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SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Situation Update

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) activation level is 3—Major Incident Ongoing for the 2025 October West Coast Storm. The SEOC, Alaska National Guard, Alaska State Troopers, US Coast Guard, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Department of Environmental Conservation, FEMA, Salvation Army Alaska Division, American Red Cross of Alaska, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Association of Village Council Presidents, Civil Air Patrol, and the National Weather Service engaged in a full inter-agency disaster response.

Governor Dunleavy has amended the October 9th disaster declaration to include areas impacted by Typhoon Halong including the Yupitt, Pribilof Island, and Lower Kuskokwim Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAA). Communities and individuals in these areas are now eligible for State Public Assistance and Individual Assistance disaster recovery programs.

"I have expanded the disaster declaration to include area of the Yukon-Kuskokwim delta impacted by last night's storm. Kipnup and Kwigillingok have been hard hit and rescue aircraft from that Alaska National Guard and USCG are on the way. Every effort will be made to help those hit by this storm. Help is on the way," said Governor Mike Dunleavy.

The SEOC has deployed three two-person state response coordination teams to hub communities in the storm's path. Currently, two Emergency Management Specialists are in Bethel, two in Nome, and two in Kotzebue. SEOC has resource ordered the Alaska Organized Militia including the Alaska National Guard, Alaska State Defense Force, and Alaska Naval Militia to assist in disaster response with tactical aircraft and manpower.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Several communities report significant impact from high winds and coastal sea surge, with damage to power and communications systems, impacted and damaged roads/boardwalks, and flooded homes.

SEOC Emergency Management Specialists in Bethel report intense winds and high water in Bethel, Napaskiak, Napakiak, and other Yukon-Kuskokwim communities.

Kipnuk—172 people stayed at a community shelter overnight. The water level reached 6.6 ft above the highest tides overnight. The community reports that at least 8 homes have been pushed off their foundations.

At the request of the Alaska State Troopers, the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center has initiated a joint search and rescue mission for the community of Kipnuk and Kwigillingok after reports of homes displaced by flooding. The Alaska Air National Guard, Alaska Army National Guard, and U.S. Coast Guard are actively responding with aircraft launched from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and Kodiak to conduct rescue operations as soon as weather allows. Rescue agencies have also pre-positioned additional rescue resources closer to the storm impact area to accelerate any additional rescues. Those in need of immediate rescue should call the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center at 907-551-7230.

Kwigillingok—The water level reached 6.3 ft above the highest tides with over 100 people sheltered overnight. The SEOC received reports of four homes inundated and damage to electrical systems and boardwalks.

Norton Sound/Nome

Emergency Management Specialists are embedded with local emergency management and are in contact with communities as the Typhoon approaches.

Last week, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) captured images in Kotzebue, which are posted here: [2025 West Coast Storm | Flickr](#). A DOT&PF drone team is currently in Nome and ready to capture aerial and ground images to support evaluation of Typhoon Halong impacts.

SEOC Emergency Management Specialists report communities in the Norton Sound/Nome area are prepared for the incoming storm with shelters ready, vulnerable property moved to higher ground.

Northwest Arctic Borough/Kotzebue

Water levels in the region have receded from the October 8th storm. SEOC Emergency Management Specialists have been working with the Northwest Arctic Borough to prepare the community for Typhoon Halong while assessing damage and supporting recovery from the first storm.

One SEOC Emergency Management Specialist traveled to Kivalina to inspect storm damage yesterday and worked with Kivalina leaders to prepare the community for Typhoon Halong and answer questions about state disaster recovery Individual Assistance.

State of Alaska Individual Assistance Disaster survivors in the designated disaster area can register for the state's Individual Assistance program by visiting the DHS&EM registration webpage at <https://ready.alaska.gov/ia>. Telephone registration is available at 1-844-445-7131. The State's Individual Assistance (IA) program is designed to provide financial assistance to individuals or families for damage to a primary residence, primary mode of transportation, essential personal

property, and medical/funeral/dental needs created as a direct result of a declared disaster.

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