



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



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<p><u>SEOC Preparedness Level</u></p> <p>Level 3 - Ongoing Active Response - 2020 December Southeast Storm</p>	<p>http://ready.alaska.gov</p>	<p><u>National Terrorism Advisory System:</u></p> <p>View this site for the latest NTAS bulletin: read the current NTAS Bulletin here.</p>
<p><u>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</u></p> <p>Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures</p>	<p>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</p> <p>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:

Significant Issues:

2020 December Southeast Storm Disaster:

SEOC remains at Level 3 and is actively engaged in response operations to Southeast Alaska communities impacted by the recent storm. Weather continues to challenge some response operations and there is risk of additional landslides.

Multiple state, federal, local, tribal, and non-profit agencies are engaged in the response in conjunction with Governor Dunleavy's declaration of disaster for the Southeast Alaska region.

Haines:

SEOC Haines Division Supervisor on scene coordination of the state response in conjunction with Haines Emergency Operations Center (EOC). United States Coast Guard is supporting Haines EOC with several Incident Management Team positions and an Incident Action Planning cycle has been established.

The Haines Borough Assembly approved the Mayor's local declaration of disaster for thirty days in an Assembly meeting last night.

Alaska State Troopers (AST) is working to supplement the normal Trooper presence in Haines to assist with operational coordination and in support of the Haines police department.

Deployed State Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey geologists and National Weather Service Incident Meteorologists, using airborne reconnaissance and ground based surveys, have

provided Haines EOC with some initial risk assessments for additional slides and weather forecasts. Based upon these reports, some evacuations have been lifted. However, areas south of the major slide on Beach Road continue to be evacuated due to slope instability. Some road repair work was also delayed due to landslide risk. Additional geologic assessments are ongoing to provide recommendations on when evacuations can be lifted and areas reopened.

Multi-agency Mass Care operations continue in Haines due to ongoing evacuations and residential damages. Approximately 95 people were in non-congregate shelters overnight, with an additional 100 or more evacuees sheltered in housing provided by family or neighbors. Operations continue with counseling, food, and emergency supplies for survivors. Additional, contingency congregate shelters at the high school and local churches are ready should they be needed.

Road clearing, infrastructure repair, debris management, and damage assessment operations continue.

Other Southeast Alaska Communities:

In addition to Haines, SEOC is in contact with multiple Southeast communities reporting storm damage. SEOC is coordinating resources requests and technical assistance for these communities including geologic, dam, and disaster process information. SEOC continues to receive additional damage reports and refine initial assessments. Yesterday, SEOC received initial damage report updates from Tenakee Springs, Gustavus, and Wrangell.

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

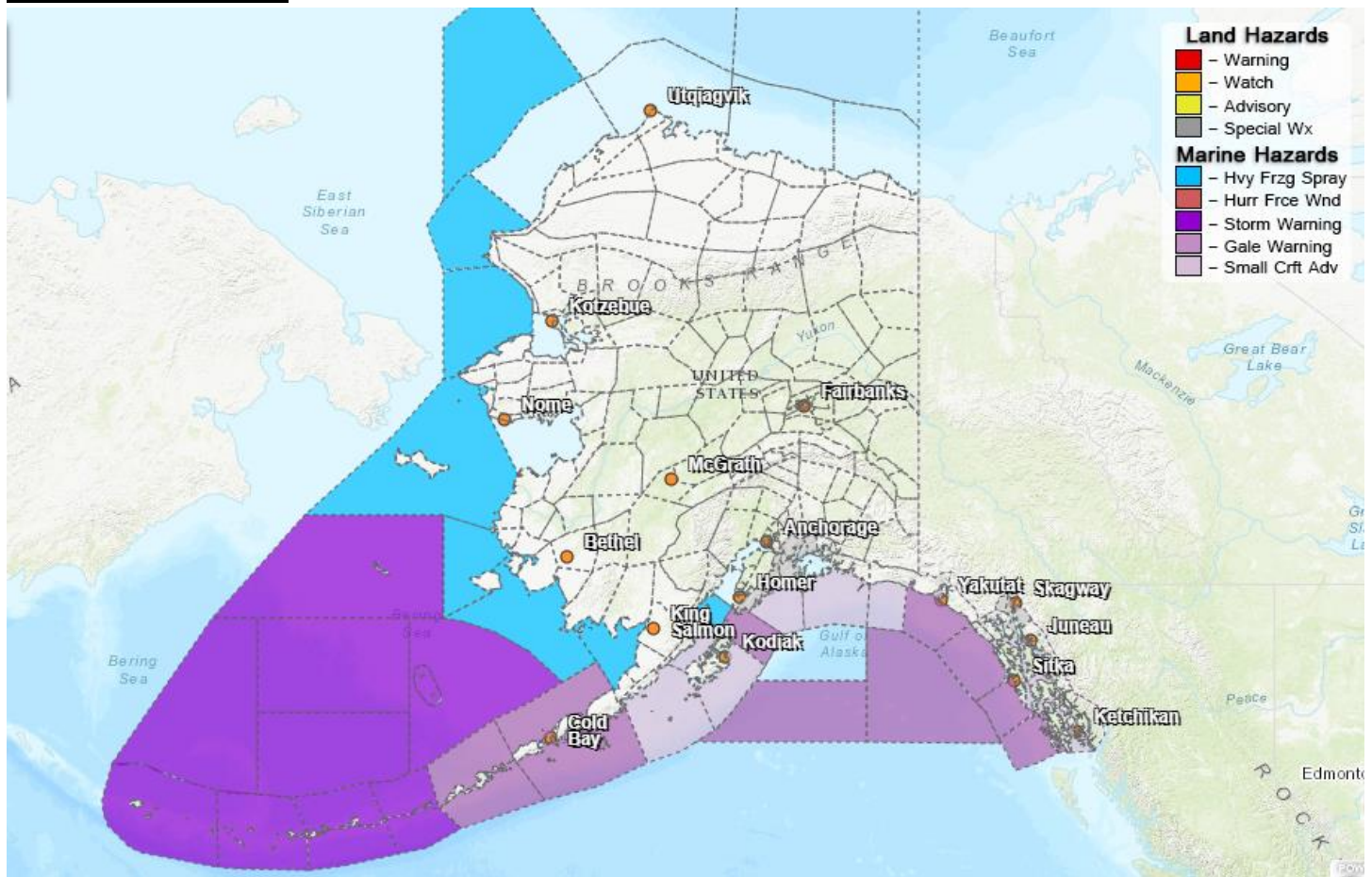
For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

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

Significant Weather:



A Special Weather Statement is in effect until 7:00 P.M. today for the Western Prince William Sound. Heavy snow is possible along the Seward Highway from Moose Pass to Seward through this evening. Up to one foot of snow accumulation is possible across the area.

A Special Weather Statement is in effect until 3:00 P.M. today for the Haines Borough and Lynn Canal. The Flash Flood Watch has expired and precipitation is expected to be lighter and scattered as well as mixed with snow over the next several days. However, the ground remains saturated with continued runoff from the record rainfall event over the last 7 days. Many areas remain unstable. Please stay vigilant near steep terrain and monitor conditions for any changes.

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

Avalanche Forecast:



- Areas near Haines, Chilkat Pass, 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 **10** December 2020. 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.