

NOAA's National Weather Service: In Your Neighborhood

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NOAA's National Weather Service

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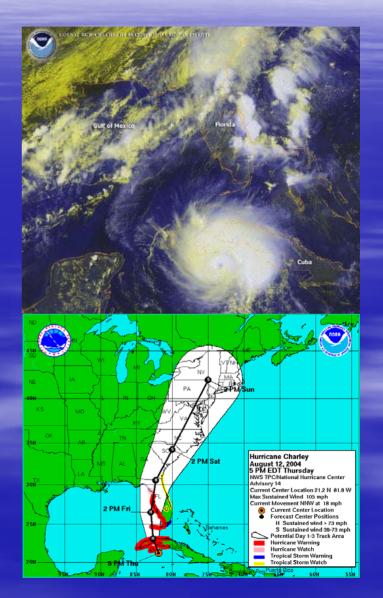




About NWS

Mission and Vision

- ✓ Provide forecasts and warnings to protect life and property and enhance our economy
- Together, provide the best weather, water, and climate information in the world





About NWS Seamless Suite of Products

Outlooks

Guidance

Threats Assessments

Forecasts

Watches

Warnings & Alert Coordination



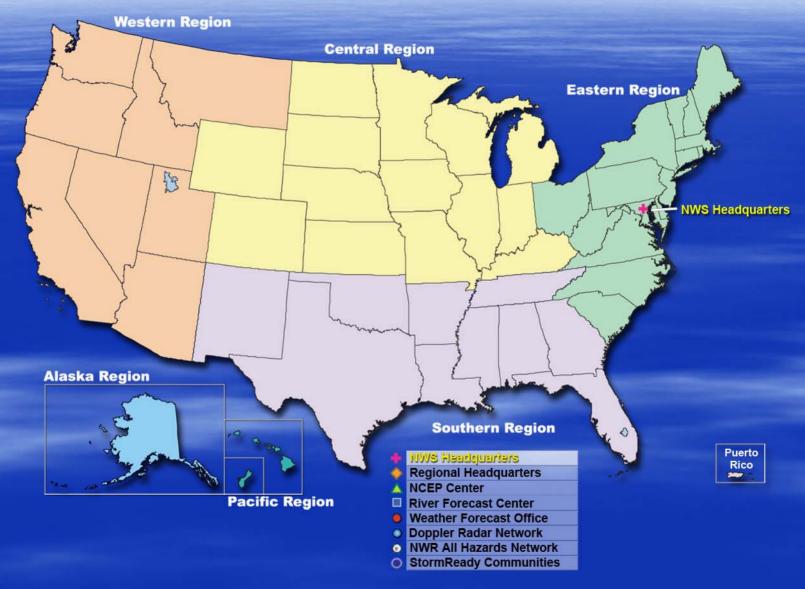
Protection of Life & Property

Space Operations Fire Weather Agriculture Reservoir Energy State/Local Environment Control

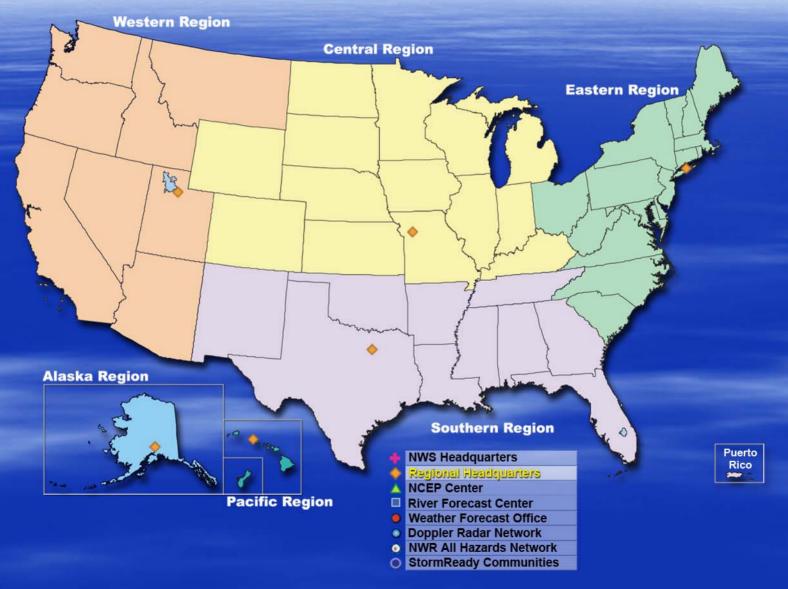
Planning

Flood Mitigation Transportation Hydropower Recreation Ecosystem Health & Navigation

We're In Your Neighborhood NWS Headquarters



Regional Headquarters



NCEP Centers



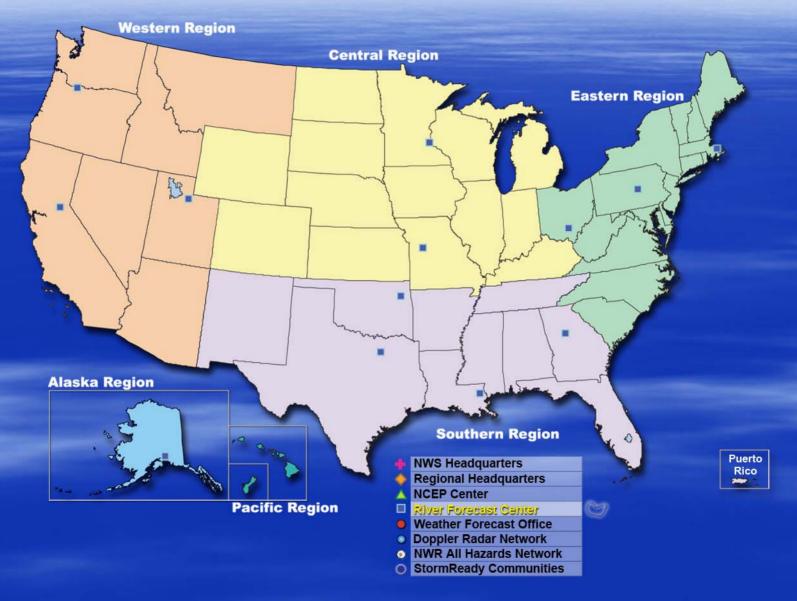
Weather Forecast Offices



WFO, RFC, NCEP and Headquarters



River Forecast Centers



We're In Your Neighborhood River Forecast Centers



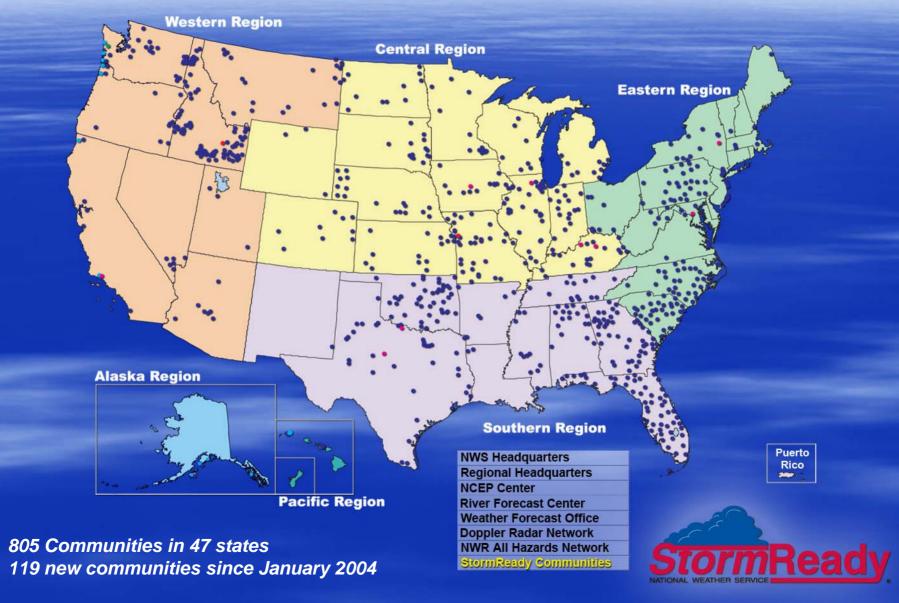
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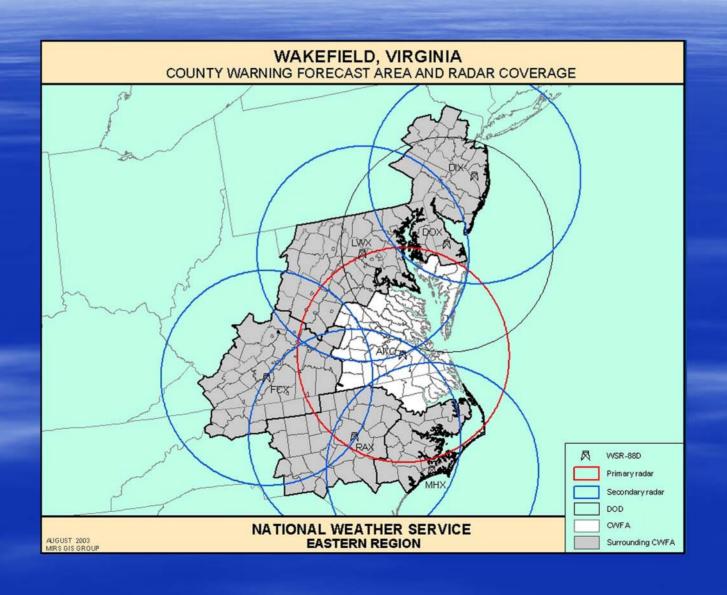


NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards



StormReady Communities





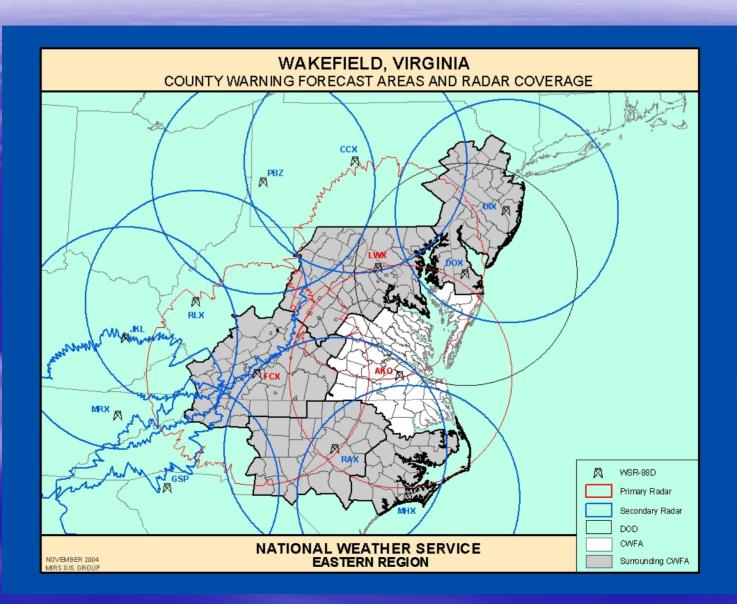


Wakefield VA



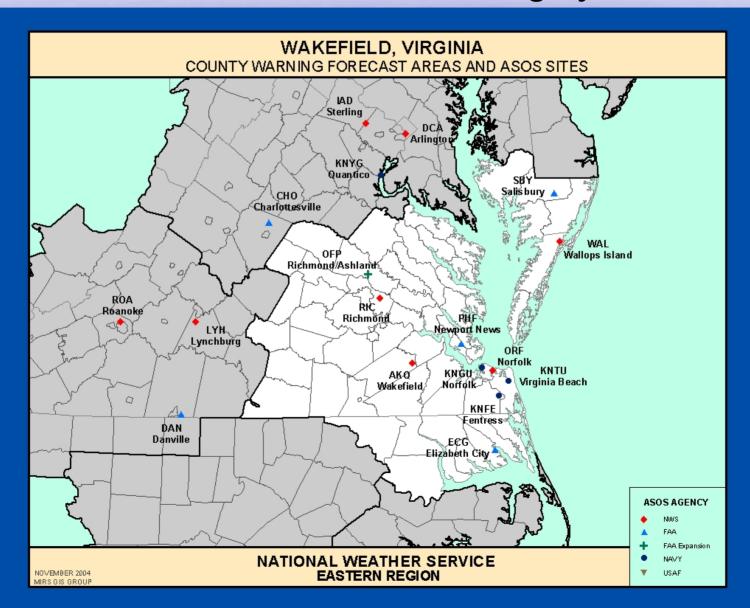


Local Area of Responsibility and Radars



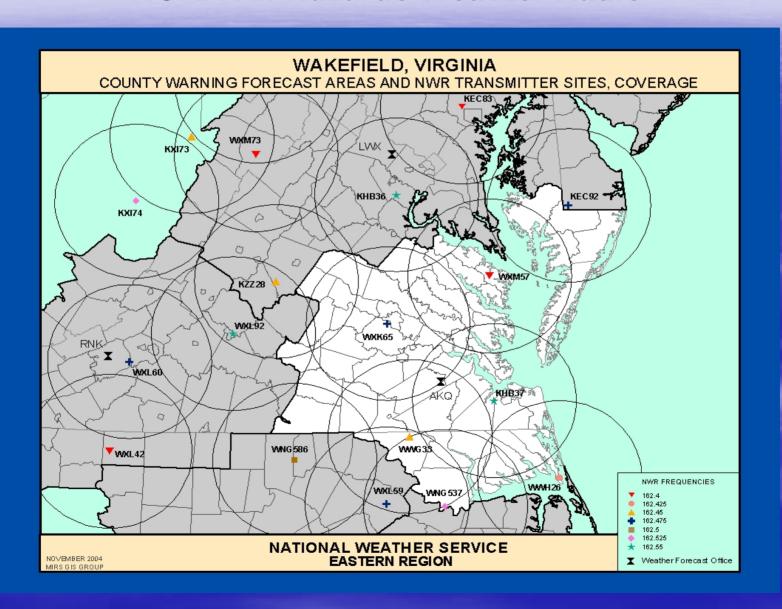


Automated Surface Observing Systems



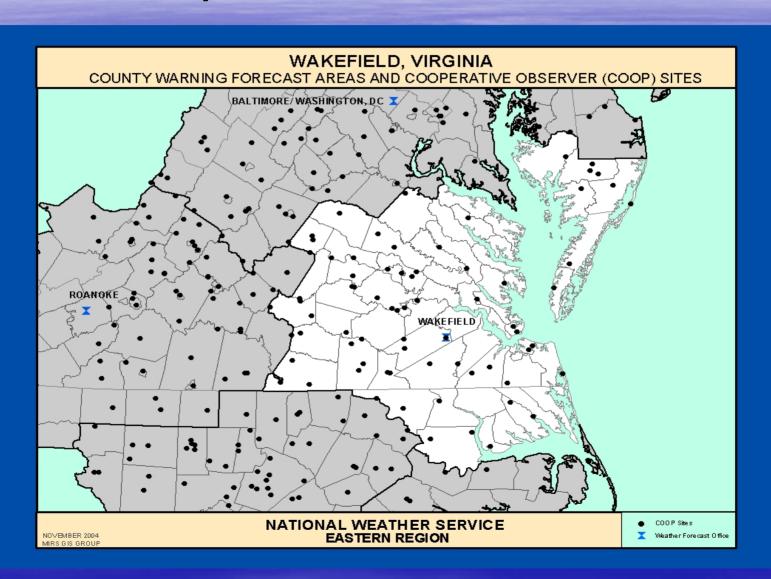


NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio





Cooperative Observer Locations





Teamwork





Teamwork Our Community Partners

- **✓** Other NOAA Offices
- ✓ Local and State Government
- Emergency Managers
- ✓ Private Sector
- ✓ Citizen Corps
- ✓Volunteers
- ✓ Media
- Academia





Teamwork

What NWS Provides to the Team

- Weather, Water, and Climate Warnings, Forecasts, and Outlooks
- ✓ Dissemination systems
- ✓ Cooperative Networks
- ✓ Homeland Security





Teamwork

Awareness Campaigns





Teamwork What is Our Goal?





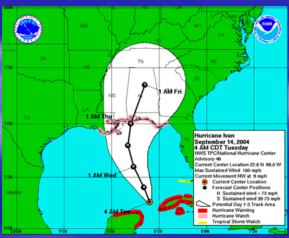
People take appropriate action.



2004 Highlights Land Falling Hurricanes



Charley



Ivan



Frances



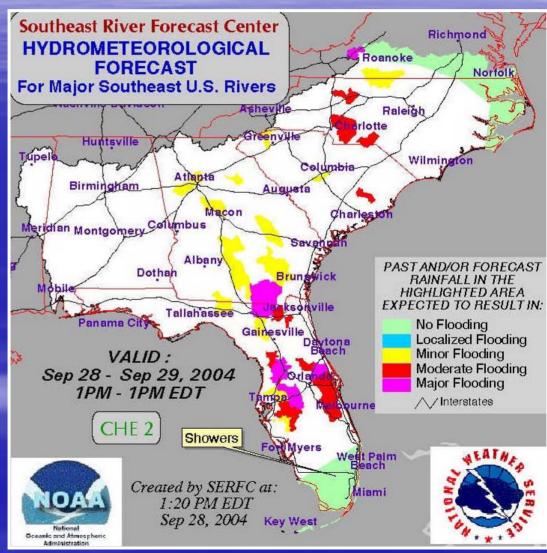
Jeanne



2004 Highlights

Inland Flooding from Hurricanes

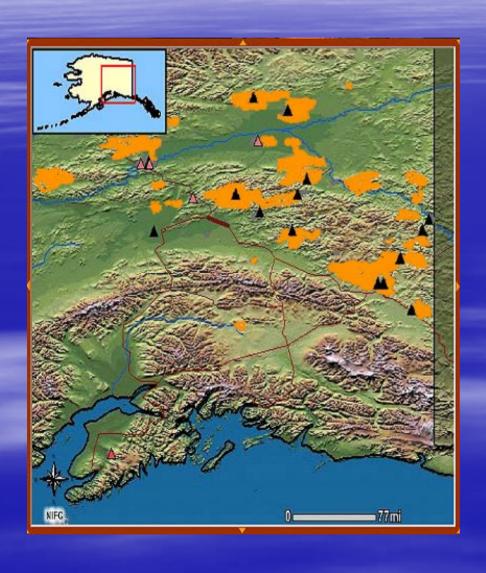






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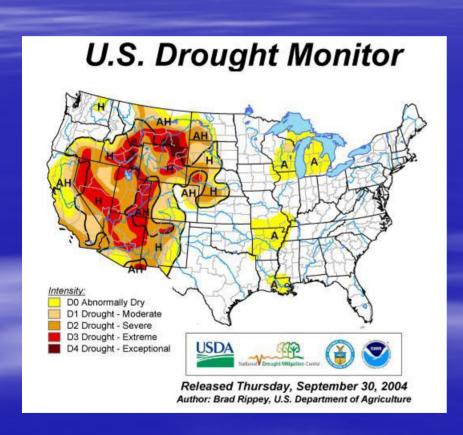
Alaska Wildfires and Incident Meteorologists



- √6.4 Million Acres
 Burned
- Record number of acres burned in Alaska
- √ 11 IMETs Dispatched
- ✓ All Hazard
 Meteorological Units
 used successfully



2004 Highlights Drought



Severe drought in West

- In some areas, more than 5 years
- Many reservoirs seriously depleted
- 2004-2005 snow season critical
- ✓ NOAA-Western Governors Association
- National Integrated
 Drought Information
 System



2004 Highlights

Northeast Air Quality Forecasts

- ✓ Lives and property at risk from poor AQ
- ✓ AQ forecast guidance produced 2 times daily







Putting It All Together

NWS Services





Putting It All Together Increasing Global Pressures









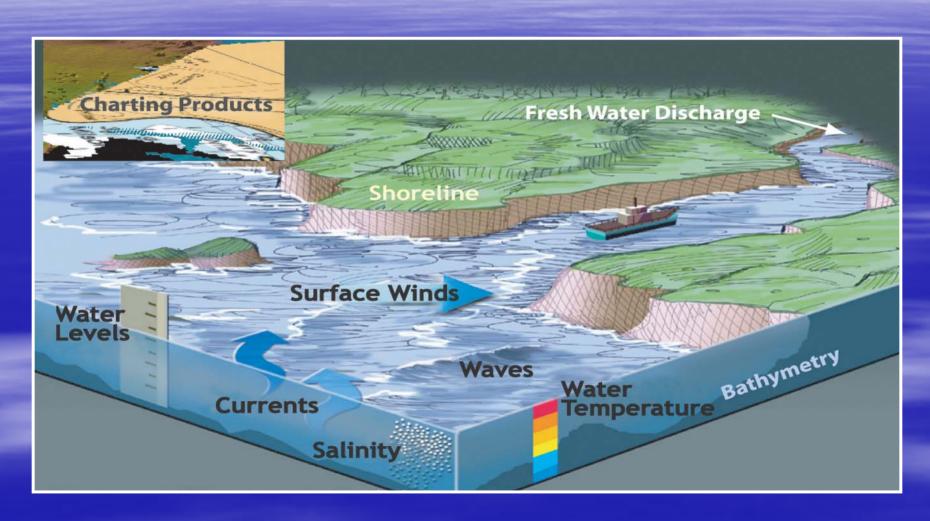






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Weather, Water and Climate



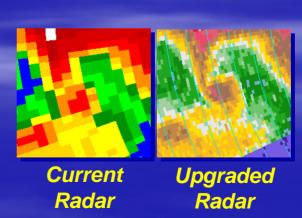


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New Initiatives

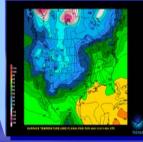
Know and Anticipate Customer Needs

- Infuse proven science and technology
- ✓ Better radar resolution
- ✓ Digital products
- ✓ Watch by County



TODAY...RAIN LIKELY. SNOW LIKELY ABOVE 2500 FEET. SNOW ACCUMULATION BY LATE



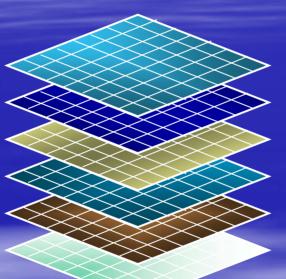




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Debris Flow Watches and Warnings

NWS/USGS Partnership



- Terrain
- Land use/cover
- Soil type
- Precipitation Analyses
- Precipitation Forecasts
- Mudslide Analyses

Capability: NWS USGS





Putting It All Together

What is the impact of a Climate Prediction Center Forecast of above normal precipitation on an oyster catch on the Chesapeake Bay?

Seasonal Precipitation



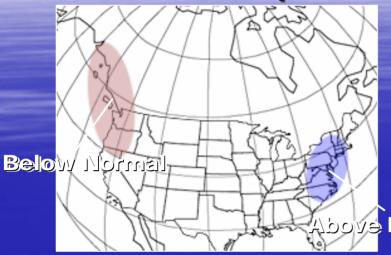


Above Normal



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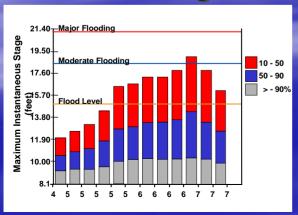
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Precipitation Outlook Made Mar 17 200x Valid AMJ 200x

Potomac Stage

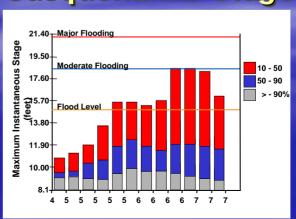


US Hazard Assessment



NWS Hazard Assesment Made Jun 10 200x Valid Jun 13-24 200x

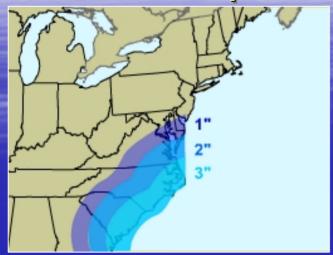
Susquehanna Stage





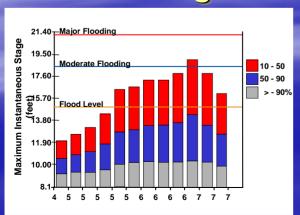
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Seasonal Precipitation



Total Precipitation May 2-5 19xx

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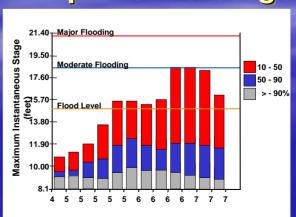


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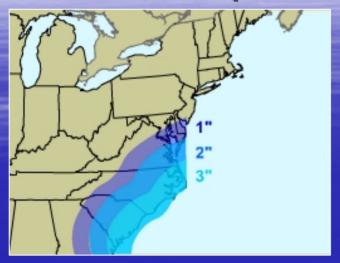
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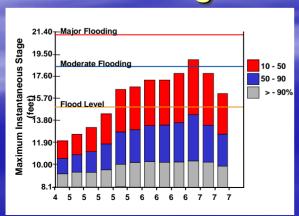
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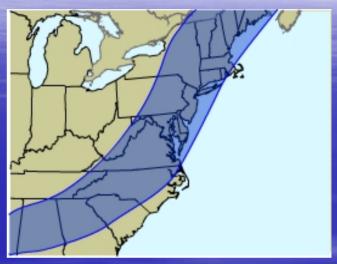


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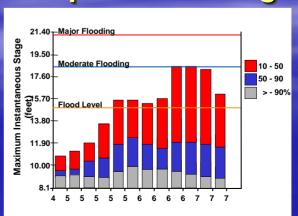


US Hazard Assessment



Storm Track Jun 18-22 70% Probability

Susquehanna Stage





Putting It All Together

Our Forecasts Impact Other Disciplines

Nutrient Loading



NUTRIENTS

Turbidity



Salinity



SALINITY

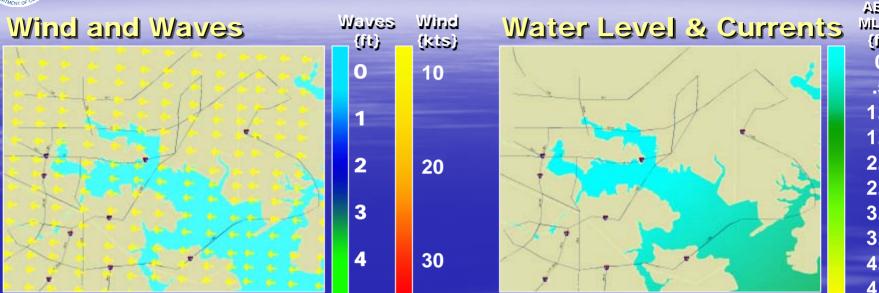
Oyster Mortality

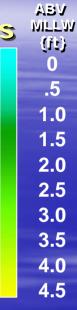


MORTALITY



Baltimore Port Predictions











Coastal Impacts Old Town Alexandria

Innundation Areas



ABV MLLW {ft}

2

3

4

5

6

Excessive Rainfall



3 hourly rain rate



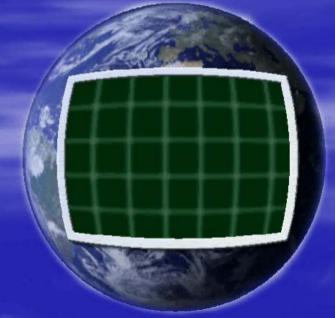
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Taking the "Pulse of the Planet"

A fully implemented global observing system... will give us the tools we need to take the "pulse of the planet." The full and open sharing of data between nations is an essential part of this effort — including making the data available within sufficient time to be of

operational use.

Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr. USN (Ret.), NOAA Administrator, August 2002





Putting It All Together

Finding New Solutions with Existing Systems





Summary

- ✓ NOAA Information Agents
- ✓ StormReady communities
- ✓ Partnership with Nauticus



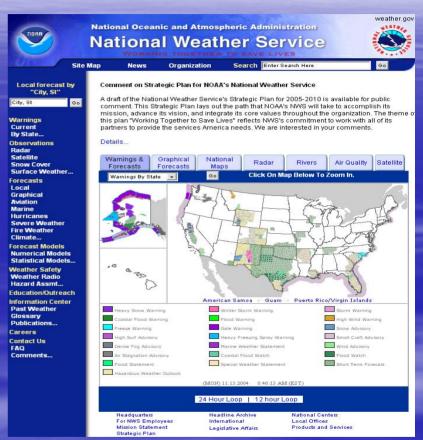




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