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<u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u> Level 2 – Heightened Awareness	http://ready.alaska.gov	<u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u> View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: You can read the new NTAS Bulletin here.
<u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	<u>WHO Post Pandemic:</u> Disease activity at seasonal levels.	<u>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</u> FPCON Bravo

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red.)

THREAT LEVEL CHANGES: SEOC LEVEL 2 – HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

Significant Issues:

Wildland Fires

SEOC has been in regular contact with jurisdictions and agencies engaged in wildland fire operations in the state. To date SEOC has received local declarations for fire response and recovery from:

- Mat-Su Borough
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- Kenai Peninsula Borough

The Alaska National Guard conducted the following missions yesterday in response to SEOC resource orders:

- Traffic management, in coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, for the Swan Lake and Caribou Lake fires in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the McKinley and Deshka Fires in the Mat-Su Borough.
- Alcantra Armory in support of wildland firefighter lodging and logistics.
- Helicopters on standby to support fire suppression

Mat-Su Borough closed five schools in the fire area for the week.

The Parks Highway in the Mat-Su Borough and the Sterling Highway in the Kenai Peninsula Borough continue to see delays, lane restrictions, and closures due to smoke and fire impacts.

Water Shortages

SEOC continues to work with the Lake and Peninsula Borough, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and regional tribal health organizations to support the following communities that have reported water shortages.

- Chignik Lagoon
- Seldovia
- Chignik Lake
- Tatitlek

Napakiak – Erosion and Spill Risk

United States Coast Guard advised SEOC that the Lower Kuskokwim School District has contracted with resources that should be able to drain the fuel tanks at risk from rapid shoreline erosion on or before August 30.

2019 Fire Season

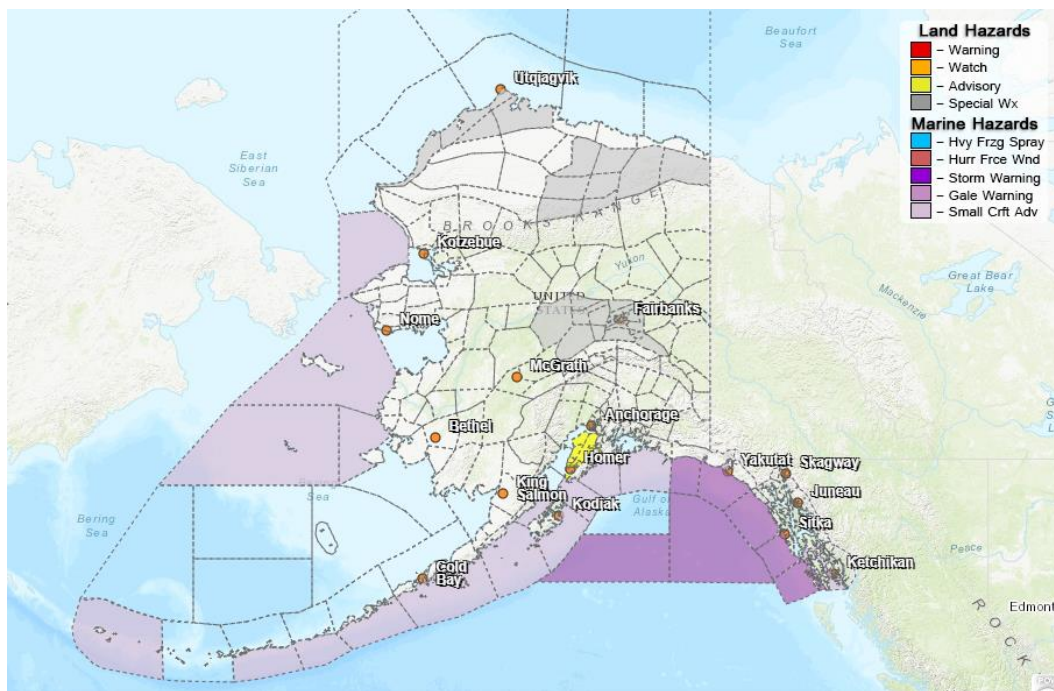
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, (AICC) is at Preparedness Level 3.

Wildland fire totals for 2019:

- Total Fires = 667
- Total Acres = 2,523,093.9 There are currently 226 active fires with 7 fires currently staffed.

Current fire information is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov> or <https://akfireinfo.com/>

Significant Weather:



NWS has issued a special weather statement for elevated surf in to the weekend for the Northern Arctic Western Arctic Coasts, Chukchi Sea Coast, St. Lawrence Island and the Bering Strait.

Special weather statement for a smoke advisory has been issued for the western Kenai Peninsula,

NWS has issued a winter weather advisory that remains in effect until this afternoon for the Northeastern Brooks Range. Two to four inches of snow expected at elevations above 3,00 feet

Special Weather Statements and Flood Advisories have been issued through this afternoon for minor flooding across much of the interior to include the Nenana River, Deltana Flats, the Tanana River and surrounding areas, the Upper Chena River and the Salcha River due to heavy rains last week.

There is also a flood advisory for the western Prince William Sound and western Kenai Peninsula to include Kenai Lake and the Kenai River from Cooper Landing to Skilak Lake until Friday afternoon.

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

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

An Air Quality Advisory has been issued through this afternoon for Southcentral and Southwest Alaska due to wildfire smoke from multiple fires.

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

The Alaska DHSS website is located at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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/>

Recent Earthquakes

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/>

Travel Alerts and Conditions

Long delays and intermittent closures depending on fire activity from Mp76 to Mp99 for the Parks Highway.

Road closure on Skilak Lake Road from Upper Skilak Lake Road to Sterling Highway due to emergency vehicles on road and smoke conditions

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <http://511.alaska.gov/>

Alaska Volcanoes

Veniaminof Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Cleveland Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Yellow

Shishaldin Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange.

Semisopchnoi Alert Level: Advisory and Aviation Color Code: Orange

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

Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at

<https://oit.alaska.gov/Security>

The Next Situation Report: will be **23 August** 2019 at 8:00 am. 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.