



SITUATION OVERVIEW

The weather pattern of seasonal temperatures with scattered showers and occasional thunder showers is continuing across the province. Rivers levels remain high but are dropping slowly in most regions of the province.

The northwest region of the province continues to experience extremely high water levels. The major rivers of this region; the Skeena, the Nass and Bulkley Rivers continue to rise or hover around initial flood warning levels due to snowmelt and scattered showers. River Forecast Centre is maintaining a High Streamflow Advisory on these rivers today.

The Liard River in the extreme north of the province is now becoming a concern for potential flooding. Days of warm temperatures and occasional heavy rain has caused a 2 metre rise in the river over the past week. The River Forecast Centre has now issued a Flood Watch for the Liard River.

The Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOC) and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) in Victoria continue to work with local governments to monitor and support as required.

SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS

- high water in Lower Post near the BC - Yukon boarder.

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a few High Stream Flow advisories in the northwest of the province. The current notices can be viewed on the River Forecast Centre website at:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river_forecast/advisories_current.htm

OUTLOOK

The flooding situation is generally continuing to improve across most of the province. The 5 day forecast is showing increasing temperatures for some regions of the province. This will likely increase the rate of snowmelt runoff.

Across the northwest region of the province, very high runoff continues due to warm temperatures and the melting of the mountain snowpacks. The current weather forecast for the northwest region of the province would suggest that the risk of flooding remains moderate to high. High Streamflow Advisories are in place for the Skeena, Bulkley and Nass Rivers as these rivers continue to run at very high levels. The outlook for this region is for a continuation of high flows and rising levels on the larger rivers as the freshet period advances. Rivers in the northwest region of the province could very quickly go to flood watch levels with slightly warmer weather or moderate rainfall.

The Liard River in the far north of the province is continuing to rise at this time. It is currently below flood elevations reached in 2006 and 2007, however it could reach close to those levels over the next few days. A Flood Watch has been issued for the Liard River at Lower Post, by the River Forecast Centre.

Parts of the upper Fraser River, Columbia River and North Thompson River watersheds were hit by heavy rainfall overnight. Those rivers will like experience increasing flows over the next few days as rainfall runoff works through the system.

The next PECC Situation Report will be issued May 30 at 1500hr