

NOAA National Weather Service

Coastal Flood Alerts

- **Lake Shore Flood Warning**
 - Significant coastal flooding is occurring or is imminent
- **Lake Shore Flood Watch**
 - Minor coastal flooding is occurring or there is potential for a more significant event within a few days
- **Lake Shore Flood Advisory (Western Lakes)**
 - Minor coastal flooding is occurring or is imminent



Lakeshore Flood Warning

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Lakeshore Hazard Message
National Weather Service Buffalo NY
431 AM EDT Mon Apr 13 2020

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Niagara-Northern Erie-Chautauqua-Southern Erie-
431 AM EDT Mon Apr 13 2020

...LAKESHORE FLOOD WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM NOON TODAY TO
8 AM EDT TUESDAY...

- * WHAT...Significant lakeshore flooding expected.
- * WHERE...Niagara, Erie, and Chautauqua counties.
- * WHEN...From noon today to 8 AM EDT Tuesday.

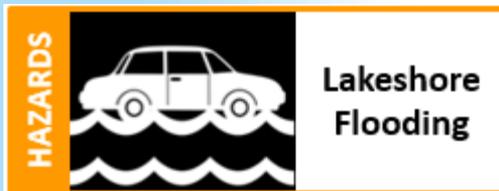
* IMPACTS...The rapid rise in water levels will result in lakeshore flooding along the Lake Erie and Upper Niagara River shores. Along the Lake Erie shore, flooding is expected along Route 5 in Hamburg, Buffalo Harbor and Canalside, Dunkirk Harbor, and other flood prone locations. Along the Upper Niagara River, flooding is likely to affect Grand Island and Cayuga Island. Very high wave action will also result in significant shoreline erosion.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A Lakeshore Flood Warning means lakeshore flooding is occurring, is imminent, or is expected to occur. For your safety, stay off breakwaters, piers, rock outcroppings and beaches! Waves are often larger than they appear and can easily wash you away. Expect significant beach erosion and debris, local road closures and extremely dangerous boating conditions.

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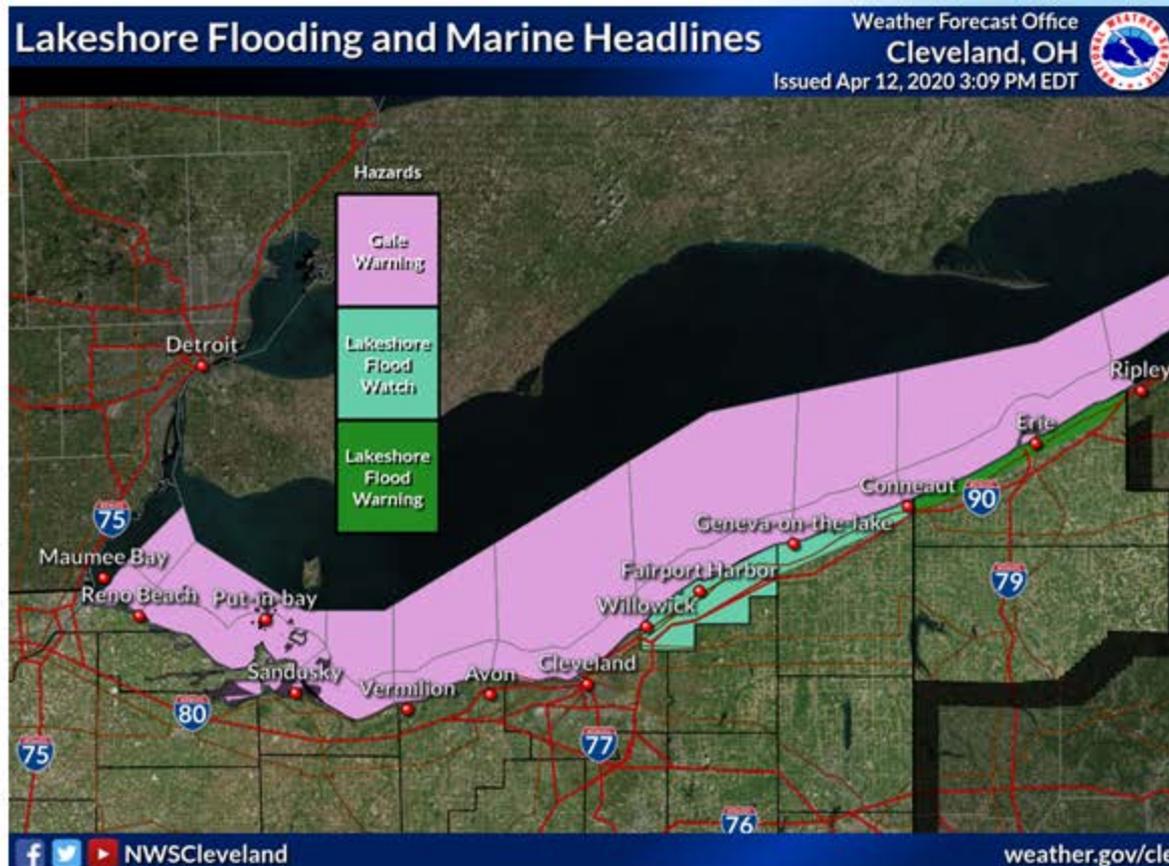
Lakeshore Flood Watch and Warning

Lakeshore Flood Timing:

Noon Monday to
Noon Tuesday

What to Expect:

- Strong southwest to west gales to 40 knots will create 8 to 15 foot waves on Lake Erie Monday.
- This, combined with already high lake levels, will cause flooding along the Erie County shoreline in Northwest Pennsylvania.
- Flooding is possible along the lakeshore of Lake and Ashtabula counties in Northeast Ohio, but is more conditional on the waves.



USCG Port Huron Dashboard

Weather.gov > Detroit/Pontiac, MI > USCG Port Huron Dashboard

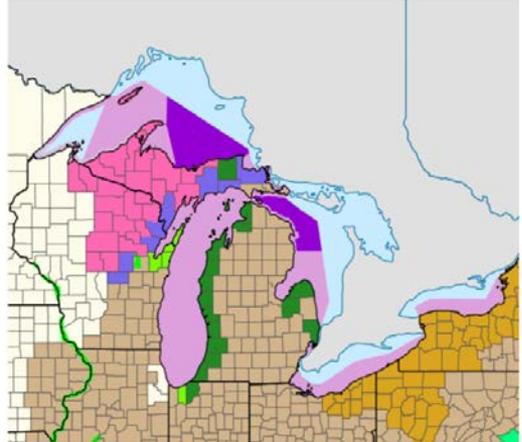
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Observation: xxxxxxx
 Nowcast: -----
 Forecast Guidance: - - - - -

- Overview
- Detailed Forecast
- Wind
- Gusts
- Waves
- Currents & Levels
- Outlook

- Hazards
- Wave Height
- Wind Speed
- Wind Gust
- Temperature
- Weather

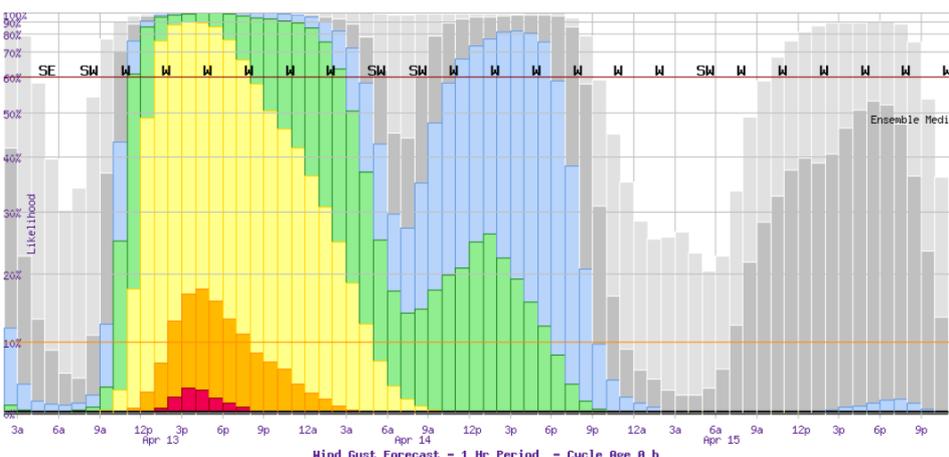
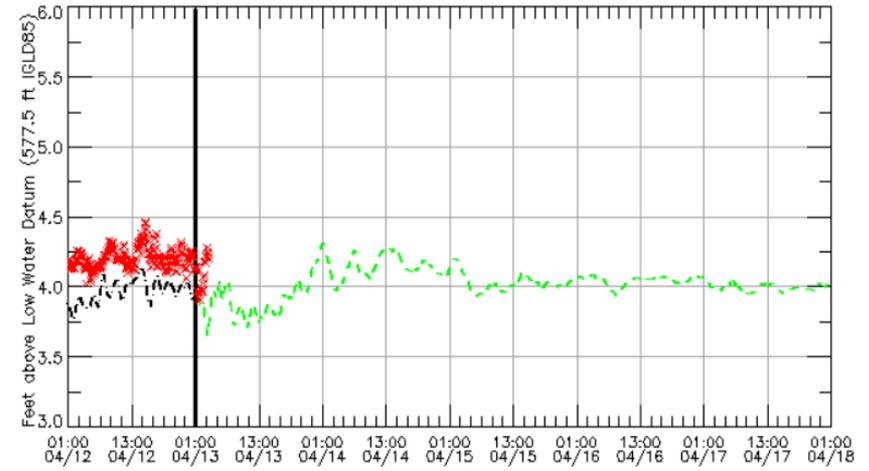
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- Lakeshore Flood Watch



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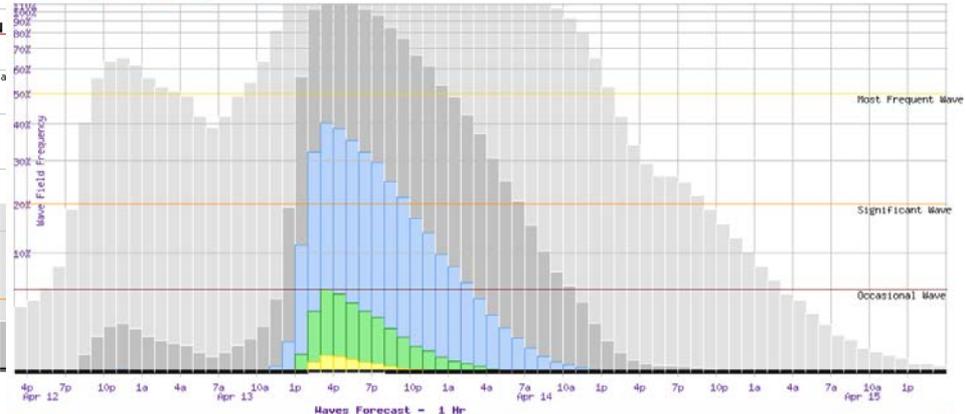
Forecast System (LMHOFS)

9014098 Fort Gratiot, MI Water Levels



- Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 10 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 15 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 20 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 25 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 33 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 42 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 50 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 58 knot Wind Gust
 - Likelihood to Exceed - 1 Hr 64 knot Wind Gust
- South-Lake-Huron**
- Peak Wind Correlates with 15-30% Probability Band

Wave height Frequency Distribution



- Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 2 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 4 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 6 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 9 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 12 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 16 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 20 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 26 feet
 - Percentage of Waves Exceeding - 34 feet
- South-Lake-Huron**
- Forecast Waveheight Distribution



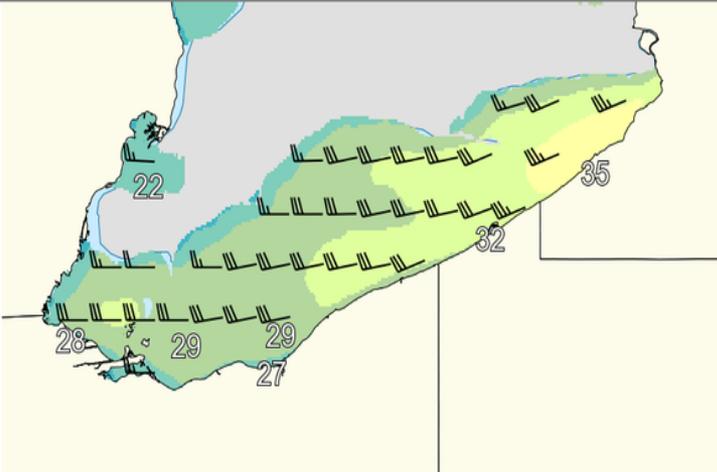
Weather Impacts on Water Levels

NOAA NWS NDFD Forecast/NOAA GLERL Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System

Forecast Wind Speed

Valid Ending Monday April 13th, 2020 at 8 PM EDT

- 0 to 5 KTS
- 5 to 10 KTS
- 10 to 15 KTS
- 15 to 20 KTS
- 20 to 25 KTS
- 25 to 30 KTS
- 30 to 35 KTS
- 35 to 40 KTS
- 40 to 45 KTS
- 45 to 50 KTS
- 50 to 60 KTS
- 60 to 70 KTS
- 70 to 80 KTS
- Greater than 80 KTS

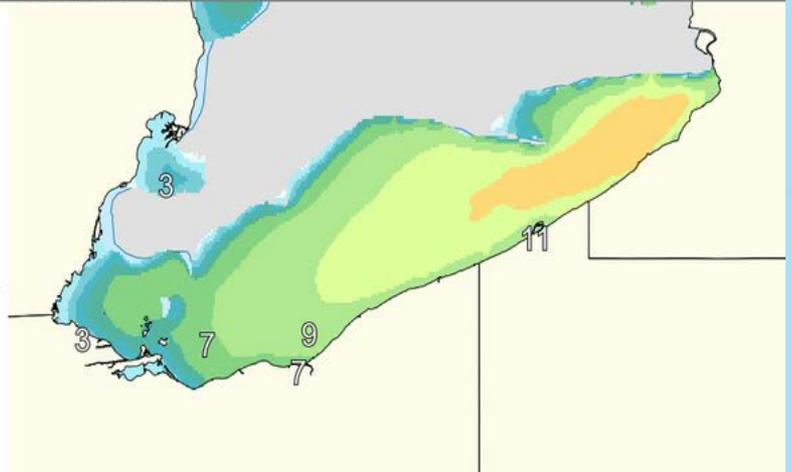


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Wave Height

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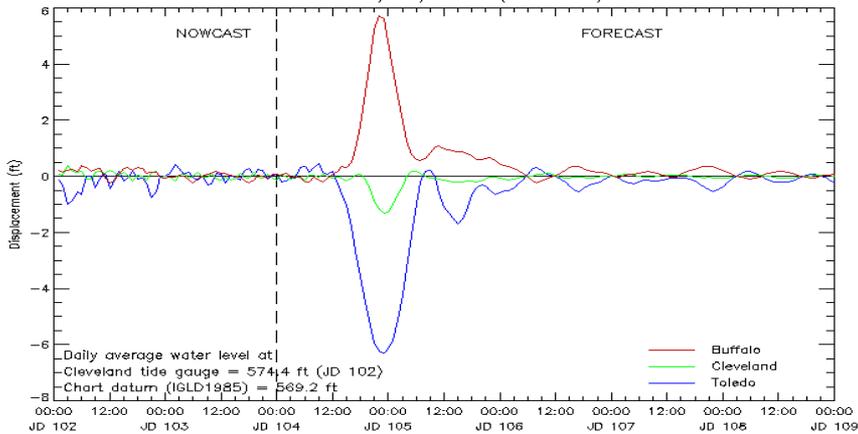
- 0 to 1 foot
- 1 to 2 feet
- 2 to 3 feet
- 3 to 4 feet
- 4 to 5 feet
- 5 to 7 feet
- 7 to 10 feet
- 10 to 12 feet
- 12 to 15 feet
- 15 to 20 feet
- 20 to 25 feet
- 25 to 30 feet
- 30 to 35 feet
- 35 to 40 feet
- 40 to 50 feet
- 50 to 60 feet
- Greater than 60 feet



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Lake Erie Water Level Displacement

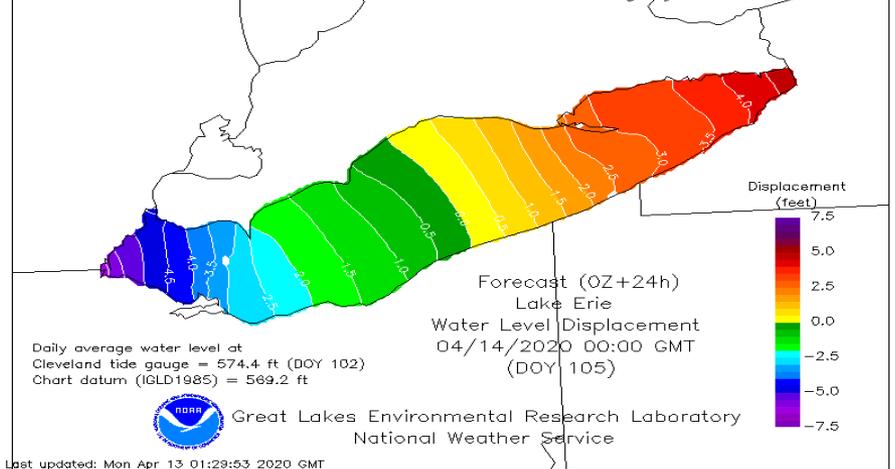
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Daily average water level at
 Cleveland tide gauge = 574.4 ft (JD 102)
 Chart datum (IGLD1985) = 569.2 ft

— Buffalo
 — Cleveland
 — Toledo

NOAA Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System



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Forecast (0Z+24h)
 Lake Erie
 Water Level Displacement
 04/14/2020 00:00 GMT
 (DOY 105)



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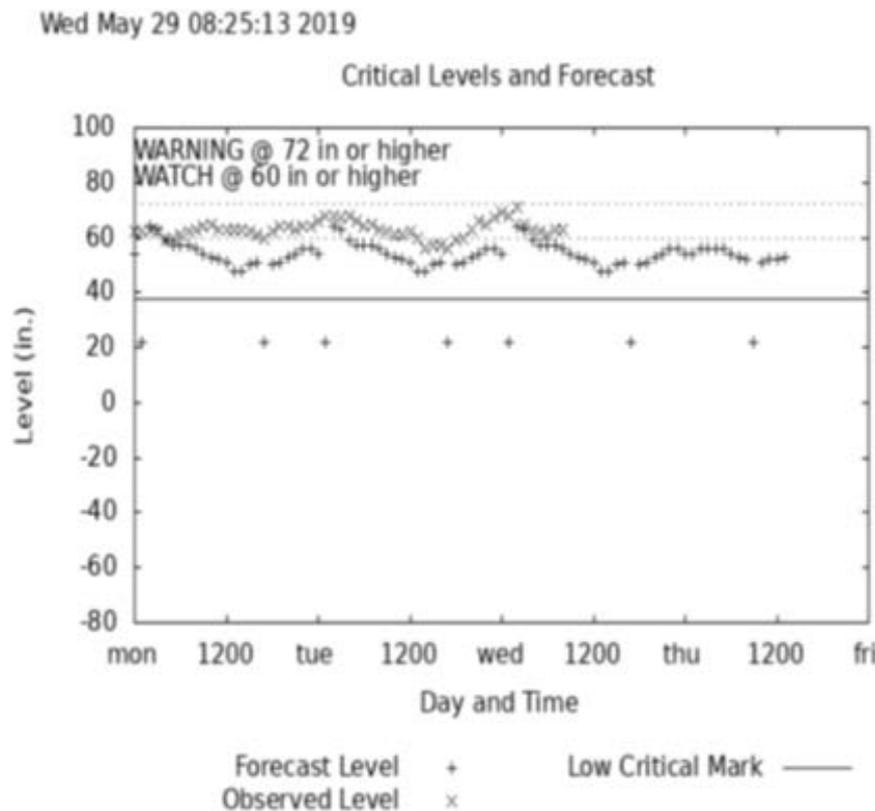
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Challenges

- Warnings/Watches/Advisories are based on water levels above low water datum (LWD) at water level stations.

Toledo Water Level



Example: Toledo, OH

- Warning issued at 72 inches above LWD
- Watch issued at 60 inches above LWD

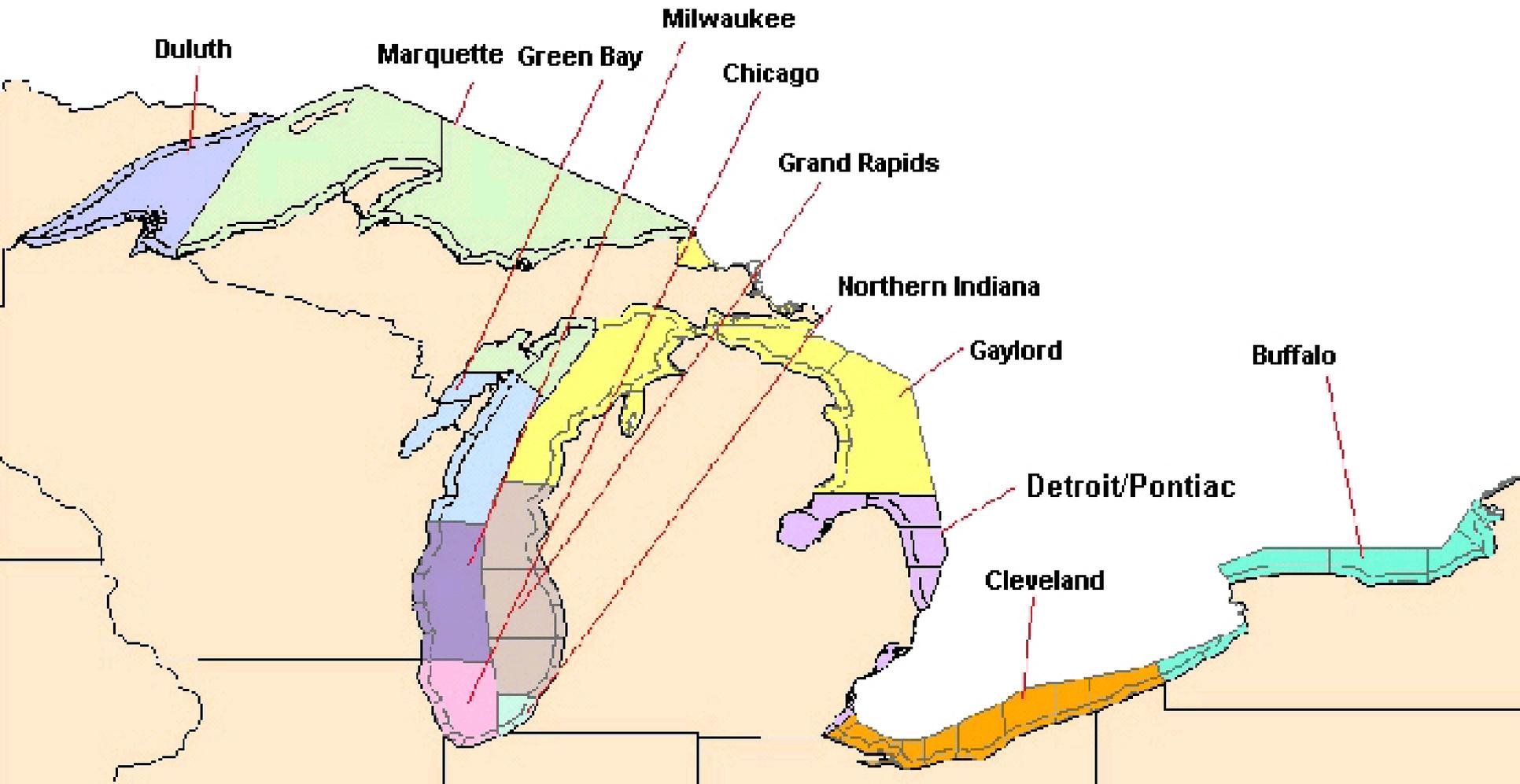
**BASE LAKE LEVELS ARE AROUND CRITERIA FOR WATCHES AND ADVISORIES
~ 60 INCHES ON A DAILY BASIS**

Recreational Forecast Current Challenges

- Impact of high water levels on Recreational Beach Forecasts and Rip Currents.
- Rip Current Warnings and Lake Shore Flood Warnings in combination
 - Both use Coastal Flood Warning Product (CFW).
 - Challenges highlighting hazards for all users



Great Lakes Weather Forecast Offices





Great Lakes Weather

<https://www.weather.gov/>

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Major Storm To Barrel Through The East Today
A major storm system will barrel through the East today. Severe thunderstorms with tornadoes, damaging winds and hail will sweep through the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. Locally heavy rain will be possible across the Northeast and lake effect snow is likely across the Upper Great Lakes. Finally, strong and gusty damaging winds are possible from the Great Lakes to the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. [Read More >](#)

<https://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/>

Marine Specific

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

ACTIVE ALERTS FORECAST MAPS RADAR RIVERS, LAKES, RAINFALL AIR QUALITY SATELLITE PAST WEATHER

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