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## Weather: Beach Hazards Statement

October 17, 2019



The National Weather Service has issued a Beach Hazards Statement in effect from 9 a.m. Thursday through Friday morning for Coastal Del Norte-Northern Humboldt Coast-Southwestern Humboldt-Mendocino Coast.

A building long-period northwesterly swell will result in increasing surf heights on Thursday along with an increased threat of sneaker waves. Beachgoers should use caution along area beaches and keep a safe distance from the surf zone.

### **TIMING**

Surf heights will build through this evening with large surf continuing into Friday.

### **IMPACTS**

Larger surf at offshore breaks and an enhanced risk of sneaker waves on northwest California beaches. Surf heights will reach around 20 feet along west and northwest facing beaches. Steep beaches will have a higher risk of sneaker wave activity with greater wave run-up onto beaches. Large waves will also wash over jetties and rock outcroppings that may normally stay dry.

## **PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS**

A Beach Hazard Statement is issued when threats such as sneaker waves and high surf create life-threatening conditions in the surf zone. Caution should be used when in or near the water.