



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <a href="#">You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b><u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u></b> Disease activity at seasonal levels.</p>	<p><b><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u></b> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

**THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:** SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

**Significant Issues:**

**Wildland Fires**

SEOC has been in regular contact with jurisdictions and agencies engaged in wildland fire operations in the state.

The community of Cooper Landing, in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, was placed on “SET” status last night (evacuation prepared and possible but no evacuation ordered) because of fire activity on the Swan Lake Fire. As this action was taken, SEOC was in extensive contact with the Swan Lake Fire Incident Command and Kenai Peninsula Borough. SEOC continues to support the Borough and Swan Lake Fire as contingency plans are refined should an evacuation, “GO”, of Cooper Landing be required.

On Friday August 23, Governor Dunleavy issued a State Disaster Declaration for the Matanuska Susitna Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough for impacts from the McKinley, Deshka Landing, and Swan Lake wildfires. The Declaration activated the State’s Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Temporary Housing programs. SEOC is engaged in operations to implement these programs in the declared areas.

To date SEOC has received local declarations for fire response and recovery from:

- Mat-Su Borough
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Alaska National Guard conducted the following missions over the weekend in response to SEOC resource orders:

- Traffic management, in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, for the Swan Lake and Caribou Lake fires in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Additional National Guard personnel are being added to the Swan Lake Fire traffic management mission, at the request of the Swan Lake Fire and Kenai Peninsula Borough, due to increased fire impacts on roadways.
- Alcantra Armory in support of wildland firefighter lodging and logistics.

## 2019 Fire Season

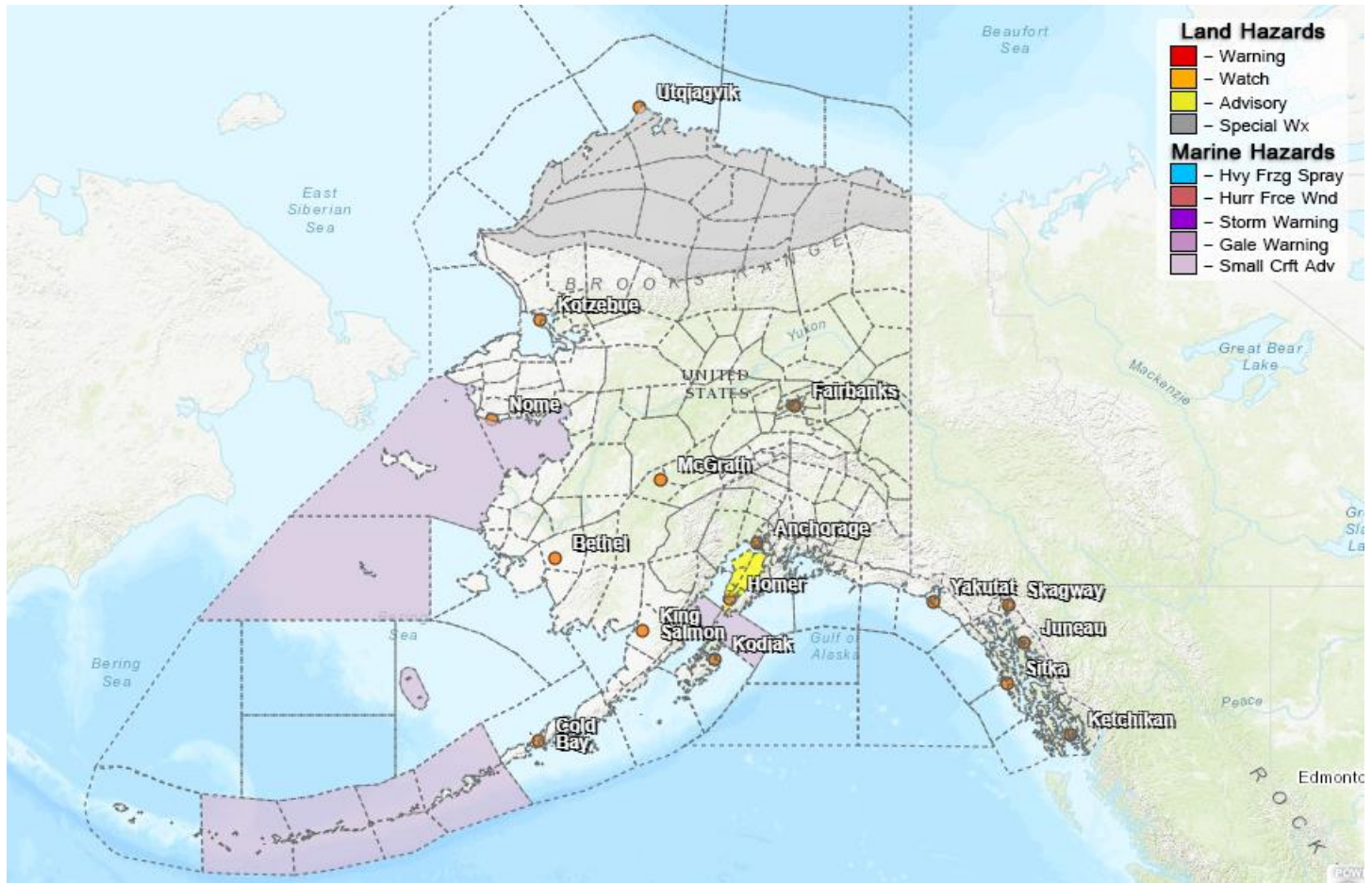
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = **683**
- Total Acres = **2,554,174.5** There are currently **219** active fires with **8** fires currently staffed.

Current fire information is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov> , <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

## Significant Weather:



Dense Smoke Advisory for the Western Kenai Peninsula in effect until Wednesday afternoon.

Special weather statement for a sharp rise on north slope rivers this week effecting the areas of Central Beaufort Sea Coast, Easter Beaufort Sea Coast, Northeastern Brooks Range, Northern Arctic Coast, Northwestern Brooks Range and the Western Arctic Coast.

For the most current weather Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh/>

## Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska due to wildfire smoke.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

## **State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)**

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances**

The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>

## **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

## **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

Stop and Go traffic is expected from mile post 76 to mile post 99. Expect delays due to emergency vehicles on the road.

Sterling Highway/Seward Highway junction to milepost 71 Travel is not advised due to poor airquality. Pilot car operation are in effect but status can change, no stopping along the roadway. Watch for firefighting personnel in the area.

Road closure on Skilak Lake Road from Lower Skilak Lake Road to Sterling Highway due to emergency vehicles on road and smoke conditions.

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

## **Alaska Volcanoes**

**Cleveland** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange.

**Semisopchnoi** Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

## **Alaska Cyber Security Information**

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at <https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

**The Next Situation Report:** will be **28 August** 2019 at 8:00 am. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report.

This report is posted on the internet at <https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep>. To register for email distribution, go to <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report>. Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or [seoc@alaska.gov](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov).