



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

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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Heightened Awareness – Response to COVID-19 and Recovery from December Southeast Storms</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:

None

Significant Issues:

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

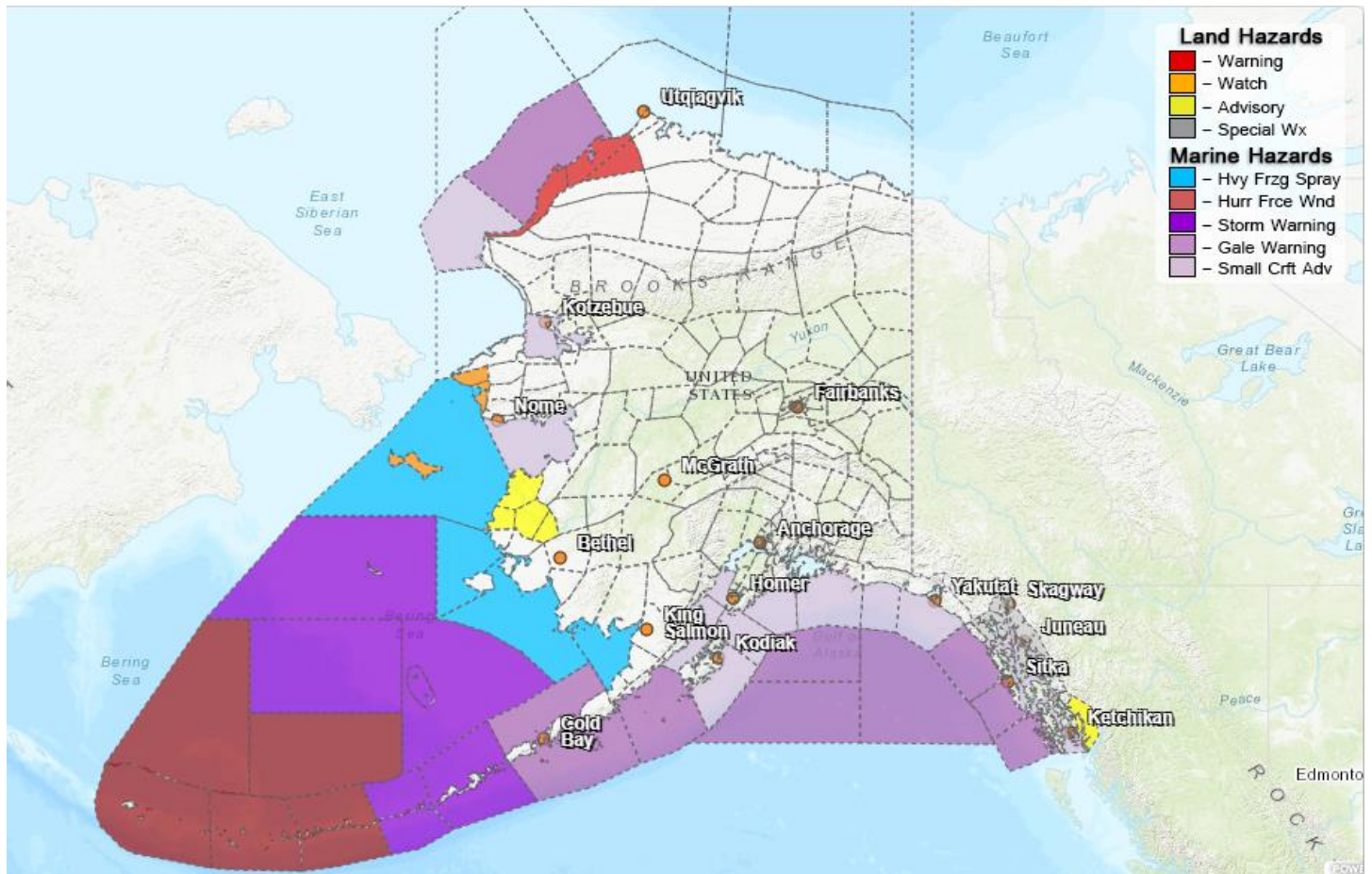
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

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 High Wind Warning is in effect for the Central Aleutians until noon today. Southeast winds 50 to 70 mph with gusts up to 85 mph expected. A large low-pressure system is moving into the area and is forecasted to bring a broad area of storms and hurricane force winds to the waters west of Unalaska and the Pribilof Islands. 40- to 50-foot seas are also forecast for the area, with seas as high as 55 feet on the Pacific side of the Aleutians from Adak to Attu Island on Thursday.

A Blizzard Warning is in effect for the Western Arctic Coast until 6:00 P.M. Friday. Winds gusting as high as 40 mph will cause whiteout conditions in blowing snow. Significant drifting of the snow is likely, along with wind chills as low as 45 below zero.

A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for St. Lawrence Island & the Bering Strait Coast until late Friday night. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph could cause whiteout conditions in blowing snow. Total snow accumulations of up to one inch are expected.

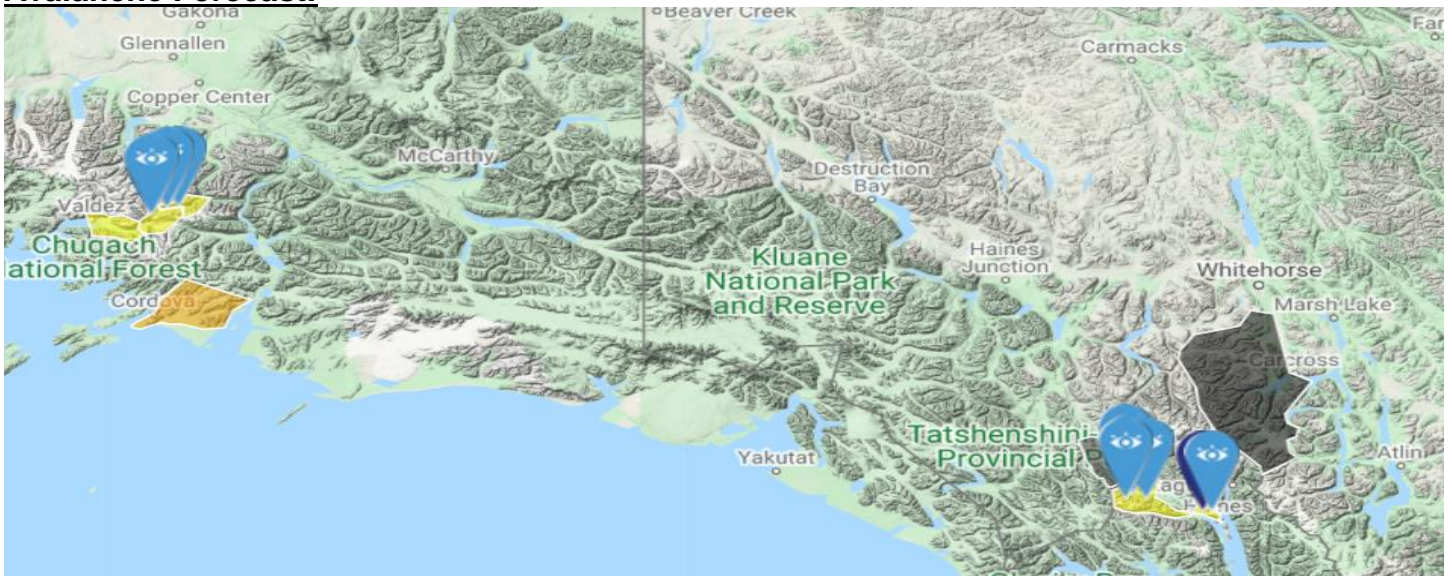
A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the following areas:

- Misty Fjords from 9:00 P.M. today until 9:00 P.M. Friday. Total snow accumulations of 7 to 9 inches are expected
- Yukon Delta on Friday from 6:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph will cause areas of blowing and drifting snow reducing the visibility.

A Special Weather Statement has been issued for the Northern Panhandle. A weather front will move into the north-central panhandle Thursday night into early Friday, bringing 2 to 4 inches of snow accumulation in an area between Angoon and Tenakee Inlet, north to Hoonah and Gustavus. A second front will move into the area late Friday into Saturday, with the potential to bring another 3 to 5 inches of snow accumulation from Juneau, north to Haines and Skagway.

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, Valdez, and along the Richardson Highway with moderate risk
- Area near Cordova 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 **04 January 2021**. 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.