



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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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:

Tuluksak Washeteria Fire:

On Saturday, January 16, 2021, SEOC received a report that the Washeteria in Tulukak was on fire. Subsequent reports were that the structure was a total loss. The Washeteria serves as the only public watering point for this community and supplies the school.

SEOC was in contact with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), the Tulusak Tribal President, and the State Fire Marshal. Over the weekend and yesterday, YKHC and ADEC Remote Maintenance Workers were providing assistance, attempting to use the remaining water well and piping to supply the community's school. Early response operations were complicated by blizzard conditions in the area.

SEOC remains in active contact with the community and responding agencies to coordinate response assistance and recovery.

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

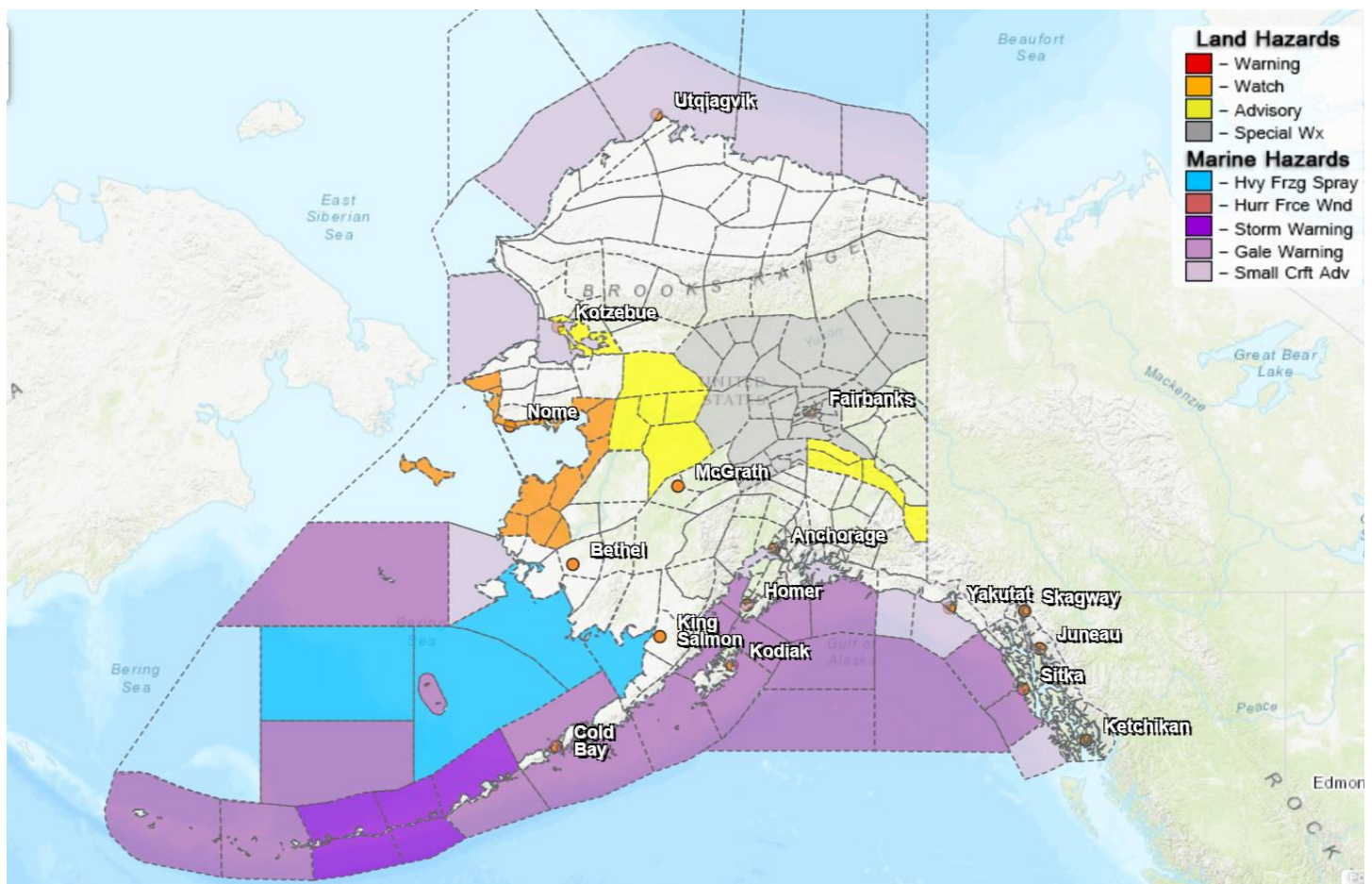
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

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 Special Weather Statement is in effect for much of the Central Interior Region. Light snow and gusty winds are expected throughout the region. Snowfall totals of up to 1 inch are expected in the Fairbanks bowl and areas south, with 1-3 inches possible north and east of Fairbanks, through today.

A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for the following areas:

- Yukon Delta until 3:00 P.M. Thursday. Heavy blowing snow possible, with total accumulations of up to 2 inches. Winds gusting as high as 55 mph will cause near blizzard conditions.
- Eastern Norton Sound & Nulato Hills until 9:00 P.M. Thursday. Heavy blowing snow possible with total accumulations of up to 2 inches, and localized amounts up to 5 inches, are possible with winds gusting to 45 mph.
- St. Lawrence Island & Bering Strait Coast until 6:00 A.M. Saturday. Heavy blowing snow possible with total snow accumulations of 4 to 7 inches, and localized amounts up to 14 inches, are possible. Winds gusting as high as 55 mph will cause near-blizzard conditions
- Southern Seward Peninsula Coast until 6:00 A.M. Saturday. Heavy snow blowing snow possible with total snow accumulations of 7 to 11 inches, and localized amounts up to 16 inches, are possible. Winds gusting as high as 50 mph will cause near-blizzard conditions.

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

- Baldwin Peninsula & Selawik Valley until noon today. Snow accumulations of up to 1 inch are expected. Winds gusting as high as 35 mph will cause areas of blowing and drifting snow reducing visibility.

- Eastern Alaska Range, Middle Yukon, & Lower Koyukuk Valleys until 3:00 P.M. today. Additional snow accumulations of 1 to 2 inches, with localized amounts up to 4 inches, are expected. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph will cause areas of blowing and drifting snow.

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

Avalanche Forecast:

- Areas near Cordova, Haines, and Chilkat Pass with high risk
- Areas near 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 20 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.