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## **Governor Parnell Issues Disaster Declaration for Napaskiak**

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – Governor Sean Parnell issued a State Disaster Declaration on Nov. 26, 2012 for Public Assistance in the Native Village of Napaskiak to specifically cover eligible emergency protective measures, temporary, and permanent repairs.

Beginning on Oct. 4, and continuing through Oct. 5, the National Weather Service issued coastal flood watches or advisories for the Yukon and Kuskokwim Deltas. The strong storm moved north into the Bering Sea and produced severe winds, heavy rain, and storm surges up to 4 feet above mean tide levels.

Several areas within Napaskiak experienced flooding; on Oct. 8 the Native Village of Napaskiak declared a local disaster emergency and requested help from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM).

The Native Village of Napaskiak received damage to tribal-owned facilities and boardwalks. In addition, several areas within the community require flood-debris clean-up efforts.

On Oct 8, two representatives from the DHS&EM traveled to Napaskiak to view damage and provide technical advice.

The state's Public Assistance Program is designed to help state, local and tribal governmental entities, as well as certain private non-profit organizations restore infrastructure damaged by a specific event to pre-disaster conditions.

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