



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 3 - Ongoing Active Response - 2020 December Southeast Storm</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></p> <p>Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</p> <p>2019 Novel Coronavirus</p>	<p><u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo</p>

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

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:

Significant Issues:

2020 December Southeast Storm Disaster:

SEOC remains at Level 3 and is actively engaged in response operations to Southeast Alaska for a storm that brought high winds, heavy rain, and multiple landslides. Due to ongoing weather, the risk of additional landslides and flooding continues.

Governor Dunleavy declared a disaster for the entire Southeast Region in response to the storm that includes the Haines Borough, Municipality of Skagway Borough, City and Borough of Juneau, City and Borough of Wrangell, Petersburg Borough, City and Borough of Sitka, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, and the Annette Island, Chatham, and Southeast Island Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAs).

Haines:

SEOC has established a Haines Division and deployed a Division Supervisor to Haines to coordinate the state response with the Haines Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which is active managing the incident. A multiagency search and rescue operation continues, led by the Alaska State Troopers, and including the United States Coast Guard, Juneau Search and Rescue, Capital City Fire and Rescue, SEADOGS, Alaska National Guard, Haines police and fire, and local volunteers.

SEOC had deployed geologists with the State Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey and Incident Meteorologists with National Weather Service to Haines to assess the risk for search

operations and additional landslides elsewhere in the community. Part of this assessment includes aerial surveys with LIDAR.

In addition, Haines EOC is engaged in active evacuations and sheltering, mass care, road clearing, infrastructure repair, and debris management operations. Multiple mass care agencies have responded to Haines to assist including the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Southeast Tribal Emergency Management. There is a potential for additional evacuations based on slopes instability and weather. Mental health and counseling staff have deployed to Haines to assist the community in the disaster and the community has active COVID-19 mitigation and testing in place for the response.

Ketchikan:

Over the weekend, SEOC received a report from the Ketchikan EOC of high-water alert level at the Ketchikan Lakes dam. Ketchikan initiated voluntary evacuations in the inundation area and opened a shelter for evacuees. SEOC contacted the State Dam Safety Engineer and National Weather Service for coordination. Subsequently, with diminished rainfall, water levels at the dam decreased and the evacuation was ended and shelters closed. Given current and forecasted weather, Ketchikan continues to actively monitor water levels at the dam. Ketchikan reported minor inundation of private property along Ketchikan Creek due to the high water, but no significant damage.

Other Southeast Alaska Communities:

In addition to Haines, SEOC has received preliminary reports of damage in the Southeast communities of Gustavus, Haines, Hoonah, Hyder, Juneau, Klawock, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, and Wrangell. SEOC continues to coordinate state support for these communities and others in Southeast Alaska impacted by the storm. SEOC will work this week to receive additional damage reports and refine the initial assessments.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic:

A unified command has been established at the SEOC. The SEOC continues to support statewide response to COVID-19.

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

DHSS is operating as the Medical Branch under the State EOC/Unified Command.

For more information about the outbreak refer to:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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

NTAS BULLETIN

To read current advisories, select the link below.

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

Travel Alerts and Conditions

COVID-19 Health Orders may affect travel. Check <https://covid19.alaska.gov/> for current Health Orders.

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

Recent Earthquakes

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

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

Alaska Volcanoes

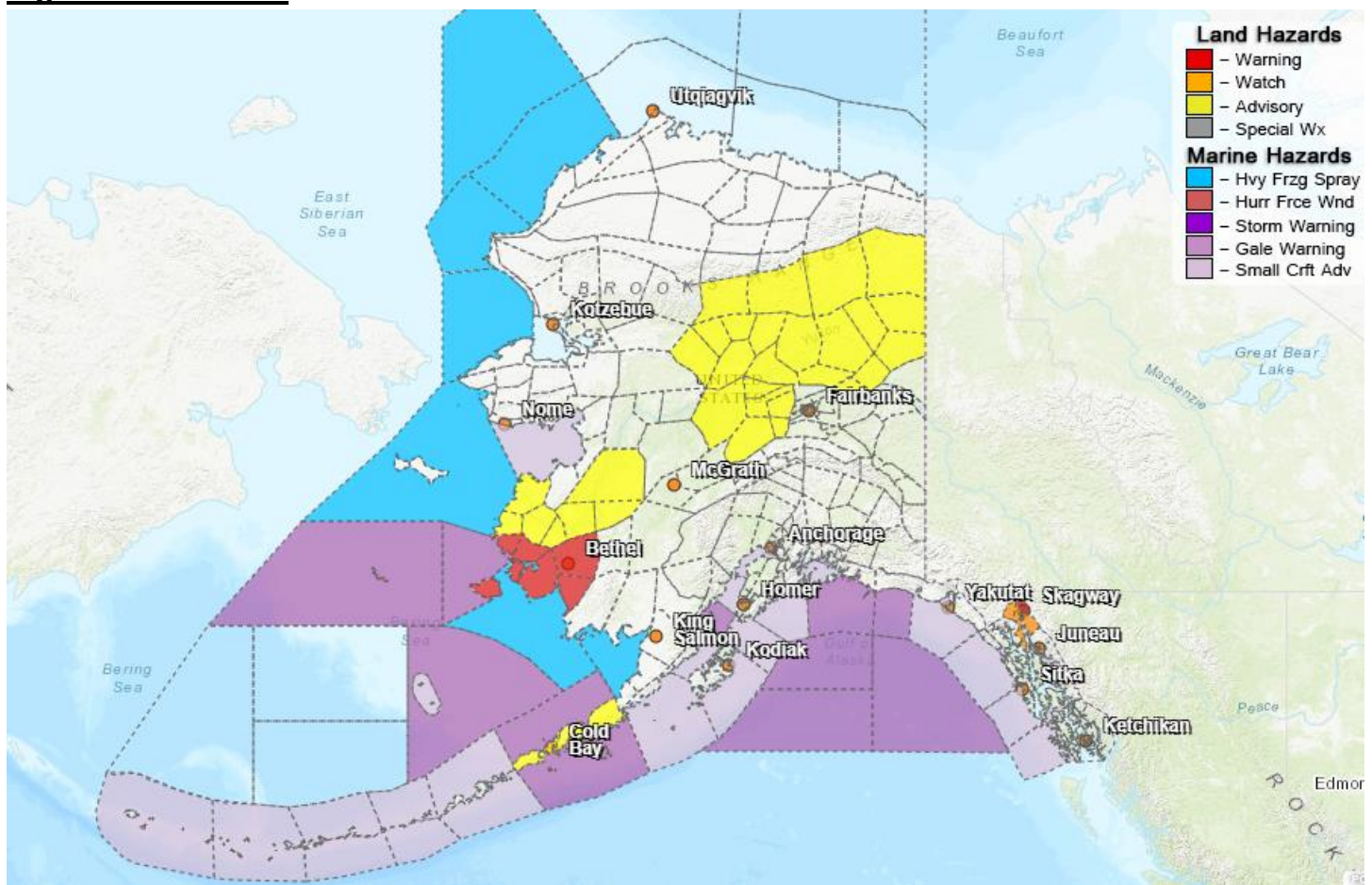
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

Significant Weather:



A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for the Haines Borough and Lynn Canal until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. Rain and snow mix expected this morning and then changing to all rain later in the morning. An additional 1 to 2 inches of rainfall is expected through tomorrow.

A Flood Advisory is in effect for the Southern Inner Channels in the area of Ward Lake until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the following areas:

- Yukon Delta until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. 1 to 4 inches of snow accumulation with winds gusting to 45mph are expected.
- Lower Yukon Valley until 9:00 A.M. tomorrow. 3 to 7 inches of snow accumulation with winds gusting to 40mph are expected.
- Upper Koyukuk Valley & Yukon Flats until 6:00 P.M. today. 2 inches of snow accumulation with winds gusting to 40mph are expected.
- Central Interior until 6:00 P.M. today. Up to 2 additional inches of snow accumulation and winds gusting to 35mph are expected.
- Southeastern Brooks Range until 6:00 P.M. today. 1 to 3 inches of additional snow accumulation with winds gusting to 35mph near Brooks Range Passes.
- Alaska Peninsula until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. 5 inches of snow accumulation with winds 25 to 30mph will create near whiteout conditions for the area.

A Blizzard Warning is in effect from noon today until 5:00 A.M. tomorrow for the Kuskokwim Delta. Snow and blowing snow will reduce visibility to one-quarter mile at times. Total snow accumulations up to 5 inches. Northerly winds 25 to 35mph gusting as high as 40mph

A Winter Storm Warning is in effect until 3:00 P.M. today for the Taiya Inlet & Klondike Highway. An additional 5 to 7 inches of snow is expected along the Klondike Highway above 2000 feet/

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

Avalanche Forecast:



- Areas near Haines, Chilkat Pass, and White Pass with extreme risk.
- Areas near Cordova, Valdez, and along the Richardson Highway with considerable risk.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on Avalanche potential. <https://alaskasnow.org/> or <https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalanche>

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/>

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

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

The Next Situation Report: will be 8 December 2020. 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.