



# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b></p> <p>Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p><a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Read the NTAS Bulletin here</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b> Level: 1- Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b> <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:**

### **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.

### **Point Hope Power Outage:**

Water plant technicians have restored water and sewer to twenty homes, with another 83 still needing service. Damage assessment is still ongoing as thawing out continues.

### **Savoonga Power Outage:**

Alaska Village Electric Cooperative technicians restored power to community infrastructure, and all homes have been fully restored. SEOC Mass Care Group engaged for support and feeding.

### **Quinhagak Power Outage:**

Local operators continue to repair the power system, transformers, and utility lines within the Village of Quinhagak. SEOC has been fully engaged with a multiagency response to manage state declared disaster needs.

### **Manokotak Generators:**

Parts have been ordered for generators and are expected to arrive next week. An emergency backup generator has been resourced from Naknek, and the SEOC is engaged with the National Guard to assess transport options.

### **6.1 Magnitude Earthquake near Atka Pass:**

At 5:55 AKST, a 6.1m earthquake occurred 53 miles south of Atka Pass and 72 miles southeast from Adak. SEOC contacted the Alaska Earthquake Center, which did not identify any danger to communities. The city of Adak was also contacted, and even though the community felt the earthquake, damage assessment was delayed until first light.

## 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

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

**Shishaldin** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

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

**Kanaga** 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

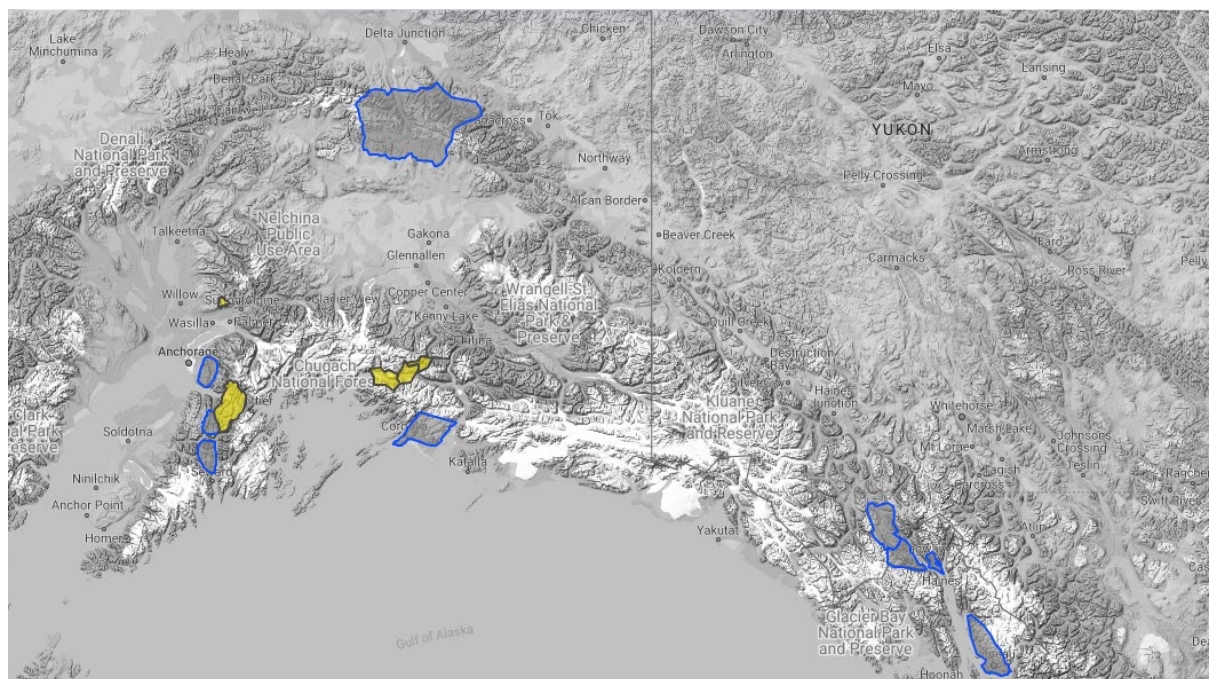
State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at

<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:



Avalanche danger for Cordova is considerable at altitudes above 2,000ft. Moderate at 1000-2000ft. Avalanche danger for Turnagain Pass is moderate at all altitudes.

**Avalanche danger for Hatcher Pass is moderate at all altitudes.**

Avalanche danger for Valdez moderate at all levels and for specific terrain features that have been loaded by recent wind.

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

## Significant Weather:

Special Weather Statements in effect for:

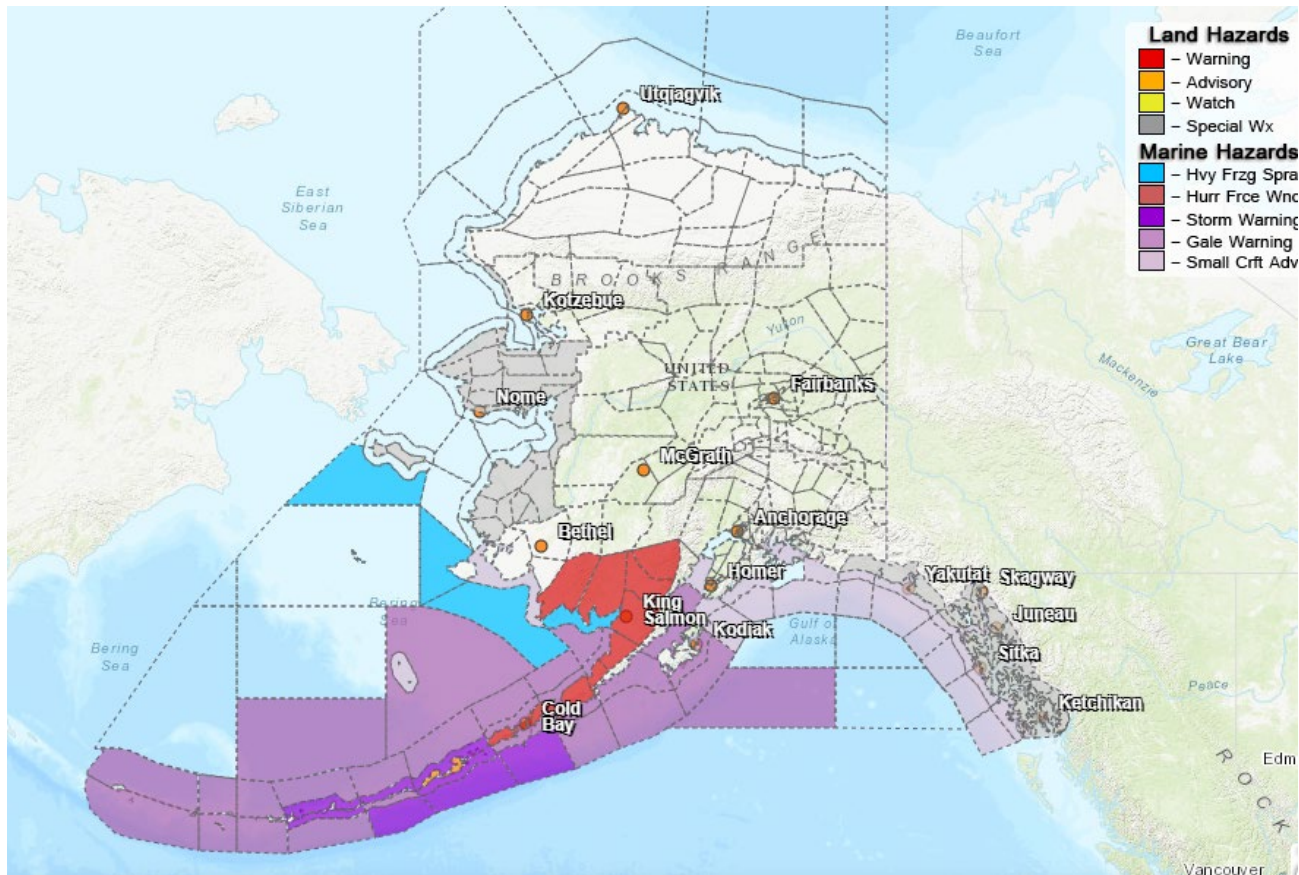
- Kivalina and Red Dog Dock; Northern Seward Peninsula; Shishmaref; Bering Strait Coast; Southern Seward Peninsula Coast; Interior Seward Peninsula; Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills; Yukon Delta Coast; Lower Yukon River; St. Lawrence Island for snow, blowing and cold wind chills this weekend.
- City and Borough of Yakutat; 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; Annette Island for a strong storm expected Saturday into Sunday.
- Municipality of Skagway; Haines Borough and Klukwan for significant winter weather possible Saturday into Sunday.

Winter Weather Advisory in effect for:

- Eastern Aleutians from Noon today until Noon Friday

Blizzard Warning in effect for:

- Bristol Bay from Noon Friday until Saturday at 3pm
- Alaska Peninsula from Friday at 6am until Noon Saturday



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

**The Next Situation Report** will be **December 22, 2023**. 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)