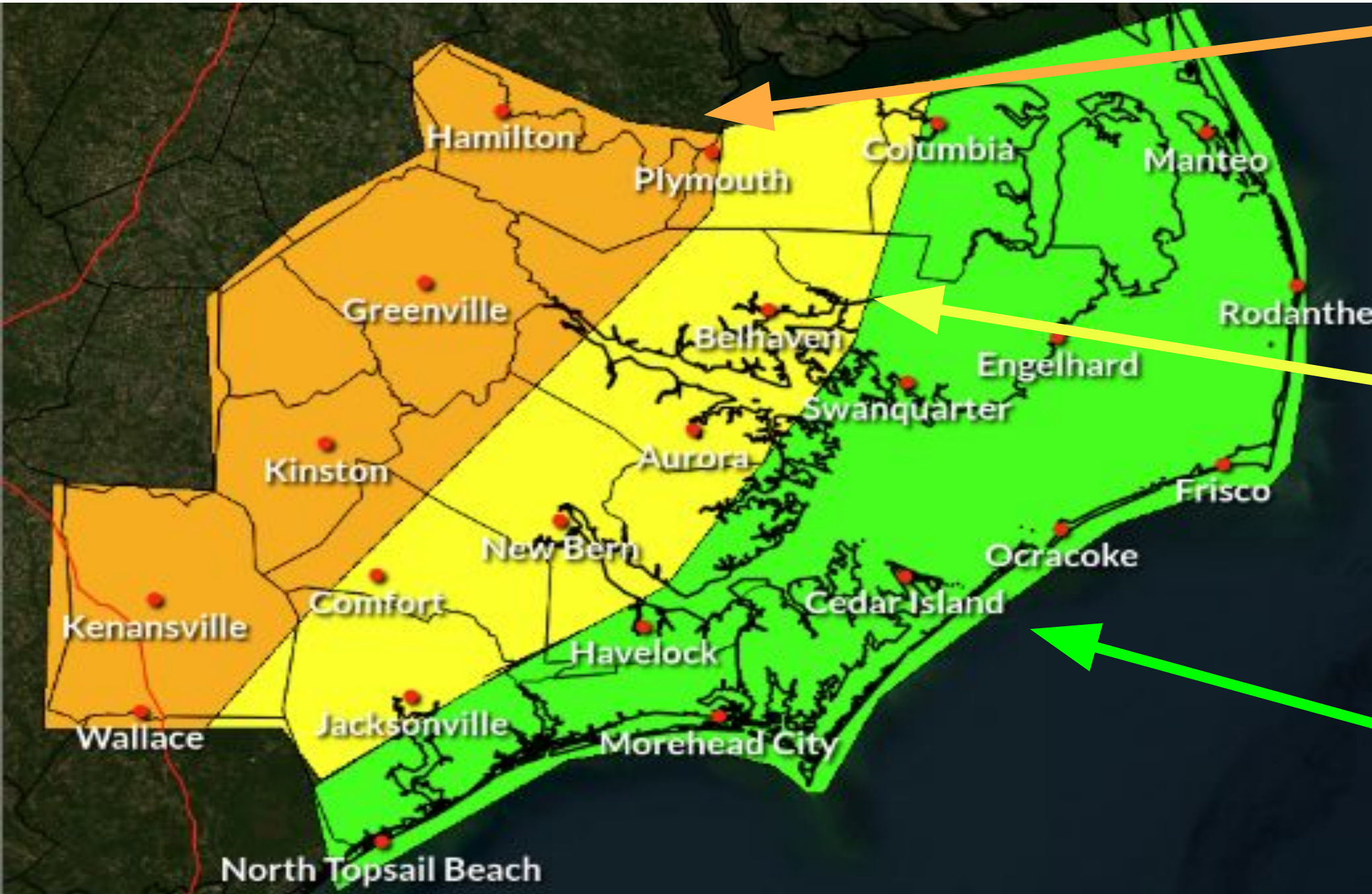




Freezing Rain Potential Sat Night-Sun

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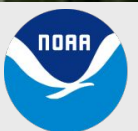
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Possible Significant Accumulations from Freezing Rain

Greatest Uncertainty with Freezing Rain Accumulations

Little to no Accumulations from Freezing Rain

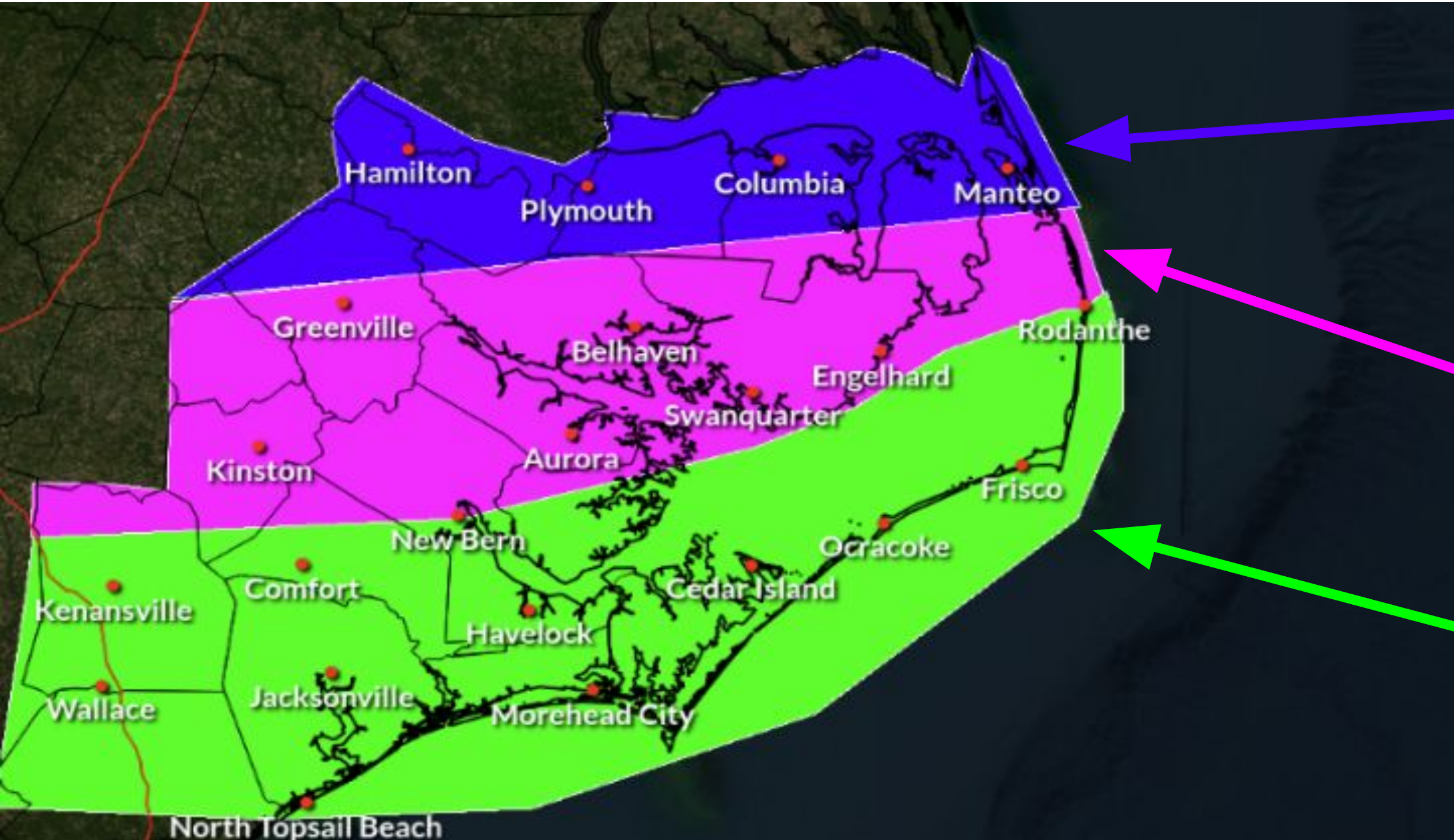




Snow and Sleet Potential Saturday

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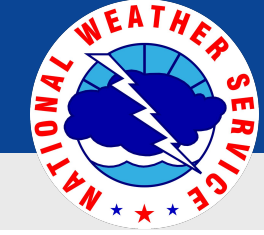
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Highest Chance for Light Snow/Sleet Accumulation

Most Uncertainty with Snow/Sleet Accumulations

Little to no Snow/Sleet Accumulation



Much Below Normal Temperatures Next Week

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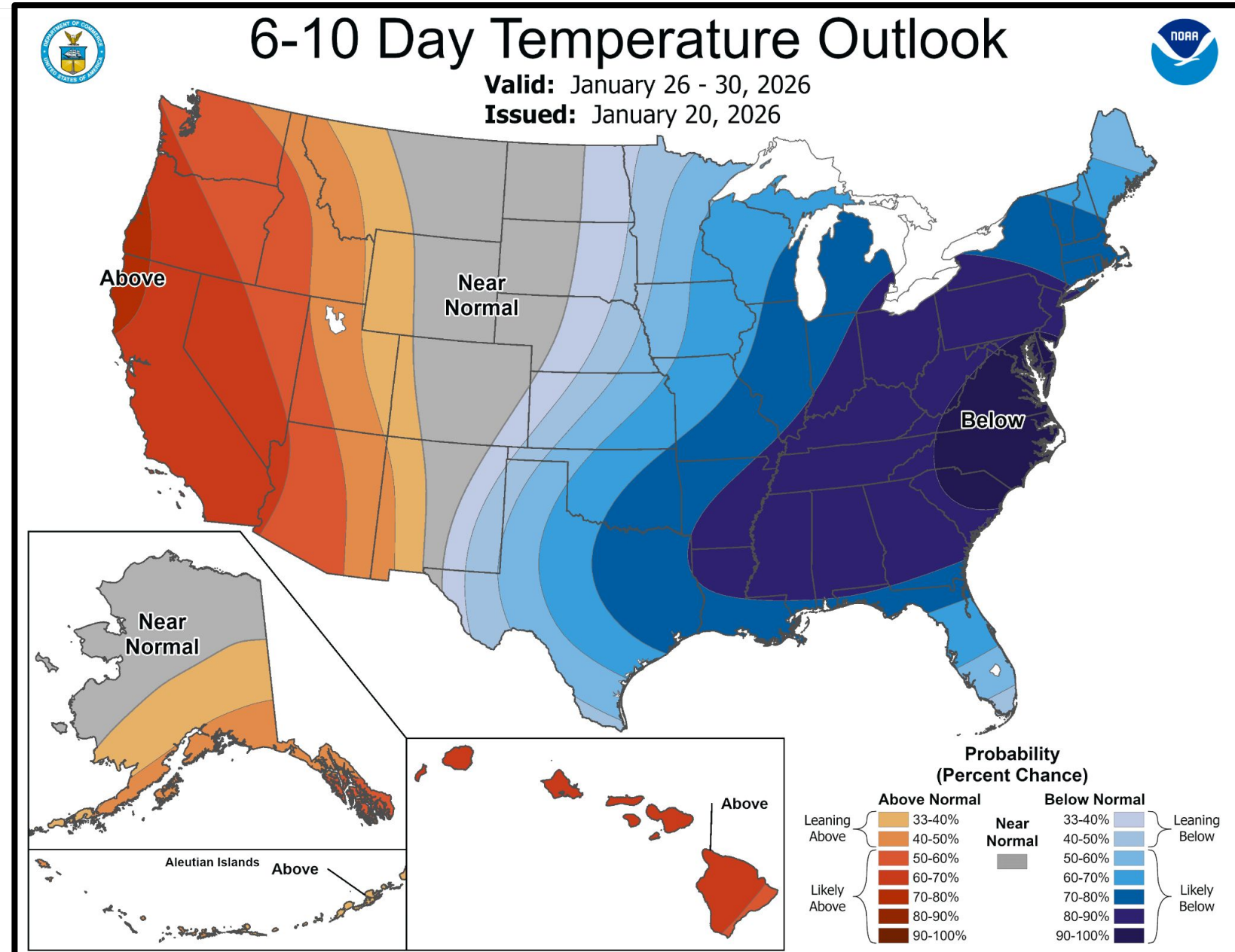
Winter Weather Preparedness - <https://www.weather.gov/mhx/winterprep>

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Much below normal temperatures expected across Eastern NC starting Saturday night lasting into next week.

Now is a good time to prepare yourself and your home for a long duration event of excessively cold temperatures.

For your local forecast, visit [weather.gov/mhx](https://www.weather.gov/mhx)





Are you ready for **ICE STORMS?**

- Trim weak or damaged branches around your home
- Don't leave vehicle wipers raised
- Have a week's worth of food and prescriptions
- Don't park your car under trees
- Keep devices charged



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