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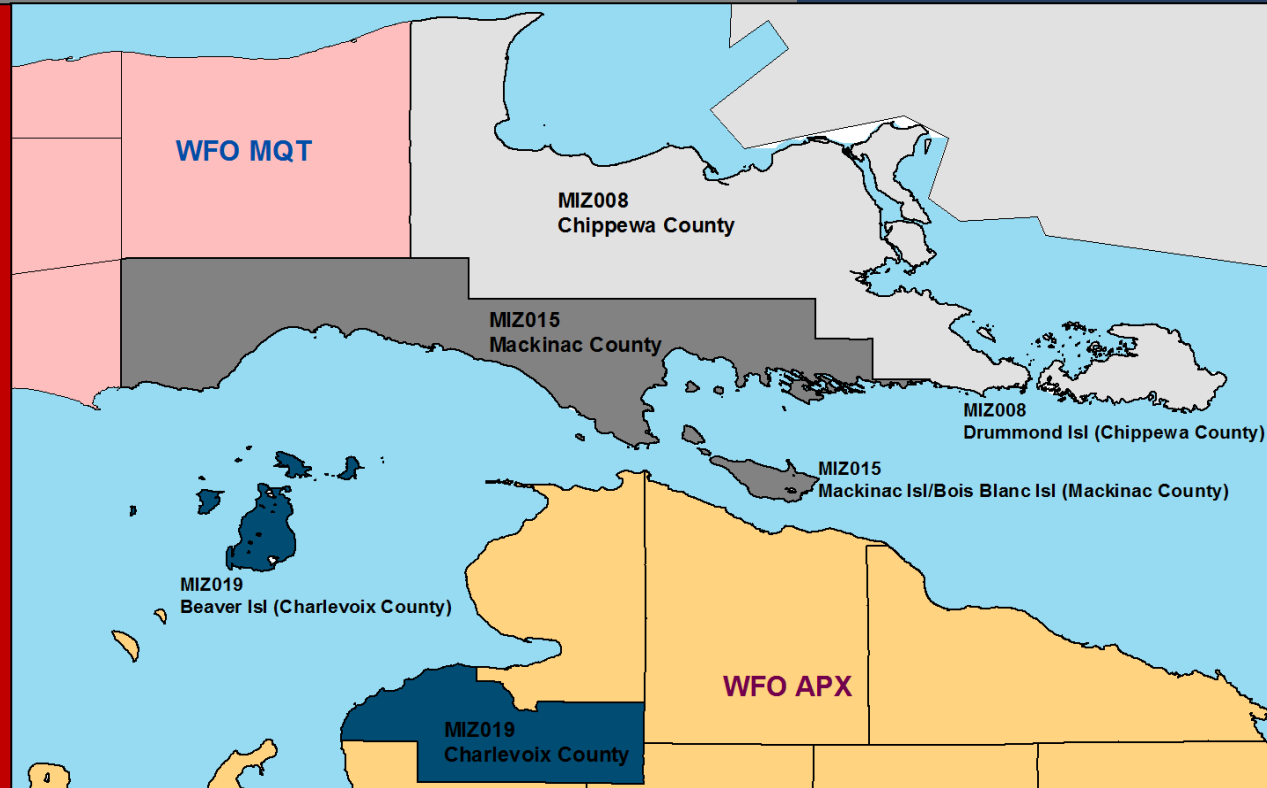


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Current Zone Configuration

- Chippewa County
- Mackinac County
 - Mackinac Island
 - Bois Blanc Island
- Charlevoix County
 - Beaver Island



On or around Tuesday, 5 March 2019...the National Weather Service in Gaylord will be implementing new forecast zones for eastern Upper Michigan and Beaver Island.

The purpose of this is to provide the citizens of eastern Upper Michigan and the islands in the vicinity of the Straits of Mackinac with more detailed warning and forecast services.

New geographic “splits” within each county will define the new forecast zones.



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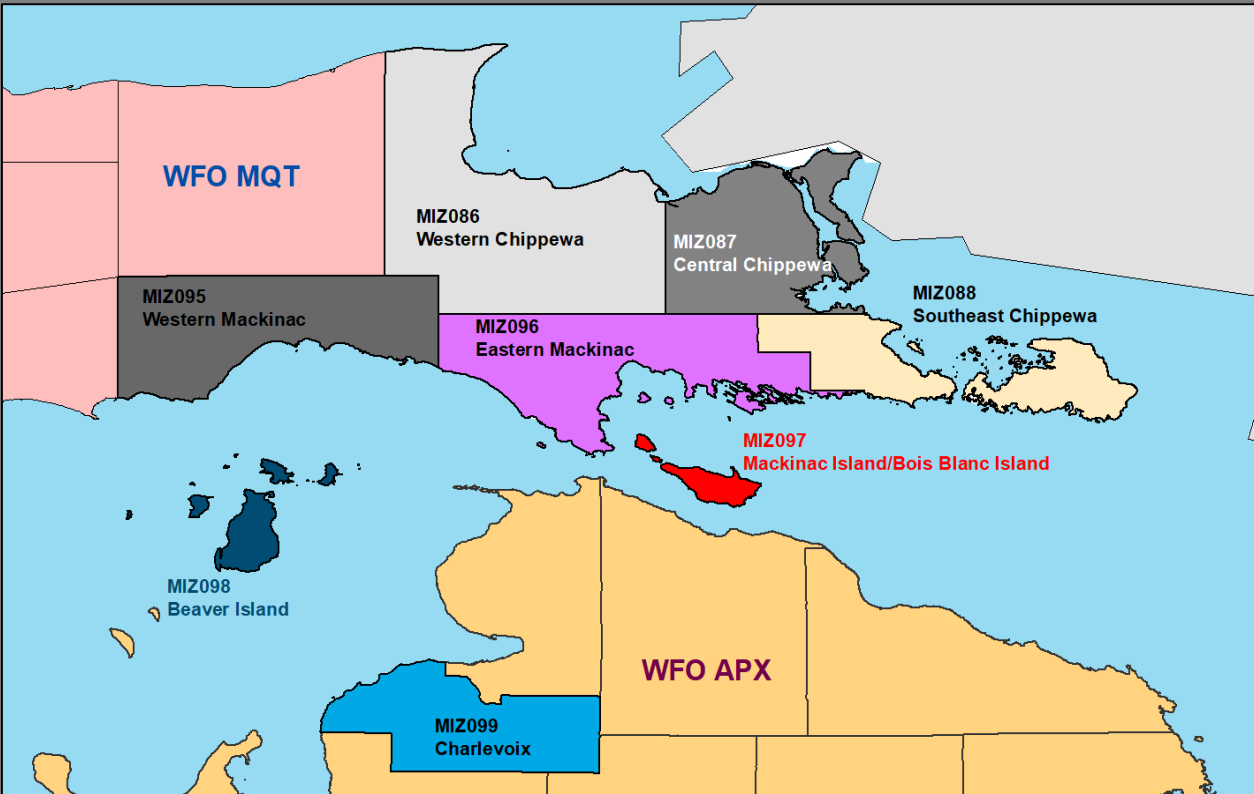


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New Zone Configuration

- Chippewa County will now be three separate zones:
 - Western Chippewa
 - Central Chippewa
 - Southeast Chippewa
- Mackinac County will now be three separate zones:
 - Western Mackinac
 - Eastern Mackinac
 - Mackinac Island/Bois Blanc Island
- Beaver Island will be separate from the “mainland” Charlevoix County zone.

The new forecast zones are intended to reflect the different weather regimes across the eastern Upper Peninsula due to the proximity of the Great Lakes.

Each new zone will have its own seven day forecast within the Zone Forecast Product (ZFP) issued by NWS Gaylord. We will also be able to issue separate hazards for each of these new zones (such as Winter Storm Warnings).

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