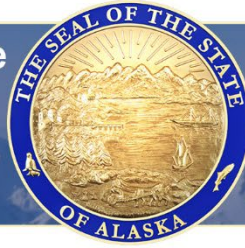


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## **State Emergency Operation Center activated for West Coast Storm**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) has been activated in response to a series of low-pressure systems expected to bring significant storm and flood impacts to the western and northern coasts of Alaska today through Sunday. The National Weather Service has issued flood warnings for large areas of the region.

The SEOC is coordinating a state-wide preparatory and response effort as several communities face an imminent threat of coastal flooding.

Communities including Kotzebue, Kivalina, Shishmaref, Golovin, and Nunam Iqua are expected to be among the hardest hit. Forecasters anticipate high water levels will enter these communities, posing a risk of damage to coastal infrastructure. The water is forecast to reach its highest levels late Wednesday and early Thursday morning.

Upon activation, the SEOC immediately initiated outreach to all communities in the storm's projected path to confirm notification and assess local preparedness status, ensuring open lines of communication remain active throughout the event.

The SEOC is actively coordinating resources and support with a wide array of state and non-governmental partners, including the Alaska National Guard, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Public Safety, American Red Cross of Alaska, Salvation Army Alaska Division, United States Coast Guard, Northwest Arctic Borough, and Maniilaq Association. It is important to note that critical federal emergency response elements remain available to be utilized, even during the current federal shutdown.

Currently, the SEOC has received no requests for emergency assistance, indicating strong proactive preparation at the local level.

Communities have reported opening local shelters to secure vulnerable populations, including elders, families with small children, medically fragile people, and residents who live in low-lying areas. All residents in the impacted areas are strongly encouraged to move boats and vehicles to higher ground immediately.

The SEOC urges all residents to continue monitoring weather alerts, follow the instructions of local officials, and maintain their personal preparedness plans.

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