

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW
March 11, 2007 21:30 Hrs**

OVERVIEW

A subtropical rain storm impacted Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland this morning. Local streams have become swollen and are at bank full or over bank conditions creating flooding in many low-lying areas. Local storm drainages are also affected.

RESPONSE STATUS

Environment Canada warnings and River Forecast Centre (Ministry of Environment) High Stream Flow Advisories were distributed to all Southwest, Southeast and Central communities. The River Forecast Centre continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) (in Victoria) and Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) in Southwest (Surrey), and Vancouver Island (Victoria) are activated to support local governments.

The following local governments activated Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs): Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, Langley and Maple Ridge, and 10,000 sandbags have been shipped to Port Coquitlam at their request.

IMPACTS

None reported at this time.

OUTLOOK

The storm appears to have peaked on the North Shore mountains and water levels are expected to drop. The system has moved up the Fraser Valley and appears to be moving south to Washington.

Areas to watch include Cowichan River, Duncan and nearby First Nations reserves on the lower river, also Langley, Surrey and White Rock. These areas will be influenced by high tides peaking at midnight (Cowichan) and 1:00 a.m. in the Lower Mainland.

CURRENT INFORMATION

Flood monitoring continues.

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

Road Closures

Ministry of Transportation – Drive BC

<http://www.drivebc.ca>

Weather Forecast

Environment Canada

http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada_e.html