

# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT 24-135 • May 14, 2024



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SEOC Preparedness Level  Level 2 – Heightened Awareness	http://ready.alaska.gov	National Terrorism Advisory System:  Read the NTAS Bulletin here
Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level:1- Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): 2019 Novel Coronavirus	Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level: FPCON Bravo

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

# Significant Issues:

Governor Dunleavy has declared a disaster for the Kuskokwim River communities in the Lower Kuskokwim and Yupiit Regional Education Attendance Areas in response to flooding. The disaster recovery Individual Assistance program, that provides grant funding to individuals and families with damaged to primary residence or essential personal property lost during the flooding, is now open for those in the declared area.

## Riverwatch:

#### Middle Yukon Division:

Division conducted aerial surveillance yesterday of potential ice jam points along the Yukon River near Galena, Koyukuk, and Nulato. Division landed and met with tribal leaders in Nulato and returned to Galena. No serious ice jam flooding risk was observed. Division was also in contact with Buckland in the Northwest Arctic Borough and the community had no concerns.

Division intends to fly again today, and if the ice jam flooding risk and water levels on the Yukon remain low, the Division will demobilize Wednesday. Division has scheduled an interview with KYUK Bethel on Yukon River conditions.

#### Fort Yukon Communities Snowmelt Flood Concern:

Cananda Yukon Territories Emergency Management has mobilized flood fighting resources for the Old Crow and Porcupine River communities with reports of heavy snow loads and the risk for snowmelt flooding with warmer temperatures.

This same snowmelt flood concern will become an issue for Alaska's Yukon communities in and around Fort Yukon in 7 to 13 days. SEOC and National Weather Service are in direct contact with Canadian officials and are carefully monitoring.

#### **Kuskokwim Division:**

All ice jams on the Kuskokwim have released. Water levels continue to drop. Ice jam flood threat is low for all Kuskokwim communities downriver. Division is transitioning from response to recovery operations and implementation of disaster recovery programs pursuant to Governor Dunleavy's declaration of disaster. Division will provide impacted residents with state disaster Individual Assistance information and collect damage information for the state disaster Public Assistance program.

Yesterday Division had a meeting with Napaskiak City and Tribal Administrator on disaster recovery programs. Division is doing a daily morning interview with KYUK Radio in Bethel. Yesterday a Red Cross team arrived in Bethel to support community recovery. Division will fly Red Cross to Kuskokwim Communities as aircraft becomes available.

**Kwethluk** – Community flooding continues, with ongoing high water. Flood Warning remains in effect through this morning.

#### Lower Yukon:

Kuskokwim Division flew to Lower Yukon yesterday to assess the flood threat in that area. Division flew from Russian Mission to Pilot Station. Water levels were low with the breakup front just below Marshall. With cold temperatures and snow conditions, breakup in this area is delayed.

# State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and, in the event of a public health emergency, is supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required.

For current information, see: https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx

### **NTAS Bulletin**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin on May 24, 2023. The current and expired bulletins can be viewed at the below link. <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system">https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system</a>

#### **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

For current driving conditions, dial 511 or visit: https://511.alaska.gov/

# Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here: https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/barry-arm-landslide.html

# **Earthquakes**

United States Geological Service (USGS) Earthquake Information: http://earthquake.usgs.gov/National Tsunami Warning Center: http://tsunami.gov/

# Alaska Volcanoes

**Great Sitkin** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange Shishaldin** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow** 

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

# **Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances**

The Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Spill Prevention and Response page is located at: https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/

# Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cybersecurity notifications and alerts at: https://oit.alaska.gov/security

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)-Cybersecurity Services and Tools: www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tool

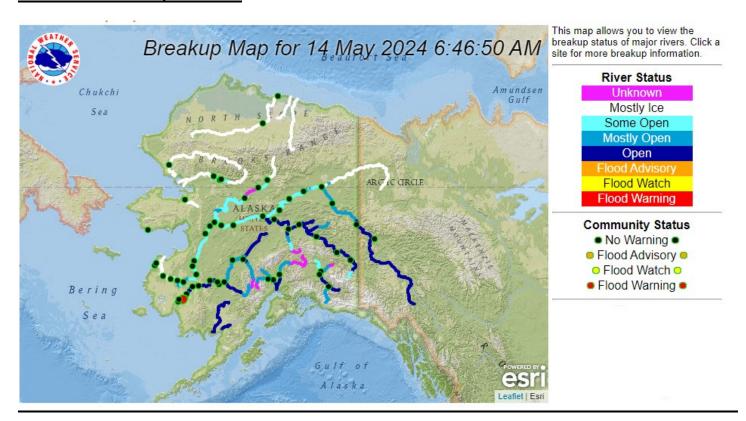
## Alaska Wildland 2024 Fire Season:

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level: 1

Total Fires YTD: 58 Total Acres: 221

There are currently 8 active fire(s) with 0 new and 0 fires staffed.

For more information, go to https://fire.ak.blm.gov/or https://akfireinfo.com/ Riverwatch Breakup Outlook:



View Recent River notes and updates at: Alaska-Pacific RFC (weather.gov)

Significant Weather Land Hazards Warning Advisory **Majagyila** Watch Special Wx Marine Hazards Hvy Frzg Spray Hurr Free Wnd Storm Warning Gale Warning Small Crft Adv 0:0 Korzenie Great Bear Lake dance in Andiorage Ballial Valual Sagray Juneau mon Kodiak Ketelikan

# Flood Warning:

Kuskokwim Delta-for high flows related to ice jams until 11:45 am today.

# Winter Storm Advisory:

- Western Artic Coast-in effect from 7pm this evening until 1pm Wednesday.
- Southern Seward Peninsula Coast, Interior Seward Peninsula-from 10pm this evening until 6pm Wednesday.
- Noatak Valley-from 1am Wednesday until 7am Thursday.

## **Special Weather Statement:**

- Yukon Delta Coast-strong wind, blowing snow and elevated surf, possibly Tuesday into Wednesday.
- Kivalina and Red Dog Dock; Lower Kobuk Valley; Baldwin Peninsula; Shishmaref; Bering Strait Coast; Southern Seward Peninsula Coast; Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills; Yukon Delta Coast; St Lawrence Island-elevated surf possible today into Wednesday.

## Winter Storm Warning:

- St Lawrence Island-from 10am this morning until 6pm Wednesday
- Shishmaref, Bering Strait Coast-from 4pm this afternoon until 6pm Wednesday.

For more information and the most current Weather, Watches/Warning/Advisories go to: <a href="https://www.weather.gov/arh/">https://www.weather.gov/arh/</a>

The Next Situation Report will be May 15, 2024. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report. This report is posted on the internet <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep">https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep</a>.

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