

State Emergency Operations Center

2022 September West Coast Storm Incident Situation Report

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SEOC Preparedness Level 3



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Incident Overview

Timeline of Significant Events:

- ➤ 17 September 2022, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration for the 2022 September storm currently impacting the west coast of Alaska.
- ➤ 21 September 2022, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration from President Biden.
- ➤ 23 September 2022, the request for a Federal Disaster Declaration was approved and Alaska Severe Storm, Flooding, and Landslides (DR-4672-AK) was approved.
- ➤ October 2022 Governor Mike Dunleavy amended the disaster declaration to include the Pribolof Islands REAA for individual and public assistance programs.

Significant Operations

SEOC is actively engaged with multiple federal, state, non-profit, volunteer, faith-based, private-sector, tribal, and native corporations in support of local community incident commands responding to the Typhoon Merbok storm impacts and additional storms as required.

Subsequent to a state declaration of disaster for the Typhoon Merbok impact area, a presidential declaration of the major disaster was issued, and FEMA resources were added to the Typhoon Merbok response and recovery.

Federal and State Individual and Public Assistance applications have opened and are available to individuals and businesses in the affected region. Federal assistance can be accessed either by telephone at 1-866-342-1699 or via the internet at <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>. State assistance can be reached at 1-844-445-7131 while online registration can be found at <u>ready.alaska.gov/storm</u>. Survivors in the declared disaster area with needs should apply to both programs to maximize potential assistance.

Additionally, some residents who apply for Federal and State assistance programs may be referred to the United States Small Business Administration to apply for an SBA loan. SBA can be contacted at 1-800-659-2955 or through email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Overall Response Operations

<u>Alaska Organized Militia (AKOM)</u>: AKOM continues to provide support to the SEOC under the Mass Care Group and through the Joint Operations Center.

<u>Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF)</u> Crews are assessing roads across the impacted area and are continuing drone surveys in several communities. Crews are also assisting local jurisdictions with repairs. DOT&PF Maintenance and Operations, and contract staff, are working to clear and restore roads throughout the storm impact area.

Branches I and II:

Branch Directors are assigned to coordinate State, FEMA, and SBA Individual Assistance applications and Mass Care support. SEOC deployed Individual Assistance Task Force Leaders to Branch I and II to assist with registration for State, FEMA, and SBA assistance. Native Corporations, regional tribal organizations, volunteer groups, and contractors are working to mobilize residential shelter building materials, installation personnel, and emergency supplies to impacted communities.

Branch III:

SEOC is monitoring impacts from the new Chukchi Sea storm with an assigned Branch Director and SEOC incident management staff. SEOC has been in contact with communities across the storm's impact area and the Northwest Arctic, and North Slope Boroughs. Damage reports are included in the Branch III Lifeline reports below but, at the time of this report, there are no requests for state disaster response assistance.

State IA Daily Snapshot 10.10.22 at 0730		
Hotline Applications	45	
Web Applications	190	
In-Person Applications	~175	

Federal IA Daily Snapshot 10.10.22 at 0730				
Total Registrations	402			
Daily Registrations	10			
IHP \$ Approved	\$1,946,380.20			
HA \$ Approved \$678,746.96				
ONA \$ Approved	\$1,267,633.24			
IHP \$ Disbursed	\$611,356.63			
HA \$ Disbursed	\$183,427.22			
ONA \$ Disbursed	\$427,929.41			

Mass Care Housing Assessment 10.10.22 at 1430 Aggregated from Red Cross, Community Report, AKOM Observations, and Non-Profit reports.						
Branch	Inspected	Destroyed	Major	Minor	Affected	Total Impacted
I	~200	6	108	0	0	114
II	93	11	38	11	16	76

SEOC Operations Brief

Dial in with your phone: 1-800-315-6338, access code 71000#

Please email updates to the 2022 September West Coast Storm conference: storm@ready.alaska.gov

Lifeline Status

















Alaska Overall

Impacted Area















Food, Water, and Shelter



Food

X

Mass Care Group:

 Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes is donating 6 pallets of subsistence food with SEOC Mass Care Group coordinating the donation through CCTHIT regional partners.

Water



Branch II:

- Golovin: Cleared by DEC to resume water production following testing.
- **Unalakleet:** Bering Straits Native Corp sent a large generator to operate the drinking water plant.

Branch III:

- Barrow: Saltwater lagoon is threatening the freshwater lagoon.
- Point Lay: Sewer plant building damaged (roof and air ducts).
- Wainwright: Concerns about sewer lines to the pump station.

Shelter



Branch I:

Hooper Bay: 21 sheltered at community-run shelters overnight.

Branch II:

• **Golovin**: 18 people were sheltered overnight. Tumet is working to rebuild gravel pads and crews are working to lift houses. Bering Straits Native Corp assisted in the delivery of 56 generators for household use.

Branch III: No water damage reports currently. The below reports are due to wind and/or blown debris.

• Barrow: 2 homes, 1 apartment building damaged.

• **Kivalina:** 3 homes, 1 commercial building damaged.

• Kotzebue: 3 homes damaged.

• Point Hope: 3 homes damaged.

Point Lay: 1 home damaged.

• Wainwright: 1 home damaged.

Wales: School reported roof damage from wind.

Transportation



Roadways



Branch II:

- **Elim:** Front Street was rebuilt with only minor work left to complete. Tumet continues to rebuild the road to Moses Point with approximately 4.5 miles being placed. A boat ramp was constructed where the previous one was prior to the storm.
- Nome: Knik crew continues to make good progress and paving started on Sunday. Preparation work is underway to advance the pioneer route.
- **Golovin:** Remaining sand between the houses was hauled to the built-up berm on the beach.

Hazmat



Facilities



Branch II:

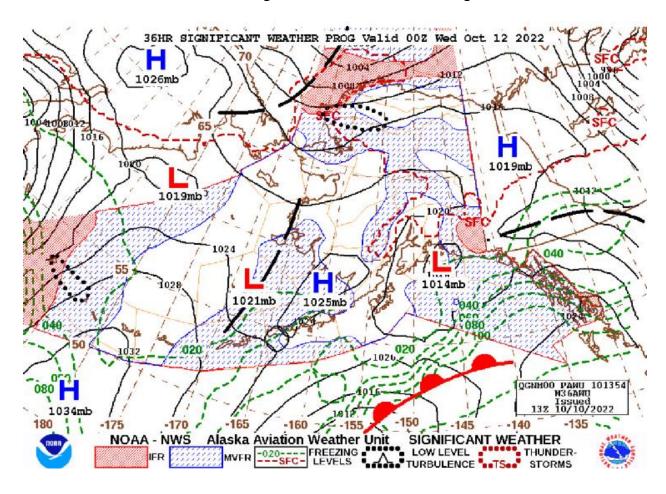
- **Golovin**: SEOC is procuring 100' of oil containment boom. DEC will replace spill response Conex in 2023.
- **Stebbins:** DEC will replace spill response Conex in 2023.

Branch III:

• Wainwright: Fuel lines to school are exposed.

Anticipated Flying Weather for Tuesday, 10/11/22:

- IFR conditions in snow for Branch 3 from Point Hope to Utqiagvik. Conditions improving to MVFR there Tuesday Night.
- Kotzebue Sound area will have MVFR conditions in light snow, including the northern Seward Peninsula.
- The remainder of Branch 2 including the Nome hub, Norton Sound, and the southern Seward Peninsula will have VFR flying.
- The Lower Kuskokwim area will have MVFR conditions in some light snow and rain. There will be isolated areas of LIFR in fog and low clouds in the morning.



Helpful Links

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) Storm Dashboard

https://ready.alaska.gov/storm

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM)

http://ready.alaska.gov/

National Weather Service: Alaska Forecast Center

https://www.weather.gov/alaska/

Abbreviations List

AML	Alaska Municipal League
AVCP	Association of Village Council Presidents
AVEC	Alaska Village Electric Co-Op
BCSF	Bethel Community Services Foundation
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BWN	Boil Water Notice
CCTHIT	Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes
CVRF	Coastal Villages Region Fund
DEC	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
DGGS	Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
DOT	Department of Transportation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules
JTF	Joint Task Force
MVFR	Marginal Visual Flight Rules
NSHC	Norton Sound Health Corporation
NWS	National Weather Service
REAA	Regional Educational Attendance Area
SEOC	State Emergency Operations Center
SPAR	Spill Prevention and Recovery
UIC	Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Corporation
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VFR	Visual Flight Rules
VOAD	Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
YKHC	Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation