



## **Northwest Region**

River levels in the Skeena basin have been rising steadily over the past five days as a result of gradually increasing temperatures and accelerating snowmelt. The Bulkley River is currently at or slightly above natural bankfull, and is continuing to rise slowly. The water level on the Bulkley River at Quick and at Houston has been rising steadily since May 22.

Temperatures over the weekend were slightly cooler than normal, which subdued snowmelt somewhat. This is followed by a period of warm weather beginning today or tomorrow, which will again increase snowmelt rates.

The Bulkley River will continue rising through the next 7 days, and may produce localized flooding along the river corridor, through the Houston and Smithers areas.

Other small and midsized rivers in the Skeena basin will likely experience similar conditions, of flows at or near bankfull, with water levels rising through the week.

The Skeena River has also been rising steadily over the past 4-5 days. It is, however, currently well below a level of concern.

It is extremely important for individuals to be prepared for emergencies. Assemble and keep ready an emergency kit that contains enough supplies to support you and your family for at least 72 hours.

## **Fraser River (McBride to lower mainland)**

The Fraser River is expected to peak sometime in June. Flood potential still depends on weather scenarios.

## **Provincial Response Activity:**

Provincial government staff are monitoring river levels, and together with local government officials and First Nations bands reviewing potential threats to the public, infrastructure and the environment.

The Provincial regional emergency operations centre at Terrace will be increasing staffing to further support local governments, First Nations, and provincial ministries.

Provincial Regional emergency operations centres at Surrey, Prince George, Kamloops, and Nelson remain activated at level one (monitoring and planning). The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre in Victoria is also activated to support provincial operations.

Sandbags - 3.4 million have been distributed province-wide; 2.7 million are in inventory.

A toll-free provincial flood information line is available daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m. The number is: 1-888-350-6070.

### **River Level Situation and Forecast:**

Click [here](#) to view up-to-date information from the River Forecast Centre web site.

Click [here](#) to view real-time B.C. river level monitoring station readings.

### **Weather Forecast:**

Click [here](#) to view the Environment Canada Weather Office forecasts.

### **Public Health Advisories:**

Click [here](#) to view public health information provided by the B.C. Ministry of Health.

### **Highway Conditions:**

Up to date information, visit [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) or call toll-free, 1-800-550-4997.

### **Public Information - Flood Preparedness and Response**

The Provincial Flood Information Line

- 1-888-350-6070

On the web, visit: [www.pep.bc.ca](http://www.pep.bc.ca)

#### *Other Telephone Numbers*

In an emergency,

- dial 9-1-1

For local non-emergency information,

- contact your local government authority. Find contact numbers in the blue pages of the telephone book

For public health information, contact your regional health authority,

- Northern Health Authority, 1-888-766-6358
- Fraser Health Authority, 1-877-935-5669

For agriculture sector information, contact the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands:

- 1-877-859-6140