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Fig.1 NAGA/GSFC space images of the Caspian Sea, April 28, 2023

FORECAST OF LEVEL AND SURGE PHENOMENA IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CASPIAN SEA May 04-09, 2023

SEA LEVEL.

In the period the sea level is expected to fluctuate around the mark of minus 28.46m BS. The range of fluctuations in sea level is from minus 27.79m to minus 28.92m.

Figure 2 shows a graph of predicted sea level values at various points in the northern part of the Caspian Sea.

SURGERY PHENOMENA.

In the Peshnoy area, Isl. Kulaly, isl. Tyuleniy, Zhanbay, Karaton, Kalamkas surge events are **not expected**, sea level fluctuations will **not exceed 22 cm.**

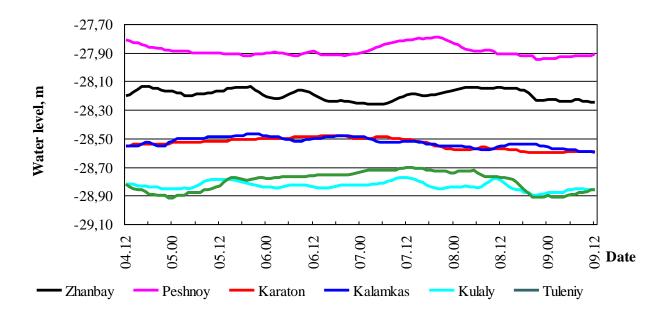


Fig .2 Forecast of sea level in the points of the Northern Caspian

FORECAST OF LEVEL AND SURGE PHENOMENA IN THE MIDDLE PART OF THE CASPIAN SEA ON May 04 - 09, 2023

SEA LEVEL.

In the period the sea level is expected to fluctuate around the mark of minus 28.91m BS. The range of fluctuations in sea level is from minus 28.70m to minus 29.25m.

Figure 3 shows a graph of the predicted sea level values at various points in the Middle part of the Caspian Sea.

SURGERY PHENOMENA.

In the area of Fort-Shevchenko, Aktau, Fetisovo and Makhachkala, surge events are **not expected**, sea level fluctuations will **not exceed 15 cm**.

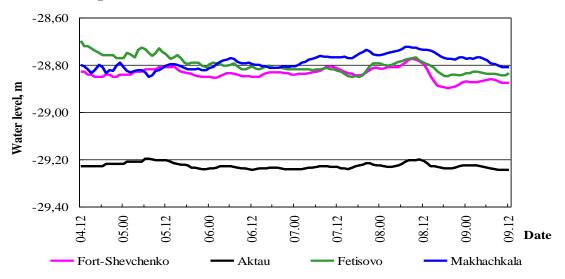


Fig .3 Forecast of sea level in the points of the Middle Caspian

FORECAST VALUES OF SEA LEVEL FLUCTUATIONS AT VARIOUS POINTS OF THE KAZAKHSTANI COAST

Point name	Maximum		Minimum		Average			
	Level,	date, time,	Level,	date, time,	Level,			
	sm	GMT^*	sm	GMT^*	sm			
	(m BS)		(m BS)		(m BS)			
Northern Part								
	-14	2023/05/04	-26	2023/05/07	-19			
Zhanbay	(-28,14)	16:00:00	(-28,26)	00:00:00	(-28,19)			
Peshnoy	21	2023/05/07	5	2023/05/21	11			
-	(-27,79)	19:00:00	(-27,95)	08:00:00	(-27,89)			
Karaton	-48	2023/05/06	-60	2023/05/08	-54			
	(-28,48)	14:00:00	(-28,60)	19:00:00	(-28,54)			
Kalamkas	-47	2023/05/05	-60	2023/05/09	-53			
	(-28,47)	19:00:00	(-28,60)	12:00:00	(-28,53)			
Kulaly	-78	2023/05/07	-90	2023/05/08	-83			
	(-28,78)	09:00:00	(-28,90)	20:00:00	(-28,83)			
	-70	2023/05/07	-92	2023/05/04	-80			
Tyuleny	(-28,70)	12:00:00	(-28,92)	23:00:00	(-28,80)			
		Ν	Aiddle Part					
Fort-	-78	2023/05/08	-90	2023/05/08	-84			
Shevchenko	(-28,78)	08:00:00	(-28,90)	18:00:00	(-28,84)			
Aktau	-120	2023/05/05	-125	2023/05/09	-123			
	(-29,20)	06:00:00	(-29,25)	11:00:00	(-29,23)			
Fetisovo	-70	2023/05/04	-85	2023/05/07	-80			
	(-28,70)	12:00:00	(-28,85)	15:00:00	(-28,80)			
Makhachkala	-72	2023/05/08	-85	2023/05/05	-79			
	(-28,72)	08:00:00	(-28,85)	07:00:00	(-28,79)			

GMT* - Greenwich Mean Time

SEA LEVEL REVIEW 27 April – 03 May, 2023

In the northern part of the Caspian Sea, according to operational data from marine stations of Kazhydromet: Peshnoy, Zhanbay, Kulaly island and Roshydromet (isl. Tyuleniy), the average sea level corresponded to minus 28.40 m, the maximum - minus 27.81m, the minimum - minus 28.88m.

According to the operational data of the sea stations of Kazhydromet: Fort-Shevchenko, Aktau, Fetisovo and Roshydromet (Makhachkala), the average value of the level of the Caspian Sea, in its deep part, corresponded to minus 28.92m, the maximum - minus 28.69m, the minimum - minus 29.30m.

	Rise/Fall,	Characteristic***	Consequences
	cm		
	50	Critical	Flooded coast area to 5 km
Up surge	65	Danger	Flooding and flooding of dams and buildings up to 10 km
U,	110	Especially danger	Flooding of the coast for more than 10 km, destruction of dams and buildings
e	-50	Critical	worsening navigation conditions for small ships
Down surge	-65	Danger	Worsening of navigation conditions for small and medium-sized ships
Do	-100	Especially danger	Ships would be aground

CRITERIA OF DANGER OF THE STORM SURGES IN THE NORTHEAST COAST

* The characteristics were computed by Hydrodynamic module MIKE 21 of Danish Hydraulic Institute. RSE "KAZHYDROMET" has the module adapted to Caspian Sea conditions. Data of sea level measurements (Fig.2-3) and pressure field numerical forecasting for 24 –120 hours were used in computation.

** At definition of characteristic marks local conditions were considered.

*** Critical -50 % frequency, danger -25 % frequency, especially danger -2 % frequency. The calculation was carried out for the period 1940-2020 according to the data of Peshnoy station.

BS – Baltic System

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