

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE  
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW  
January 3, 2007 16:00 Hrs**

**OVERVIEW**

A significant rain event began impacting Vancouver Island Monday afternoon.

Environment Canada issued a Heavy Rainfall Warning for west and central Vancouver Island on Monday and extended that to the Howe Sound and the North Shore of Greater Vancouver Monday evening.

The Ministry of Environment River Forecast Centre issued a High Stream Flow Advisory for Monday and on Tuesday revised that to a Flood Watch for east Vancouver Island.

On Tuesday afternoon a number of small streams on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland spilled their banks flooding roads and yards. In a few cases homes were also threatened. Most of the reported problems were associated with local drainage issues and blocked culverts.

On the Cowichan River near Duncan one family was evacuated due to an access issue and along the Englishman River near Parksville 20 people were evacuated from a trailer park in the estuary. River levels have dropped substantially since yesterday and all evacuees have returned home. Impacts from this storm event have been minimal.

**RESPONSE STATUS**

All provincial and local Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) have de-activated.

**SITUATION/IMPACTS**

Minor flooding has been reported throughout the area of southern Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland at this time.

***Vancouver Island:***

The Cowichan River at Duncan reached the 2-year return period flood stage. One home was evacuated but not damaged.

The Englishman River at Parksville flooded a trailer park and 20 residents were evacuated. The evacuees have now returned home and there are no reports of damage.

A one-lane road washout occurred between Gold River and Tahsis near the Conuma River Bridge and traffic control remains in effect.

Local minor flooding in the Greater Victoria area created some traffic problems yesterday but water levels have declined substantially and are continuing to drop today. No issues or damages are reported from the Greater Victoria area.

**Southwest:**

Water levels in local small streams in Surrey has dropped substantially. Some residential flooding was reported yesterday due to local drainage issues.

Maple Ridge reported potential flooding issues along the Alouette River, but no homes were impacted.

Fraser Valley Regional District reported no issues from this event and the Chilliwack River peaked well below flood stage last night.

**OUTLOOK**

The rainfall event has now passed out the area and water levels are continuing to drop on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. No further impacts are expected from this storm. A new storm is expected to reach the south coast late Friday.

The current weather forecast indicates that this storm will be a less intense system than the recent storm event. The River Forecast Centre, Environment Canada and the Provincial Emergency Program continue to monitor new storm events and will respond accordingly.

**CURRENT INFORMATION**

Flood Warnings and Watch

Ministry of Environment – River Forecast Centre

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river\\_forecast/advisories\\_current.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river_forecast/advisories_current.htm)

Road Closures

Ministry of Transportation – Drive BC

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

Weather Forecast

Environment Canada

[http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada_e.html)