

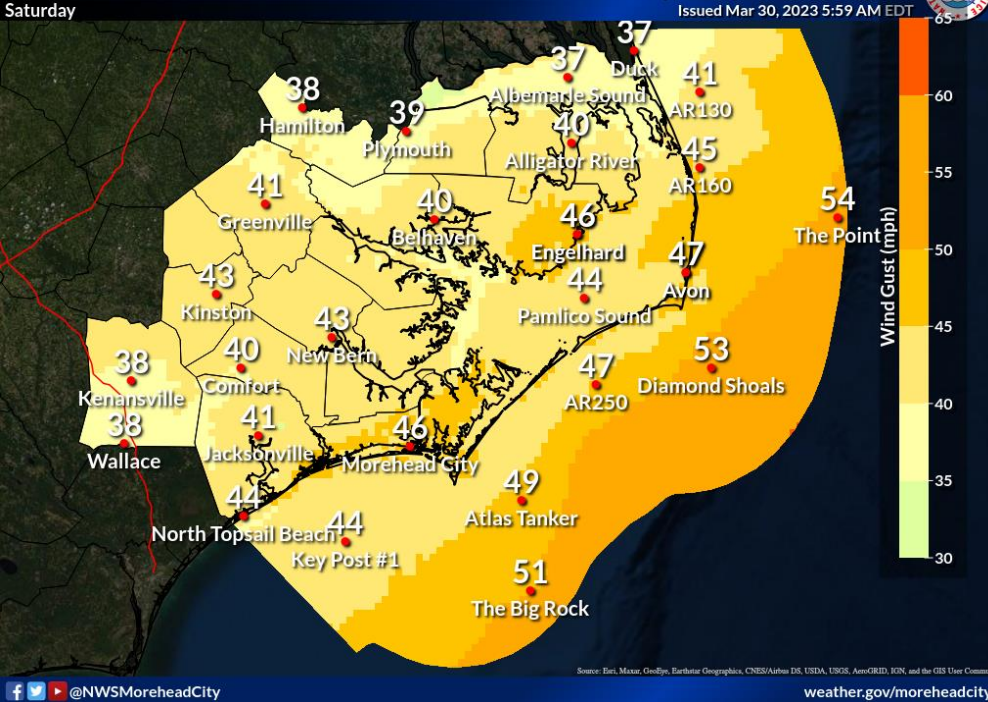
Several Hazards Expected Saturday



OVERVIEW

- Strong south to southwest winds will develop ahead of an approaching cold front Saturday, bringing several coastal hazards. A few strong to severe storms are possible as well.

Forecast Maximum Wind Gusts



TIMING

- The strongest winds and greatest threat for severe storms will occur during the daytime Saturday. Coastal impacts will continue into Saturday night.

HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- Strong winds, gusting to near 40 mph inland, and 45 to 50 mph along the coast, could blow around loose/unsecured objects and cause some tree damage and a few isolated power outages.
- A few very fast moving storms could bring 50 to 60+ mph wind gusts, resulting in more locally extensive wind damage.
- Increasing southerly swell will bring large surf and beach erosion to beaches south of Cape Hatteras. Minor overwash is possible for very vulnerable dune structures. At least minor coastal flooding is also possible along the northern Pamlico Sound and across coastal areas south of Cape Hatteras.

FORECAST CHALLENGES

- Confidence continues to increase that strong winds and at least minor coastal impacts will occur. The coverage of strong storms remains uncertain, and should come into better focus over the next 24 hrs.

NEXT BRIEFING

- Will be issued Friday morning, or earlier if conditions warrant.