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Gales Possible

Friday (2/23) through Saturday Night (2/24)

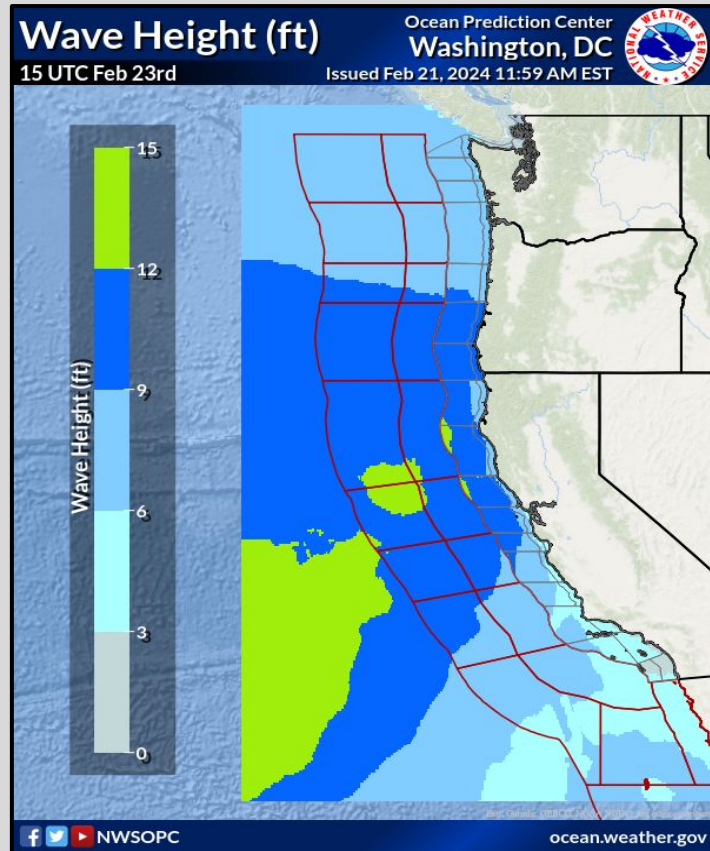
KEY MESSAGES:

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- Low pressure moves to near 33N135W Friday, where it will linger and strengthen before gradually drifting southwest Saturday.
- Associated with the low, in the briefing area gales are possible from about 35N to 39N west of 131.5W Friday through Saturday night.
- Any gales will diminish from northeast-to-southwest Saturday.
- Aside from a few seas near 12 feet during this period along the central California coast, 12-foot seas will be concentrated south of 37N and west of 127W, with maximum seas in the briefing area to just over 15 feet near 30N133W.
- From this system, 12-foot and greater seas slowly diminish to the west and southwest Saturday through Saturday night.

Outlook for the Pacific Ocean

From 30N to 50N E of 133W



Wave Height Forecast (ft) Valid 15 UTC / 7 AM PST February 23.



ISSUED: 1830 UTC February 21, 2024



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Gale Warning

Sunday (2/25) into Monday (2/26)

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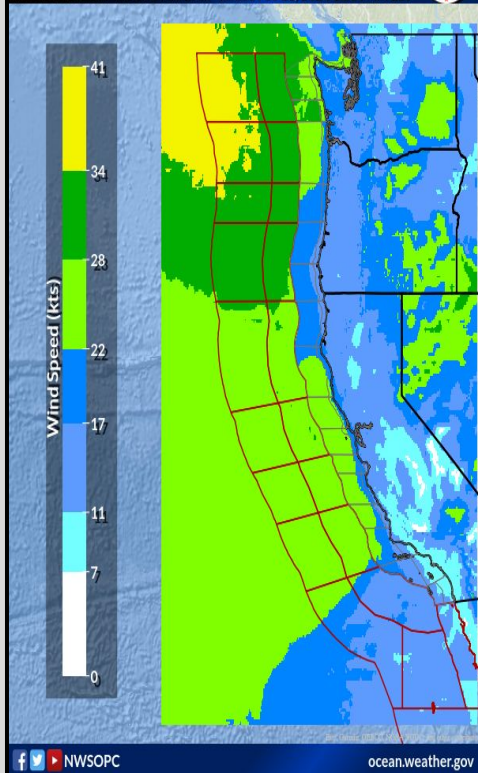
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- A cold front will approach the Pacific Northwest from the northwest Saturday night, moving south along the coast Sunday through Tuesday.
- Gales will spread southeast to offshore of the Pacific Northwest Sunday and Sunday night, lingering through Monday. Sustained winds should diminish below gales by Monday night. However, there will still be numerous areas of winds to 30 knots and gale-force wind gusts associated with the cold front.
- 12-foot and greater seas will build into the Pacific Northwest Sunday through Sunday night. By Monday morning, 12-foot and greater seas will be north of about 40N, with maximum seas near 25 feet well offshore of the Washington and northern Oregon coasts.
- By Tuesday morning, widespread seas of 12 to around 17 feet will be in place especially from offshore of Santa Cruz Island northward.

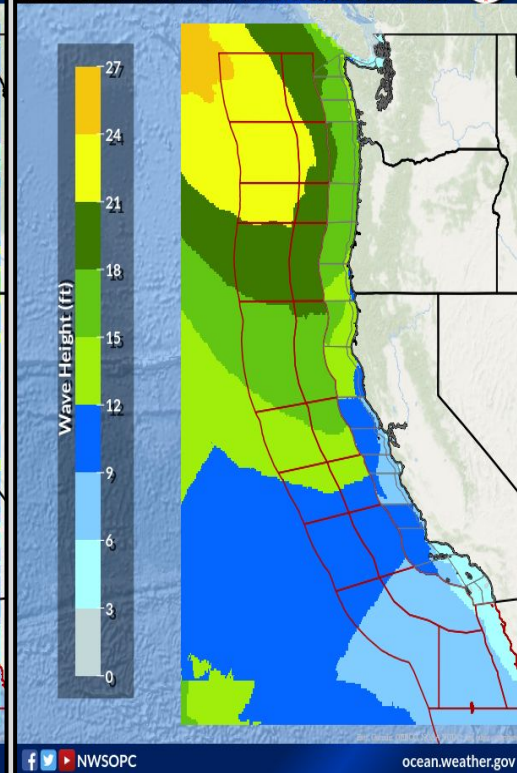
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Max Wind Speed (kt)
Ocean Prediction Center
Washington, DC
12 UTC Feb 25th - 12 UTC Feb 27th Issued Feb 21, 2024 11:56 AM EST



Max Wave Height (ft)
Ocean Prediction Center
Washington, DC
12 UTC Feb 25th - 12 UTC Feb 27th Issued Feb 21, 2024 11:55 AM EST



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Maximum Sustained Wind Speed Forecast (kt, L) and Maximum Significant Wave Height Forecast (ft, R) Valid 12 UTC / 4 AM PST February 25 through 12 UTC / 4 AM PST February 27.





Areas to Watch

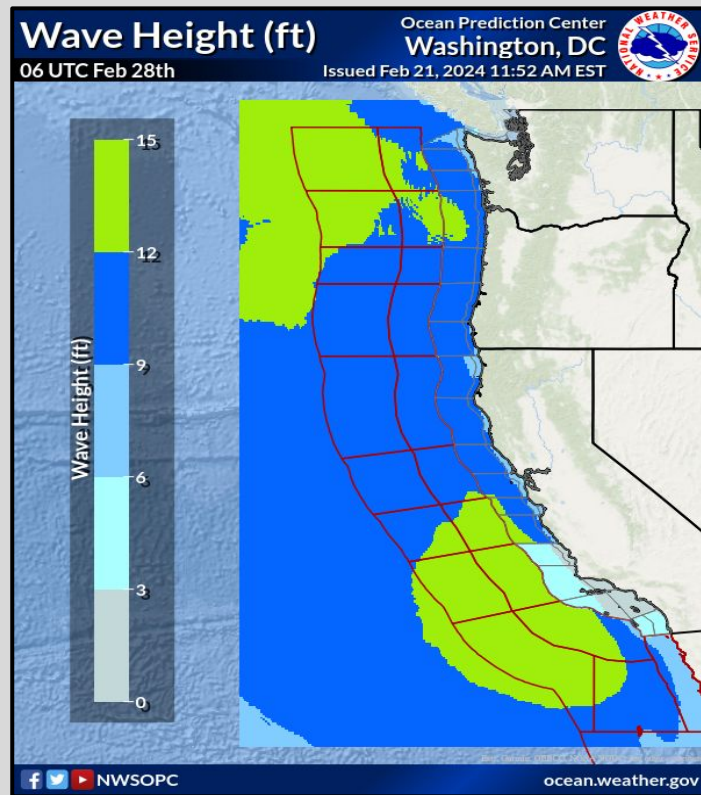
Tuesday (2/27)

KEY MESSAGES:

- As a cold front continues to move south, there remains a chance of gales especially off of parts of the central and southern California coast Tuesday.
- To the north, the approach of another cold front may bring chances for gales offshore of the Washington coast by Tuesday night.
- Widespread seas of 12 to around 15 feet will persist off of the entire Pacific coast.
- Mariners should keep abreast of the latest forecasts for details where any voyages are planned.
- Keep abreast of the latest in the tropics and high seas marine weather information at [hurricanes.gov](https://www.weather.gov/hurricanes.gov) and [ocean.weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov/ocean.weather.gov), along with coastal waters forecasts at <https://www.weather.gov/marine/forecast#bay>
- The next scheduled briefing will be Wednesday, February 28, by noon PST / 2000 UTC.

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Wave Height Forecast (ft) valid 06 UTC February 28.

