

ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>Read the NTAS Bulletin here</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1- Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 2019 Novel Coronavirus</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

Significant Issues:

Wrangell Landside Disaster:

A Red Cross 3-person Incident Care Condolence Team continues to work in the community to help those grieving. Search and Rescue personnel and a scent detection K9 team will be available in the community and available to reengage with active searching if new information is developed.

Double lane emergency access routes remain open through the slide area with electrical power to southside residents. Wrangell Police Department continues to conduct road access for affected residents.

Prince of Wales Island, including City of Klawock and City of Craig:

Governor Dunleavy amended his November 21, 2023, declaration on Monday to include the entire Southeast Island School District Regional Education Attendance Area, including the City of Craig, Hydaburg, Klawock, and all other impacted jurisdictions and areas on Prince of Wales Island, for individual and public assistance. SEOC continues to assess damages and coordinate state-level support to affected communities.

State Individual Assistance Hotline and website is open for Wrangell and Prince of Wales Island residents, Individual Assistance Applications can be submitted at <https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> Or by phone 1(844) 445-7131

Diomedé – Potential Building Structural Collapse:

SEOC remains in communication with the city and the multiagency response group supporting Diomedé.

State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and in the event of a public health emergency, supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required. For current information, see:

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx>

NTAS Bulletin

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin on May 24, 2023. The current and expired bulletins can be viewed at the below link.

<https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

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

Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here:

<https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html>

Earthquakes

United States Geological Service (USGS) Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://tsunami.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Great Sitkin Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

Shishaldin Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

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

Katmai Alert Level: **Normal** Aviation Color Code: **Green**

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

The Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/security>

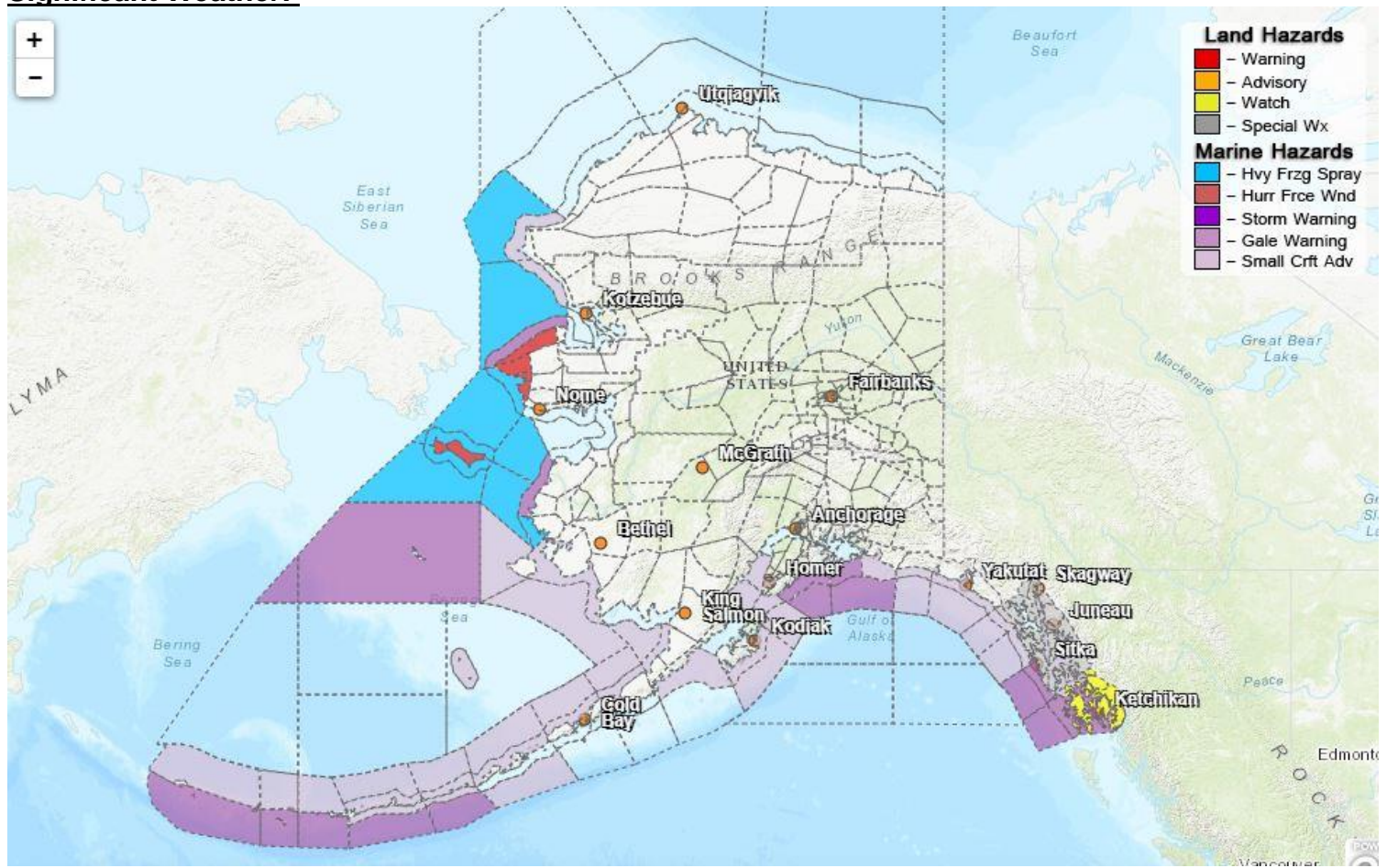
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)-Cybersecurity Services and Tools:

www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools

Avalanche Hazards:

For more information and the most current avalanche conditions go to <https://alaskasnow.org>

Significant Weather:



Special Weather Statement: Skagway; Haines Borough and Klukwan; Glacier Bay; Eastern Chichagof Island; Cape Fairweather to Lisianski Strait; City and Borough of Sitka; Admiralty Island; City and Borough of Juneau; Petersburg Borough; Western Kupreanof and Kuiu Island; Prince of Wales Island; City and Borough of Wrangell; Ketchikan Gateway Borough; City of Hyder; Annette Island

- A strong, developing storm force low moving up from the south Saturday will bring strong winds, high seas, and heavy rain for the southern panhandle and outer coast, the southern panhandle and outer coast are likely to see the strongest winds at this time.
- The southern panhandle will see these increased winds and rain rates of 0.2 per hour early Saturday morning.
- Wind gusts of 50 to 65 mph over marine waters and some land areas are likely. Small streams and rivers are expected to rise across the southern panhandle. Snowfall ranges are expected between 1 and 6 inches with local higher amounts.

Winter Storm Warning: Bering Strait Coast, Diomedes, Shishmaref, and St. Lawrence Island

- Winter Storm Warning the West Coast through 3 PM Saturday with south winds gusts up to 65 mph changing to north winds Thursday.
- Snow accumulation up to 7 inches and whiteout conditions at times beginning this afternoon and continuing through Saturday. This will make travel very difficult or impossible.
- Strong north winds and temperatures in the teens Thursday through Saturday may lead to freezing spray and ice accumulation at Diomedes.

High Wind Watch: Prince of Wales Island; City and Borough of Wrangell; Ketchikan Gateway Borough; Annette Island

- Southeast winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts up to 60 mph possible until 3pm December 9th.
- High winds could blow around unsecured objects, damage property and cause power outages.
- People are urged to secure vessels and loose objects that could be blown around or damaged by the wind.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to:

<https://www.weather.gov/arh/>

The Next Situation Report will be **December 11, 2023**. 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