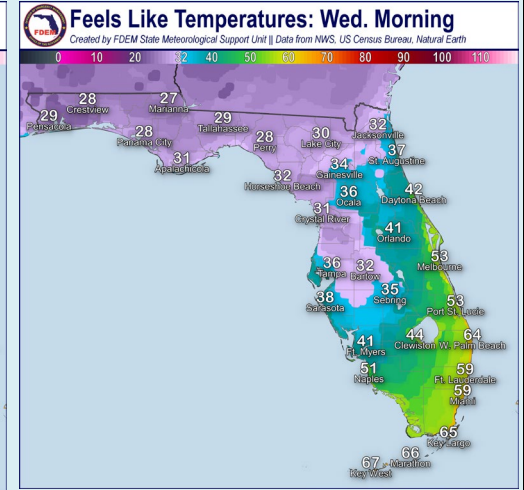
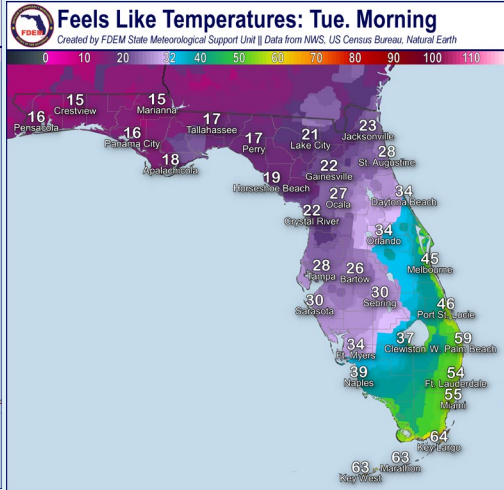
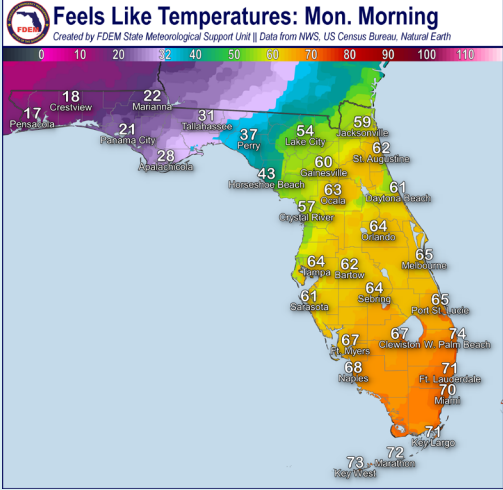
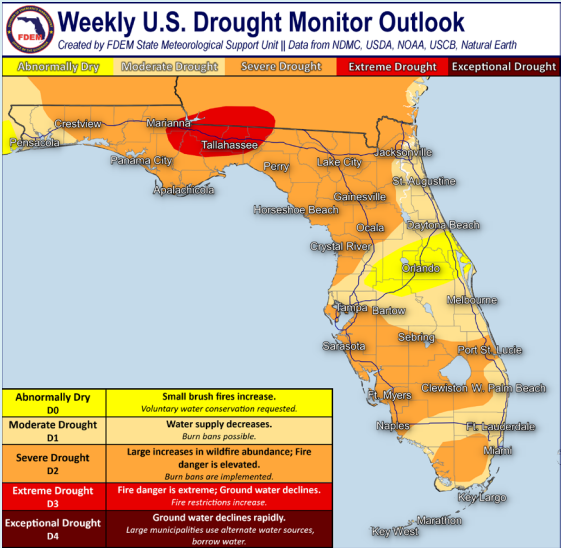


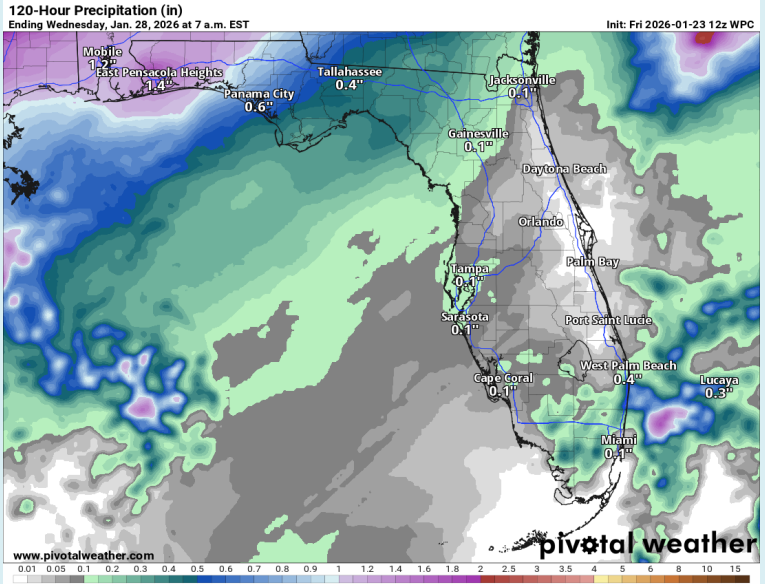
Friday, January 23, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook			
No Threat			Low Threat		Moderate Threat		High Threat	
Day	Lightning	Tornado	Damaging Wind/Hail	Fog (Overnight)	Freeze (Overnight)	Wind Chill (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
Fri	Iso. Southeast FL			Locally West Florida			Statewide	East-Central FL Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sat	Iso. South FL			Locally Big Bend & West-Central FL			Statewide	East-Central FL Panhandle & East Coast West Coast
Sun	North Florida	Panhandle & Big Bend	Panhandle & Big Bend	Locally West-Central & South FL	Western Panhandle Big Bend	Locally Western Panhandle Panhandle & Big Bend	Statewide	East Coast & Panhandle West Coast
Mon	Iso. South FL				North FL Nature Coast West-Central FL	Panhandle & Big Bend North & Central FL Locally South FL	Statewide	Statewide
Tue					Locally North FL West-Central FL	North & West-Central FL Locally East-Central FL	North & West-Central FL Statewide	Statewide



Forecast Feels-like Temperatures: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Morning



Latest Drought Monitor Outlook – Valid 1/22

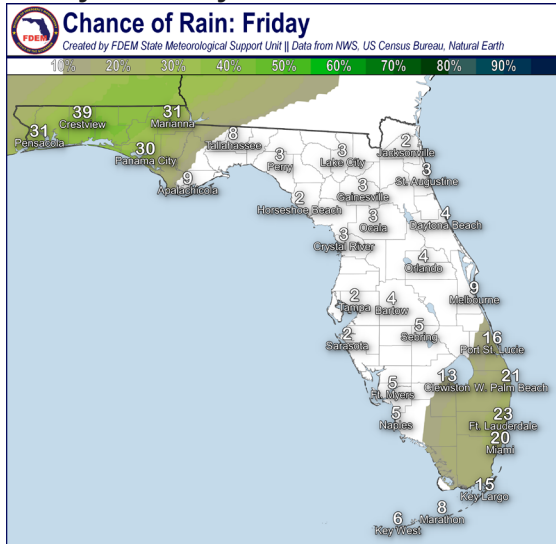


5 Day Forecast Rainfall Totals – Through Tuesday Evening



...Warm Temperatures to Continue this Weekend Across the Sunshine State... Potent Cold Front Arrives to the Panhandle Sunday with Showers and Embedded Thunderstorms... A Few Storms Could Be Locally Severe... Cold Arctic Air Filters into the State in the Wake of the Front Monday and Tuesday... Cold Weather Headlines Likely to be Issued for Later this Weekend and Next Week Across North and Central Florida... Wind Chills into the Teens Possible Across North Florida Sunday and Monday Night... Drought Persists or Worsens Across the State...

## Friday – Sunday:

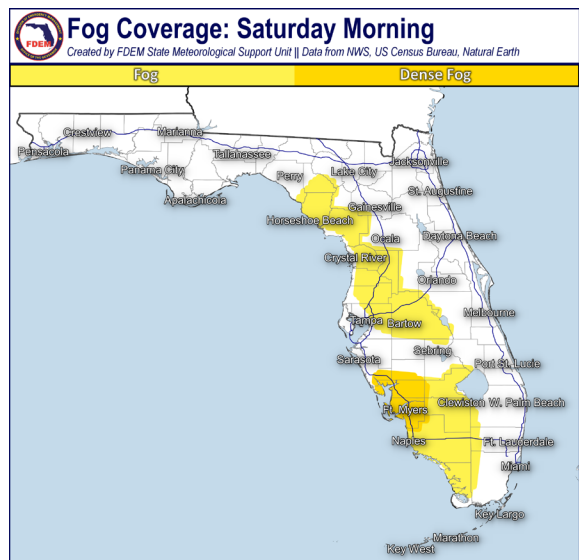


Another weather roller coaster over the next 5 days is set to begin starting this weekend as high pressure remains anchored over the state keeping warm and mostly dry conditions in place. A weak stationary front draped across North Florida, along with a weak upper-level disturbance traversing the front, will bring a few light showers to the Panhandle this morning and early afternoon (25-40% chance of rain). However, any activity is expected to be brief in nature. Across South Florida, a few coastal showers will remain pinned along the coast and will remain mostly offshore. However, some isolated activity may drift onshore later this afternoon and evening, some of which could be **locally strong** (15-25% chance of rain). If any of this activity does move onshore, it could bring **locally heavy downpours** and **nuisance ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. Otherwise, a dry day is on tap for the rest of the state.

These dry conditions will persist into the overnight hours tonight with just a few lingering showers early this evening across South Florida (15-20% chance of rain).

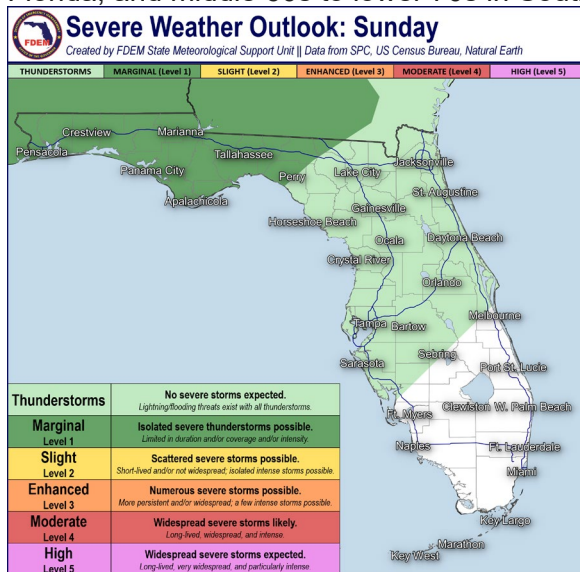
High temperatures will climb into the middle 70s to lower 80s for much of the state, with upper 60s to lower 70s expected across the western Panhandle to the north of the stationary boundary. Low temperatures will dip into the lower to middle 50s across North Florida, upper 50s to lower 60s in Central Florida, and lower to upper 60s in South Florida. These warmer overnight lows, along with calm winds and clear skies, will promote another night of **low clouds and fog**, with the highest probabilities of **locally dense fog** across West-Central and Southwest Florida. **Dense Fog Advisories** may be issued if conditions warrant.

Another mostly dry day is expected statewide on Saturday. Across South Florida, warm temperatures will reawaken the Atlantic and Gulf sea-breezes which may promote some isolated to widely scattered showers (15-30% chance of rain). Activity will tend to be brief and light in nature, however some showers could be **locally strong** with **locally heavy downpours**. Breezy onshore winds may bring a few gusts **upwards of 25 mph** to coastal Northeast Florida Saturday afternoon. Dry conditions will persist through the nighttime hours across much of the state. However, our next approaching frontal system will begin to make its way towards the state late Saturday night which may bring a few scattered showers to the far western Panhandle by daybreak Sunday (40-60% chance of rain). Warm southerly flow ahead of this frontal system will usher in plenty of Gulf moisture across the



Big Bend and Peninsula, promoting another night of **fog and low clouds**, some of which could be **locally dense** and **Dense Fog Advisories** will be issued as conditions warrant.

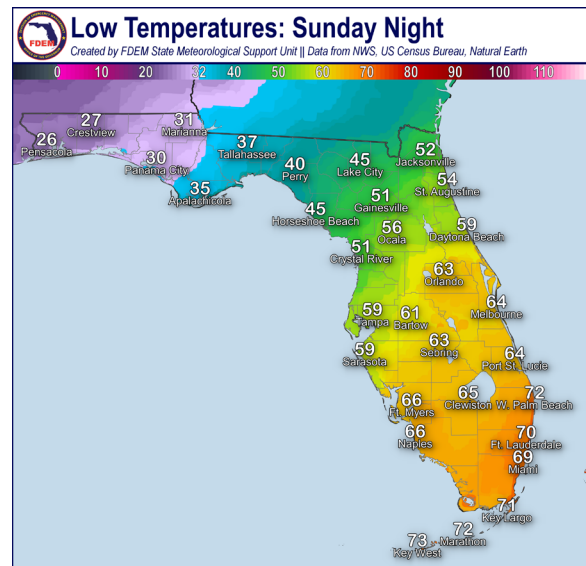
High temperatures will stay cooler on Saturday across the I-10 corridor, only reaching the middle 60s to lower 70s. Highs will climb into the upper 70s to middle 80s across the rest of the state. Low temperatures will reach the middle to upper 50s in North Florida, lower to middle 60s throughout Central Florida, and middle 60s to lower 70s in South Florida.



Our next cold front, which will usher in our next cold snap across the state, is set to approach the state on Sunday afternoon across the Panhandle. With plentiful moisture, warmth, and strong winds aloft, the environment looks primed for a few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** Sunday afternoon and evening (75-near 100% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Thunderstorms** has already been issued for the Panhandle and Big Bend for storms that could produce locally damaging winds, heavy downpours, and an isolated tornado or two. *The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) may upgrade this risk if they deem the threat to be more significant this weekend.* Ahead of this frontal passage, breezy winds will develop with a few gusts **upwards of 35 mph** possible across the Panhandle. Wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** will be possible across the rest of the state. This cold front

activity will begin to spread eastward across the rest of the Panhandle, Big Bend, Northeast Florida, and Nature Coast into the evening and overnight hours Sunday (60-80% chance of rain). However, with eastward extent this line of showers and storms will begin to weaken, keeping the severe threat lower for these areas.

High temperatures will reach near record warmth across Central and South Florida Sunday afternoon, soaring into the middle to upper 80s for interior locations. Feels-like temperatures may approach the **lower 90s** in some localized spots. Highs in the middle to upper 70s will spread across the Panhandle and upper 70s to lower 80s for Northeast Florida. In the wake of the frontal passage, cold arctic air will finally begin to filter back into the state across the Panhandle. Low temperatures will dip into the **middle 20s to lower 30s** across the Panhandle with upper 30s to lower 40s across the Big Bend region. Breezy winds will bring feels-like temperatures by daybreak Monday into the **upper teens to lower 20s** across the Panhandle, which may prompt **Cold Weather Advisories** or **Extreme Cold Warnings** (threshold is <15-degrees). Lows in the 60s are expected throughout Central and South Florida.



## Monday – Tuesday:

A few lingering showers are possible across Northeast and Central Florida early on Monday (20-30% chance of rain), however a mostly dry day is expected. The cold front will continue its passage through South Florida on Monday afternoon where a few showers are possible as well (20-40% chance of rain). The front will push south of the Peninsula by the evening and overnight hours. A sunny and dry day is expected on Tuesday statewide. However, relative humidities will dip to **near critical thresholds**

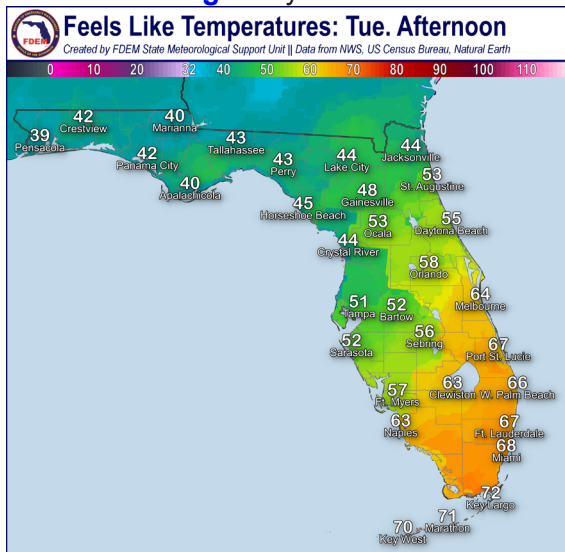
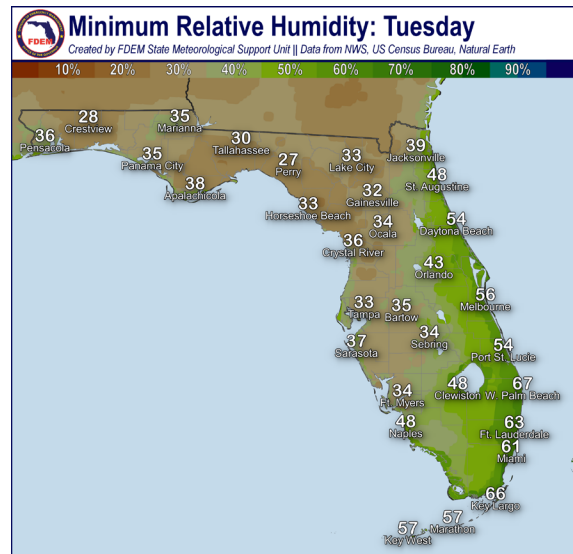




(25-30% RH values) across North and West-Central Florida which may lead to **locally elevated wildfire conditions** given the ongoing drought.

High temperatures will only reach the middle to upper 40s across the Panhandle Monday, with middle 50s to lower 60s across Northeast Florida. Warmer highs into the 70s and 80s is expected for Central and South Florida. Similar high temperatures can be expected on Tuesday for North Florida, however cooler highs in the lower to upper 60s will spread across Central and South Florida. Low temperatures will dip well **below freezing** across North and West-Central Florida Monday night. Lows in the **lower to middle 20s** are expected across the Panhandle, with **middle 20s to lower 30s** throughout Northeast Florida and along the Nature Coast. This will likely prompt another round of **Freeze Watch/Warnings** as well as **Cold Weather Advisories**. Feels-like

temperatures by daybreak Tuesday will reach the **lower to middle teens** throughout the Panhandle and Big Bend, which is approaching or surpassing **Extreme Cold** criteria. As such, **Extreme Cold Watch/Warnings** may be issued if conditions warrant. Widespread **patchy frost** is likely across North Florida Monday night. West-Central Florida will dip into the middle to upper 30s, East-Central Florida into the lower to upper 40s, and South Florida in the middle 40s to lower 50s. The Keys will stay in the 60s. Some moderation in lows is expected Tuesday night with lows and feels-like temperatures in the **middle 20s to lower 30s** throughout North and West-Central Florida.



### Hydrology & Flooding:

There is no organized risk for flash flooding over the next five (5) days. Isolated to widely scattered shower activity is expected across South Florida Friday and Saturday afternoons, which could lead to **locally heavy downpours** and **localized nuisance flooding**. However, this will only occur if any coastal showers are able to push onshore. Rainfall totals will remain mostly meager across South Florida from this activity, however if any slow-

moving showers move onshore then **localized amounts** upwards of 2-3" cannot be ruled out. The next cold frontal system will bring showers and embedded thunderstorms to the Panhandle Sunday afternoon and evening. Rainfall totals with this activity will remain mainly below 1" west of the Apalachicola River, however totals **upwards of 2-3"** are possible in the heaviest activity and in areas that receive repeated rounds of heavy downpours. For the latest on the rainfall outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) [website](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/).

There are no riverine concerns at this time. Rivers and streams across North Florida remain near or below normal with the ongoing long-term drought. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](https://www.floridastormwater.org/).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.00 feet, which is within the operational band and 1.70 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



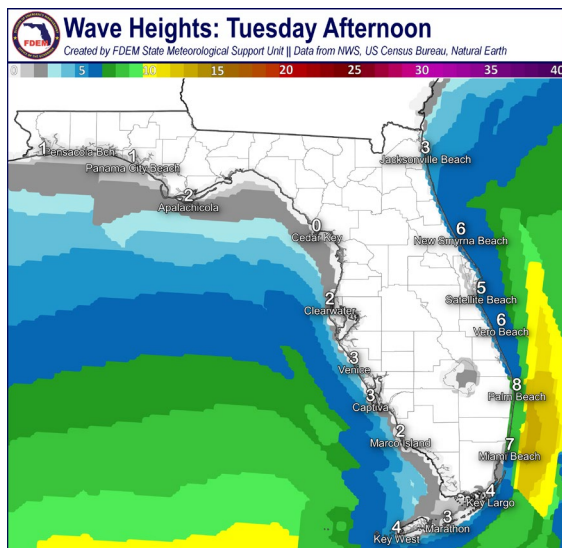
## Drought & Fire Weather:

Light precipitation was observed across Florida over the past 7 days, with portions of the interior Florida Panhandle receiving precipitation as snowfall! However, rain and snow totals of 0.25 to 1" were insufficient to produce meaningful drought improvement. Rainfall totals continue to trend below for this time of year, both in the middle to long-range guidance, and streamflows across North Florida remain below low-flow thresholds. As a result, expansions of both **moderate (level 1 of 4)** and **severe (level 2 of 4) drought** were observed throughout the Sunshine State, particularly for the Florida Big Bend and areas south of the I-4 corridor. **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists over the interior eastern Florida Panhandle and Big Bend as 60-day rainfall deficits continue to run at 2-3.5" below normal for this time of year. This now brings over 92% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse on this week's Drought Monitor update.

Some additional rainfall is expected across the Panhandle and North Florida this weekend (1/24-1/25) with the passage of a cold front and associated showers and thunderstorms. This should bring some beneficial rainfall to parts of the region, however it will be hard to make any real dent in the long-term drought conditions. Streamflows and water levels throughout North Florida are well below normal and rainfall, even upwards of 2-3", will be hardly enough to make any real impact. Soil moisture levels deep into the ground are also well below normal. As such, persistence of the drought across the state is expected by next week's drought monitor outlook with dry conditions returning in the wake of the front.

The [Keetch-Byram Drought Index](#) average for Florida is **472 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **29** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

Warmer temperatures across the state will help to keep wildfire conditions a bit elevated, though with abundant moisture and relative humidities well above critical thresholds, only **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** are expected through the weekend. Drier conditions return in the wake of the cold front this weekend, with relative humidities dipping to **near or below critical thresholds (25-30% RH values)** Tuesday afternoon across North and West-Central Florida. These dry conditions will bring a return of **locally elevated wildfire conditions**. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are currently 25 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 303 acres.



## Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:

A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for Panhandle beaches on Friday and Saturday with light onshore winds. However, swimming conditions will become more dangerous on Sunday as the cold frontal passage brings even breezier onshore winds. A **high risk for rip currents** will persist for Panhandle beaches from Sunday through Tuesday with lingering elevated ocean swells and surf. Along the West Coast, a low risk for rip currents will increase to a **moderate risk for rip currents** Sunday with breezy onshore pre-frontal winds. This will also increase surf, which will help to keep a **high risk for rip currents** for all West Coast beaches Monday and Tuesday. For the East Coast, a **high risk for rip currents** is expected Friday and Saturday for East-Central beaches, expanding to include all East Coast beaches Sunday through Tuesday.

Some elevated surf will linger across Northeast and East-Central beaches Friday and Saturday, with waves of **2-4'** expected. These waves will increase to **3-5'** on Sunday with the frontal passage causing an ocean swell to develop. This higher surf will persist on Monday and Tuesday along the East Coast, eventually expanding southward towards Southeast Florida Tuesday afternoon where waves of



**6-8'** are expected. A **High Surf Advisory** cannot be ruled out Tuesday for Southeast Florida beaches. An ocean swell will also develop across the Gulf with the breezy frontal passage on Sunday. Waves near 1' on Friday and Saturday will increase to **3-5'** for Panhandle beaches on Sunday and Monday, moving southward towards the West Coast Monday and Tuesday. Some waves **upwards of 6'** cannot be ruled out for West Coast beaches on Monday afternoon. Waves will diminish for Panhandle beaches on Tuesday, back down to 1-2'.

The latest **Blue-Green Algae** report shows algal bloom conditions were observed along the southern portion of the Caloosahatchee Estuary in Lake Avalon and within the Caloosahatchee River at the Sebastian Canal. The southern edge of Lake Okeechobee has seen algal bloom conditions reported in the Pahokee Marina, Lake Harbor, and Clewiston Boat Ramp. No algal bloom conditions have not been reported within the St. Lucie Estuary. Within the St. Johns River, conditions have been reported in Lake Gatlin, Lake Jessup, Lake Killarney, Lake Monroe, Lake George, Shands Bridge, Doctor's Lake and Mandarin's Point. High concentrations of blue-green algae have been reported within the Dorothy B. Owen Pond in Tallahassee and Veterans Memorial Park Pond in Pensacola.

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Have a wonderful weekend!

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