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Fig.1 NASA/GSFC space images of the Caspian Sea, April 18, 2023

FORECAST OF LEVEL AND SURGE PHENOMENA IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CASPIAN SEA April 18 - 23, 2024

SEA LEVEL.

In the period the sea level is expected to fluctuate around the mark of minus 28.51 m BS. The range of fluctuations in sea level is from minus 27.94 m to minus 29.35 m.

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 area of Isl. Kulaly, isl. Tyuleniy, Zhanbay, Karaton, Kalamkas surge events are **not expected**, sea level fluctuations will **not exceed 14 cm**.

In the area of the **Peshnoy** station, run-up phenomena are expected between April 18 and 23; sea level fluctuations can reach **26 cm**.

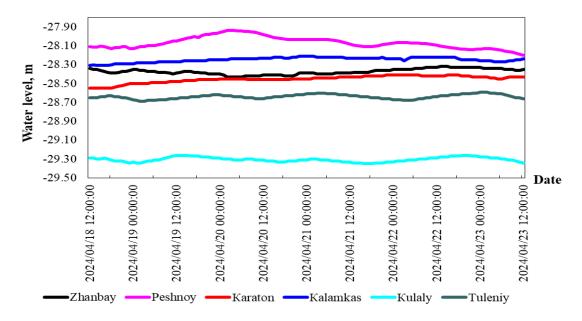


Fig .2 Forecast of sea level in the points of the Northern Caspian

FORECAST OF LEVEL AND SURGE PHENOMENA IN THE MIDDLE PART OF THE CASPIAN SEA ON April 18 - 23, 2024

SEA LEVEL.

In the period the sea level is expected to fluctuate around the mark of minus 29.08 m BS. The range of fluctuations in sea level is from minus 28.62 m to minus 29.56 m.

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 14 cm**.

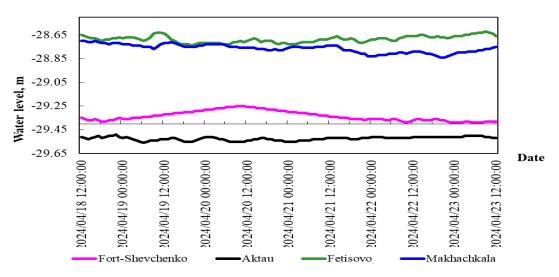


Fig .3 Forecast of sea level in the points of the Middle Caspian

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)		(mBS)		(m BS)		
Northern Part							
Zhanbay	-32	2024/04/22	-43	2024/04/20	-37		
5	(-28,32)	13:00:00	(-28,43)	02:00:00	(-28,37)		
Peshnoy	-6	2024/04/20	-20	2024/04/23	-7		
5	(-28,06)	02:00:00	(-28,20)	12:00:00	(-28,07)		
Karaton	-41	2024/04/21	-55	2024/04/18	-45		
	(-28,41)	22:00:00	(-28,55)	12:00:00	(-28,45)		
Kalamkas	-21	2024/04/20	-31	2024/04/18	-25		
	(-28,21)	22:00:00	(-28,31)	12:00:00	(-28,25)		
Kulaly	-126	2024/04/19	-135	2024/04/21	-131		
-	(-29,26)	12:00:00	(-29,35)	16:00:00	(-29,31)		
Tyuleny	-59	2024/04/23	-69	2024/04/19	-64		
5 5	(-28,59)	00:00:00	(-28,69)	02:00:00	(-28,64)		
Middle Part							
Fort-	-125	2024/04/20	-139	2024/04/22	-134		
Shevchenko	(-29,25)	09:00:00	(-29,39)	10:00:00	(-29,34)		
Aktau	-149	2024/04/18	-156	2024/04/19	-152		
	(-29,49)	22:00:00	(-29,56)	06:00:00	(-29,52)		
Fetisovo	-62	2024/04/23	-74	2024/04/19	-69		
	(-28,62)	09:00:00	(-28,74)	20:00:00	(-28,69)		
Makhachkala	-70	2024/04/18	-84	2024/04/22	-76		
	(-28,70)	12:00:00	(-28,84)	20:00:00	(-28,76)		

GMT* - Greenwich Mean Time

SEA LEVEL REVIEW April 11 - 17, 2024

In the northern part of the Caspian Sea, according to operational data from marine stations of Kazhydromet: Peshnoy, Kulaly island and Roshydromet (isl. Tyuleniy), the average sea level corresponded to minus 28.86 m, the maximum minus 28.05 m, the minimum minus 29.43 m.

In the period from April 11 to 17, M Peshnoy observed a rise in sea level by 69 cm due to an increase in the level of the river Zhaiyk - Atyrau.

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 29.09 m, the maximum minus 28.62 m, the minimum minus 29.60 m.

C	CRITERIA OF DANGER OF THE STORM SURGES IN THE NORTHEAST COAST					
	Rise/Fall,	Characteristic***	Consequences			
	cm					
e	50	Critical	Flooded coast area to 5 km			
Up surge	65	Danger	Danger Flooding and flooding of dams and buildings up to 10 km			
Ū	110	Especially danger	Flooding of the coast for more than 10 km, destruction of dams and buildings			
Down surge	-50	Critical	worsening navigation conditions for small ships			
	-65	Danger	Worsening of navigation conditions for small and medium-sized ships			
DC	-100	Especially danger	Ships would be aground			

* 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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