



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &  
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| <p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b><br/><br/>Level 1 – Routine Operations</p>                       | <p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>                             | <p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b><br/><br/><a href="#">Read the NTAS Bulletin here</a></p> |
| <p><a href="#">Maritime Security (MARSEC)</a> Level:1-<br/>Minimum Appropriate<br/>Security Measures</p> | <p>WHO Novel Coronavirus<br/>Pandemic (COVID-19):<br/><a href="#">2019 Novel Coronavirus</a></p> | <p><b><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u></b> FPCON Bravo</p>                         |

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

**Significant Issues:**

**Magnitude 5.9 Earthquake – Near Sitka**

Last night at 1046pm AKST a magnitude 5.9 earthquake was reported 55mi southwest of Sitka AK. A tsunami information statement was issued stating there was no tsunami threat. SEOC contacted officials with the City of Sitka this morning who reported no damages or impacts.

**Hughes Water Break:**

Repair Crews from DEC continue to work with local water plant operators and staff to make repairs to the water system. DEC plans to take water samples once repairs are made to ensure water conditions are suitable to suspend the boil water notice.

**Wrangell Landside Disaster:**

State Individual Assistance application hotline and website is open for Wrangell and Prince of Wales Island residents at <https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> or by phone 1(844) 445-7131. The deadline to apply for State Individual Assistance is January 27, 2024.

**Quinhagak Power Outage Disaster:**

State Individual Assistance application hotline and website is open for Quinhagak residents at <https://www.ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> or by phone 1 (844) 445-7131. The deadline to apply for State Individual Assistance is March 2, 2024.

**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, is 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 visit: <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**

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

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

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

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**

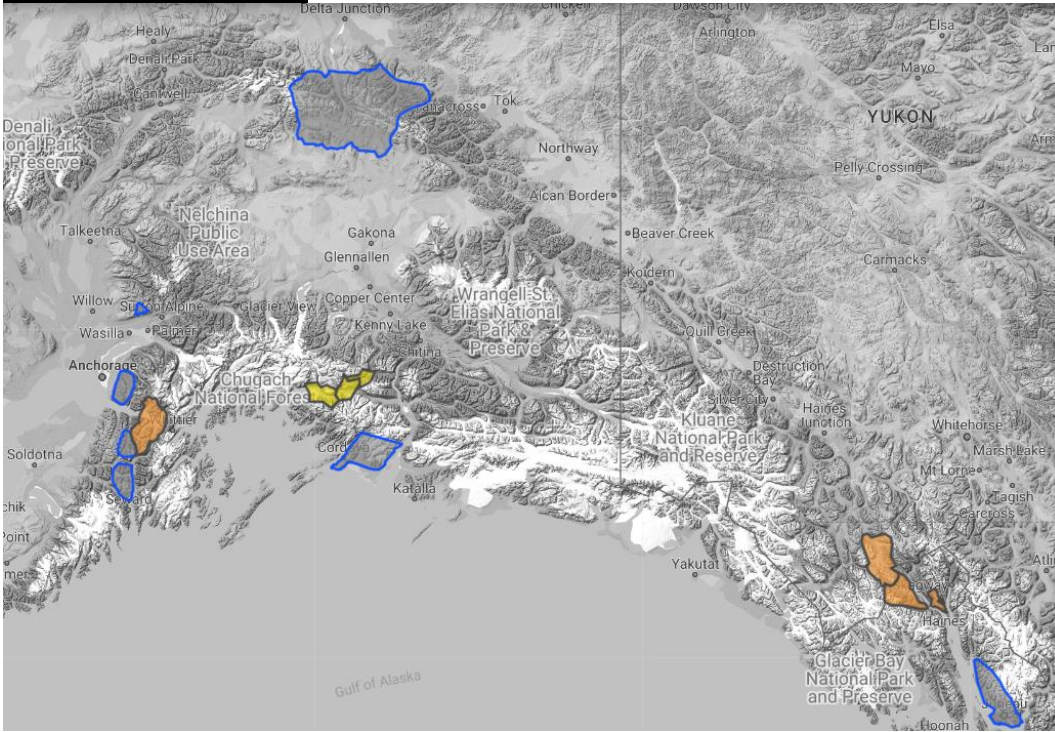
State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

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

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

[www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools](http://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools)

## Avalanche Hazards:



Chilkat Pass and areas near Haines – Moderate up to 2,500ft, Considerable above 2,500ft.

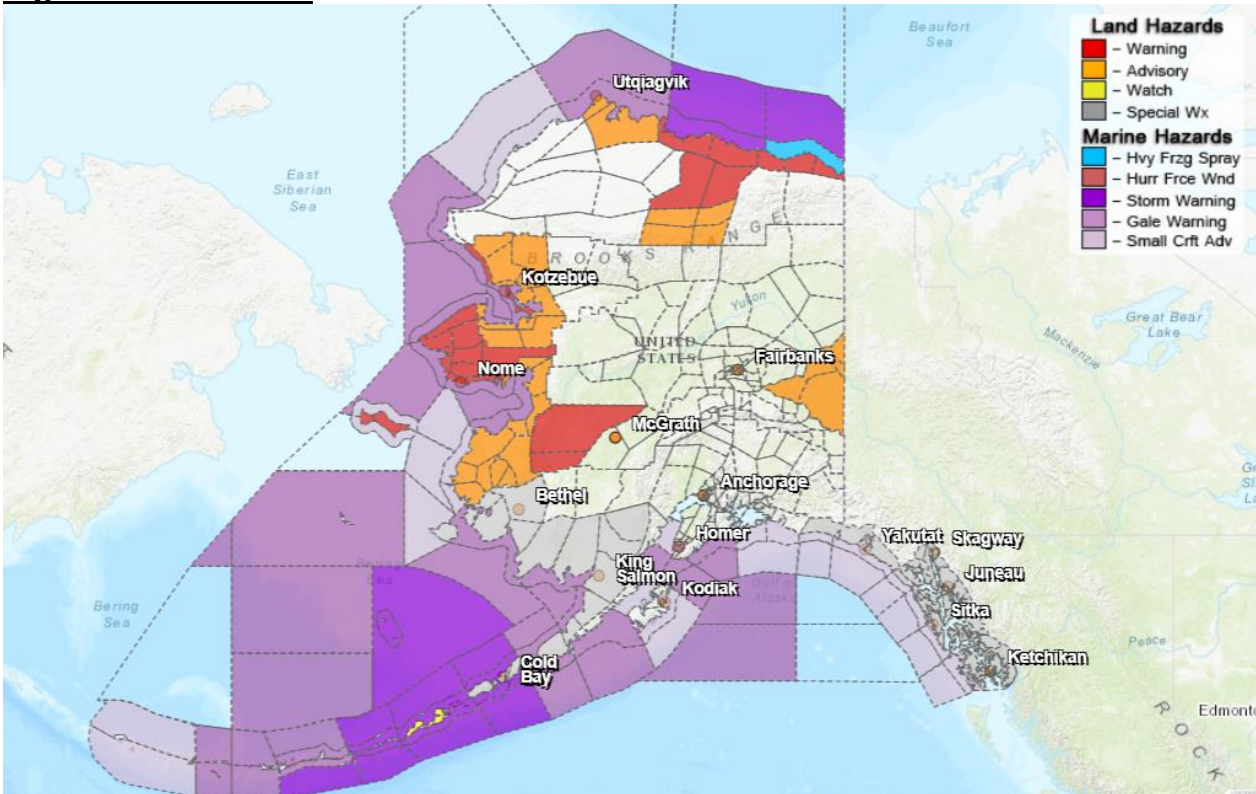
Valdez – Moderate above 2,000ft, low below 2,000ft.

Turnagain Pass – Considerable at high elevations, Moderate below 1,000ft

Cordova – Moderate above 2,000ft, low below 2,000ft.

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

## Significant Weather:



## Winter Storm Warning

- Central and Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast from 1pm today until 3pm Sunday. Winds gusting to 70mph expected.
- Central Arctic Plains from 3pm today until 3pm Sunday. Winds gusting to 40mph and blowing snow expected.
- Shishmaref and Little Diomedes in effect until 3 pm Saturday for snow accumulation up to 4 inches and winds gusting to 55mph.
- St. Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast until 3pm Saturday. Additional snow accumulation of 4 to 8 inches and winds gusting to 45mph.
- Lower Yukon River, Lower Yukon and Innoko Valleys in effect until 3pm Saturday. Snow accumulation up to 4 inches and winds gusting to 40mph expected.
- Interior and Southern Seward Peninsula in effect until 3pm Saturday. Snow accumulation of 4 to 8 inches and winds gusting to 45mph expected.

## Winter Weather Advisory

- Central Brooks Range until 3pm today for winds up to 40mph and blowing snow.
- Northern Arctic Coast from 6pm tonight until 3pm Sunday. Winds gusting to 50mph and blowing snow expected.
- Yukon Delta Coast until 3pm Saturday for snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches and winds gusting to 50mph.
- Lower Yukon River until 3pm Saturday. Snow accumulation up to 4 inches, winds gusting to 50mph.
- Pribilof Islands starting at 11pm tonight until 9am Saturday for 2 to 5 inches of snow and winds gusting to 65mph.
- Lower Kobuk Valley and Northern Seward Peninsula in effect until 1pm today for blowing snow, freezing rain, up to two inches of snow, and winds gusting to 50mph.
- Noatak Valley in effect until 1pm this afternoon for winds gusting to 45mph and blowing snow.
- Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills in effect until 3pm Saturday. Up to 2 inches of snow and winds gusting to 55mph.

## High Wind Warning

- Eastern Aleutian Islands from 11pm Friday until 9am Saturday. Winds of 40 to 60mph with gusts up to 75mph expected.
- Kivalina and Red Dog Dock, Baldwin Peninsula and Kotzebue in effect until noon. Winds gusting to 60mph and blowing snow expected.

## Wind Chill Advisory

- Fortymile Country in effect until this afternoon for wind chill temperatures as low as 45 degrees below zero.

## Special Weather Statement

- Alaska Peninsula for strong winds Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. Winds of 30 to 50mph with gusts up to 70mph expected.
- Kuskokwim Delta and Bristol Bay for strong winds and elevated water levels possible Friday evening through Saturday morning.
- City and Borough of Yakutat, 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, and Annette Island for very cold temperatures and wind chills this week.

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

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

**The Next Situation Report** will be **January 16, 2024**. 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).