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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, Department of Natural Resources, FEMA, Salvation Army Alaska Division, American Red Cross of Alaska, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Association of Village Council Presidents, Civil Air Patrol, the National Weather Service, and multiple other state, volunteer, and faith-based agencies are engaged in a full inter-agency disaster response.

Governor Dunleavy held a press conference today. [Available here.](#)

Governor Dunleavy has amended the October 9th disaster declaration to include all areas impacted by Typhoon Halong. Currently, 49 communities are reporting impacts, and 1,400 residents are sheltering in 12 shelters. Communities and individuals in these areas are now eligible for State Public Assistance and Individual Assistance programs.

One adult female was located deceased in Kwigillingok. Troopers responded to recover her remains and are working to notify next of kin. Her name will be released once next of kin has been notified. Two people remain unaccounted for in the community. The Alaska State Troopers are coordinating search and rescue efforts with the U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska Army National Guard and Alaska Air National Guard. Crews searched on Monday by boat and air.

Search and rescue operations were carried out on October 12th, 2025, by the Alaska National Guard, Alaska State Troopers, and the US Coast Guard, rescuing a total of 51 people from Kipnuk and Kwigillingok. The US Coast Guard continued searching overnight and search and rescue operations will continue today.

The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center is reporting an overwhelming number of calls for non-critical evacuations. The SEOC is requesting calls for non-critical evacuations be made to 1-800-428-7100. For life-threatening emergencies please contact the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center at 907-551-7230.

The SEOC currently has emergency management specialists deployed to Bethel, and Kotzebue to coordinate state disaster response in each region. The Alaska National Guard is deploying additional guard members to the response area, including three guard members to Bethel, five to Nome, 20 to Bethel, and four Alaska Organized Militia to the SEOC to provide additional assistance and coordination as needed.

SEOC has resources ordered from the Alaska Organized Militia including the Alaska National Guard, Alaska State Defense Force, and Alaska Naval Militia to assist in disaster response with airlift capabilities and additional manpower. The Salvation Army is sending food, blankets, and other sheltering needs to the hub communities for distribution to the impacted communities today.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

Several communities are reporting significant damage from high winds and coastal sea surge. Damage has been reported to power and communications systems, roads and boardwalks, flooded homes, and other infrastructure.

Search and Rescue operations were carried out yesterday by the Alaska National Guard, Army National Guard, US Coast Guard, and Alaska State Troopers. Overnight searching was carried out by the US Coast Guard. Searching continued at first light today, as weather permitted.

The Alaska National Guard Armory in Bethel is open to shelter residents and responders.

Initial damage assessments are being performed in the impacted communities by the Alaska Village Council of Presidents (AVCP), Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Department of Natural Resources (ANTHC), and Department of Transportation & Public Facilities. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) has sent MREs, water, and healthcare providers and nurses to the sheltering communities for patient evaluations.

Kipnuk—587 people were sheltered overnight within the community. Communications have been impacted, and satellite internet is being deployed to reestablish consistent communications. The runway has been damaged and is currently closed to fixed wing transport until repairs can be made.

Kwigillingok—The US Coast Guard Cutter Kimball is enroute to the area, deploying a UAS drone to assist search and rescue. 400 people were reported to have sheltered overnight.

Yesterday, 24 people were rescued from two homes that were swept away by flooding. Last night, 400 community residents were sheltered overnight at the school. Other impacts reported include loss of power, damage to the boardwalks, and significant flooding/damage to homes and other infrastructure.

Norton Sound/Nome

Impacts to the Norton Sound/Nome area are reported as minimal. SEOC Emergency Management Specialists are demobilizing from Nome today. SEOC will continue to support the Nome area remotely.

Northwest Arctic Borough/Kotzebue

Overnight, 10 people were sheltered in Kotzebue. The NWAB and Red Cross will begin damage assessments today. The SEOC emergency management specialist remains in Kotzebue to assist the NWAB and City of Kotzebue with resource needs as they develop.

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>] (<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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