

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE  
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW  
March 11, 2007 14:00 Hrs**

**OVERVIEW**

A significant subtropical storm approached the west coast of BC, stalled over central Vancouver Island last night but moved to the southern coast and Lower Mainland this morning.

Environment Canada has implemented a Storm Watch to continue today and tomorrow with the following potential conditions:

100-150mm rain on the North Shore  
50-70 mm rain in the Fraser Valley  
60-70 mm rain in the Kootenay/Columbia region (widespread)  
50-60 mm rain in Greater Victoria

**RESPONSE STATUS**

Environment Canada Watch and River Forecast Centre (Ministry of Environment) High Stream Flow Advisories were distributed to all Southwest, Southeast and Central communities. As well, many southeast communities were contacted by phone. Ministry of Transportation was also advised.

The town of Kimberly used search and rescue volunteers to pre-fill sandbags as a training exercise.

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) (in Victoria) and Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) in Southwest (Surrey), Southeast (Nelson), and Central (Kamloops) are activated to support local governments and are prepared to increase activation levels should the need arise.

**IMPACTS**

None reported at this time.

**OUTLOOK**

The higher elevation rain is anticipated to be absorbed by the snowpack and not expected to contribute to run-off. The heavy rain could affect valley bottoms, small streams and storm drains.

**CURRENT INFORMATION**

Flood potential is being monitored.

**FOR MORE 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)