Hurricane Jose to slowly weaken to tropical storm

Hurricane Jose is forecast to slowly weaken to a tropical storm as it tracks about 100 miles south of Nantucket on Wednesday. The main impact of Jose will be felt on Cape Cod and the Islands and will be similar to that of a strong nor'easter, with coastal flooding, beach erosion, locally heavy rainfall, and strong wind gusts.



Peak wind gusts up to 60 mph are possible on the Cape and Islands with 40 to 50 mph gusts across southeast Massachusetts and southern Rhode Island. Rainfall will be heaviest on Cape Cod and Nantucket, where 2 to 4 inches is possible. Severe beach erosion will occur along the coastlines of southeast Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with areas of minor to moderate coastal flooding, especially Nantucket.

On the coastal waters south and southeast of New England, seas will build to 20 feet, with up to 25 feet south of Nantucket. The combination of high seas and strong winds will result in life-

threatening conditions.