



**ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness</p>	<p align="center">http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> Read the NTAS Bulletin here</p>
<p>Maritime Security (MARSEC) 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 red.)

Significant Issues:

Riverwatch:

Upper Yukon Division:

Yesterday Division flew upriver of Circle and provided in-air radio reports to residents along the Yukon River. Division next landed in Circle and briefed residents on conditions. Division then flew to Fort Yukon area, evaluating the Yukon and Porcupine Rivers, and landed in Fort Yukon. Division spent the rest of the day in Fort Yukon briefing residents, City Manager community police officer, did a live interview on KZPA Fort Yukon Radio, and briefed the local school science fair on Riverwatch operations and hydrology. Division took police officer for a reconnaissance flight to check local conditions. Division confirmed Fort Yukon community is flood aware and prepared. Division departed Fort Yukon, overflowed Circle, where conditions remained unchanged, and returned to Fairbanks.

Breakup front is still above Circle, with 11-mile-long ice jam 12 miles upriver from Circle. While ice is weak near Fort Yukon, stronger ice is in place 16 miles downriver of Fort Yukon. Given winter-like conditions, snow melt and breakup continues slowly on the Upper Yukon.

Division plans to fly today to the Circle to Fort Yukon area to observe conditions and update communities. A Flood Watch remains in effect for Circle.

Middle Yukon Division:

Division began aerial surveillance today from upriver of Rampart to Tanana. Division plans to land in Tanana and then survey conditions back down to Galena.

Kuskokwim Division:

Tuluksak - Division flew to Tuluksak yesterday and water was receding by afternoon. No one sheltered overnight and the only flood impacts reported to date are to the public potable water filtration pond, landfill, and some local roads. Water remains high.

Akiak - Division then flew to Aniak yesterday and met with community for flood awareness and preparedness. Water remains high, no flood damage reported. Division has ongoing operational communication with tribal police officer.

Kwethluk - Division flew to Kwethluk yesterday in the morning and late afternoon where there were reports of community flooding. Flood waters were inundating low-lying areas, around homes, and over one road but no substantial damage was reported. Division met with the City and tribal police officer and they were fully prepared. Division took two community members for an aerial reconnaissance of the area. Community has prepared the school as a contingency shelter and began 24 hr. water level monitoring. Division issued a Flood Warning.

The Organized Village of Kwethluk declared a local disaster to activate their incident command and open emergency funding accounts. An Incident Command Post was established at the City office/former high school.

Overnight water levels rose, and some low-lying residents relocated to the school using boats, as flood water made some roads impassable.

Bethel – Kuskokwim River ice jamming and high tide combined to produce flooding in the Alligator Acres subdivision and other low-lying area of Bethel. Division coordinated contingency plans with Bethel PD, Bethel SAR and AVCP VPSO. A Flood Advisory was issued. State Office of Fish and Game was closed today due to flooding. No substantial impacts were reported.

Oscarville – Last night, Division received a report of flooding in Oscarville. Division flew over the area and contacted local authorities. Flooding was in low-lying area with no community impact. Division confirmed community preparedness should waters rise.

Napaskiak – Flooding reported overnight with water into all low-lying areas, including near the school. Water under all boardwalks. Majority of homes not impacted. Fully damage assessment pending.

At last report ice jams located on the Kuskokwim moved downstream and were impacting locations downriver including Kwethluk.

Division will fly river today and meet with impacted communities.

Winter weather with snow in the area is slowing Kuskokwim breakup but a warming trend is expected in the next 48 hrs.

A Flood Warning is in effect for Tulusak

A Flood Warning is in effect for Kewthluk

A Flood Watch remains in effect for the Kuskokwim Delta and Napaskiak, Napkiak, Oscarville.

A Flood Advisory is in effect for the Bethel area.

Cooper River Division:

With improving conditions, all Flood products for the area were dropped yesterday. SEOC remains in contact with area Incident Command and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Mass Care Group:

Group is SEOC is coordinating with Red Cross for shelter support as needed. Group arranged for bottled water shipment to Kwethluk with the Salvation Army, Donlin Gold Inc., and AVCP.

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: **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-tool

Alaska Wildland 2024 Fire Season:

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level: 1

Total Fires YTD: **51**

Total Acres: **219**

There are currently **6** active fire(s) with **2** new and **0** fires staffed.

For more information, go to <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

Riverwatch Breakup Outlook:

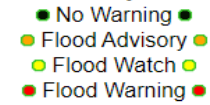


This map allows you to view the breakup status of major rivers. Click a site for more breakup information.

River Status



Community Status



Flood Advisory

Issued when flooding is imminent or occurring, generally within the next 1 to 3 hours, but is not expected to substantially threaten life and property.

Flood Watch

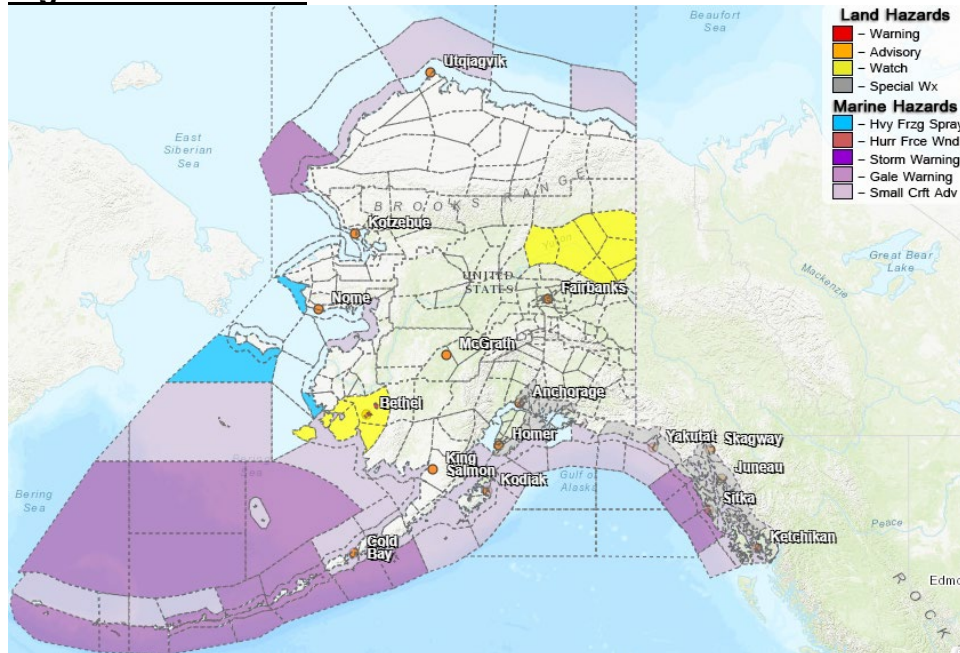
Issued when there is the possibility of widespread general flooding over an area within the next 36 hours.

Flood Warning for River Fcst Point

Issued when a river level has exceeded, or is forecast to exceed, moderate or major flood stage.

View Recent River notes and updates at: [Alaska-Pacific RFC \(weather.gov\)](https://www.weather.gov/alaska-pacific/rfc)

Significant Weather



Flood Warning:

- **Kuskokwim Delta**-for high flows related to ice jams remains in effect until 12:15 PM Thursday.

Flood Advisory:

- **Kuskokwim Delta**-flood advisory for an ice jam remains in effect until noon Monday

Flood Watch:

- **Kuskokwim Delta**- for ice jam remains in effect through Friday morning
- **Yukon Flats**-in effect through Thursday afternoon

Special Weather Statement:

- **City and Borough of Yakutat; Municipality of Skagway; Haines Borough and Klukwan; 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; City and Borough of Wrangell**-strong weather system to bring heavy rain and wind Thursday.
- **Anchorage; East Turnagain Arm; Matanuska Valley; Western Prince William Sound; Northeast Prince William Sound**-snow likely for higher elevations and passes with mixed snow and rain for lower elevations through early Friday morning

For more information and the most current Weather, Watches/Warning/Advisories go to:

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

The Next Situation Report will be **May 10, 2024**. 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.