



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

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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> 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> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 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/>

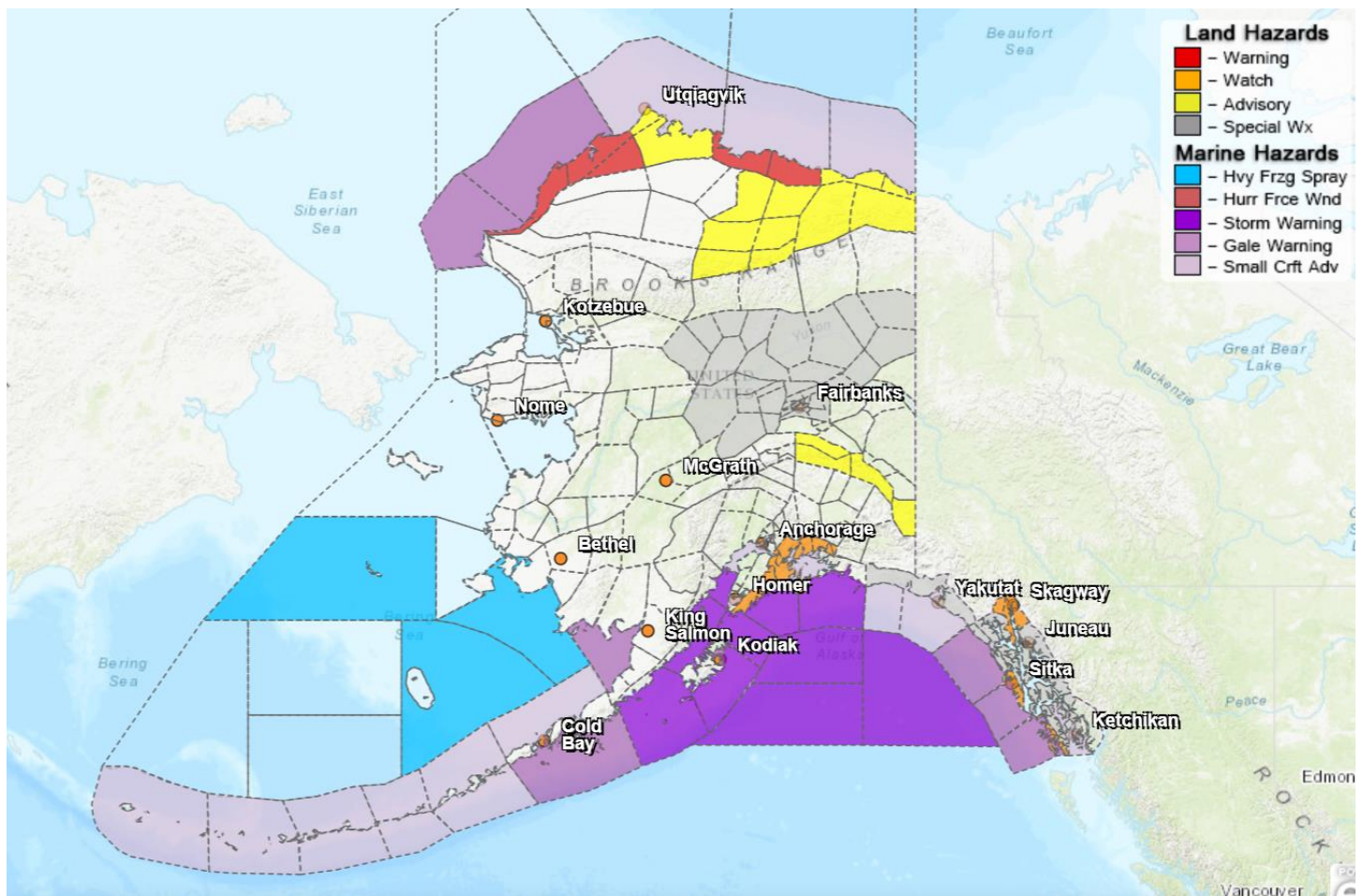
Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

A Stage One Air Quality Alert is in effect for the Fairbanks Zone and a State Two Alert is in effect for the North Pole Zone until 10:00 P.M. today.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

Significant Weather:



A Blizzard Warning is in effect for the Central Beaufort Sea Coast and Western Arctic Coast until 6:00 P.M. tomorrow. Winds gusting as high as 45 mph will cause whiteout conditions in blowing snow. Wind chills as low as 50 below zero are also possible.

A High Wind Watch is in effect through Thursday evening for portions of the eastern and southeastern Gulf Coast including Baranof Island and western Prince of Wales Island. Southeast winds of 20 to 40 mph with gusts to 65 mph are possible.

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

- Haines Borough & Lynn Canal until midnight Friday. Heavy snow possible. Total snow accumulations of up to 8 inches or more possible. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
- Northeast & Western Prince Willam Sound, including Thompson Pass until 6:00 A.M. Friday. Blizzard conditions possible. Total snow accumulations of 5 to 10 inches possible. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for the Northern Arctic Coast, Eastern Beaufort Sea Coast, and Northeastern Brooks Range until noon today. Additional snow accumulations of up to one inch are expected. East winds gusting to 45 mph will cause blowing and drifting snow throughout the area.

A Wind Advisory is in effect for the Eastern Alaska Range from noon today until 6:00 A.M. tomorrow. South winds 25 to 40 mph with gusts up to 50 mph expected.

Special Weather Statements have been issued for the following areas:

- Haines Borough & Lynn Canal: A storm system moving a frontal band up from the southwest will possibly produce heavy snow for the Haines and Klondike Highways Thursday into Friday. 24 hour snow totals have the potential to reach 10 to 18 inches.
- Alaska Panhandle: A strong frontal band approaching from the southwest will bring widespread gusty winds to southeast Alaska. While many locations could receive wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph, this storm will have the potential to deliver higher wind gusts to the Outer Gulf Coast. Periods of moderate to heavy rain will affect the Panhandle, rain amounts of 1 to 1.5 inches are expected Thursday into Thursday night.
- Central Interior: Northeast winds will increase over Summits of the Interior north of Fairbanks on Thursday afternoon and evening. Winds 30 mph gusting to 40 mph from Thursday night into Friday morning will cause reduced visibility and blowing snow over summits of the Steese, Elliott, and Dalton Highways on Thursday night and Friday.

For more information and the most current weather, Watches / Warnings / Advisories go to:

<http://www.weather.gov/arh>

Avalanche Forecast:

- Areas near Haines and Chilkat Pass with high 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 14 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.