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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



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<p><b><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></b></p> <p>Heightened Awareness – Response to COVID-19 and Recovery from December Southeast Storms</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>View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: <a href="#">read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</a></p>
<p><b><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></b></p> <p>Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p><b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b></p> <p><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 in red.)

**THREAT LEVEL CHANGES:**

None

**Significant Issues:**

**2020 December Southeast Storm Disaster:**

A Joint State/FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment continued this week for the declared area and will conclude tomorrow.

To date, the state has received 100 registrations for State Individual Assistance. 3 damage verification teams will deploy to the declared area on Monday, January 25. The teams will travel to Juneau, Haines, Skagway, and other Southeast communities to assess residential property damages.

**St. Paul Power Issues:**

SEOC received notice on Monday of power disruptions on the island of St. Paul. Repair work was conducted and SEOC was advised late yesterday that the electrical system was repaired and power restored.

**Tuluksak Washeteria Fire:**

Yesterday the SEOC participated in a multi-agency conference call in response to the Tuluksak Washeteria fire that included representatives from multiple local, state, and federal organizations. Options for emergency and long-term water infrastructure were discussed, as well as potential funding. The SEOC provided some technical assistance on the local disaster declaration process.

SEOC will meet again with Tuluksak Native Council today. The community has established a temporary non-potable water source in the river and has been provided bottled water for drinking.

### **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/>

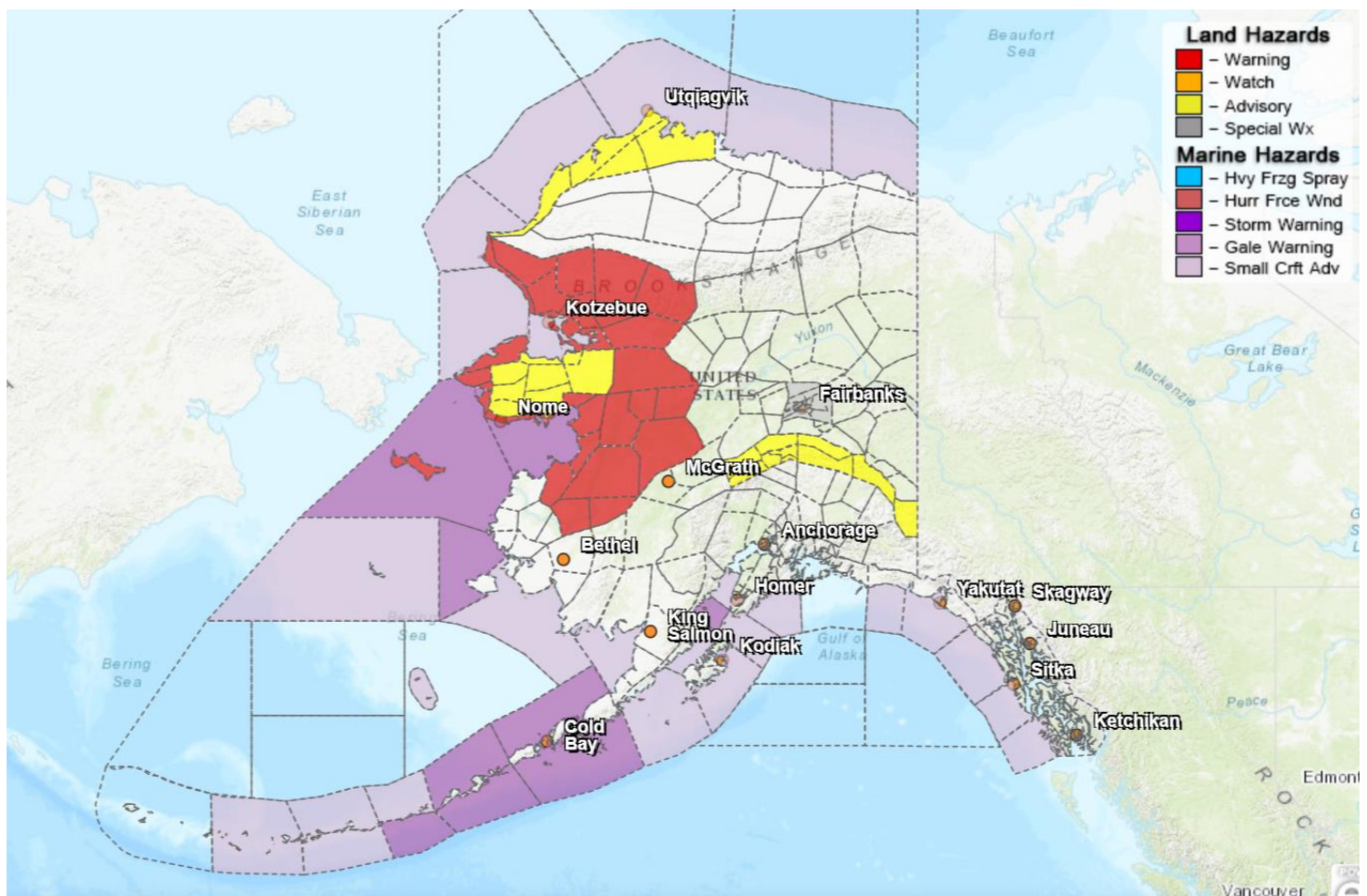
### **Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories**

Stage Two Alerts are in effect for both the Fairbanks and North Pole Zones until noon today.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

## Significant Weather:



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

- St. Lawrence Island & Bering Strait Coast until 9:00 P.M. today. Heavy blowing snow with winds gusting to 55 mph. Additional snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are expected.
- Baldwin Peninsula, Selawik Valley, & the Chukchi Sea Coast until 9:00 P.M. Friday. Additional snow accumulations of 2 to 6 inches with winds gusting to 45 mph.
- Southern Seward Peninsula Coast, Eastern Norton Sound & Nulato Hills until 9:00 A.M. Friday. Additional snow accumulations of 2 to 5 inches, with localized amounts of up to 8 inches are expected with freezing rain possible today and tomorrow.
- Lower & Middle Yukon Valleys, Lower Kooyukuk Valley, Lower Kobuk & Noatak Valleys until 3:00 P.M. Friday. Additional snow accumulations of 6 to 10 inches with localized amounts of up to 20 inches are expected with winds gusting to 45 mph.
- Upper Kobuk & Noatak Valleys until 9:00 P.M. Friday. Heavy blowing snow is expected. Additional snow accumulations of 3 to 6 inches with localized amounts up to 15 inches in areas north of Ambler.

A Wind Advisory is in effect for Denali and the Eastern Alaska Range until 3:00 P.M. Friday. Southwest winds 25 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph are expected.

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

- Northern & Interior Seward Peninsula until 9:00 P.M. today. Total snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are possible with winds gusting to 40 mph.
- Northern & Western Arctic Coasts until 3:00 P.M. tomorrow. Winds gusting as high as 40 mph will create areas of blowing snow with reduced visibility.

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 **22** 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](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov)