

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The weather pattern of seasonal temperatures with scattered showers and occasional thunder showers will be displaced over the next few days by warmer weather. Temperatures are expected to rise by 3 to 6 degrees beginning tomorrow, and lasting through to Monday or Tuesday. As well some area forecasts are showing showers or thundershowers over the next several days. Rivers levels remain high across the province and some have begun rising slowly again due to rainfall.

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 continues to rise today and a Flood Watch is in effect.

The Provincial Emergency Program PREOC's and the PECC in Victoria continue to work with local governments to monitor and support as required.

SUMMARY OF NEW INCIDENTS

- no new incidents

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 stable today. Several rivers, including the North Thompson, the Upper Fraser and the Kootenay Rivers, have begun to rise again due to rainfall and ongoing snowmelt. The 5 day forecast is showing increasing temperatures for many regions of the province beginning tomorrow. 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 calls for increasing temperatures over the weekend. That would suggest increased runoff for the Skeena River Basin particularly. High Streamflow Advisories remain 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.

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.

Heavy rain in some parts of the province yesterday has a number of the rivers rising again. The Upper Fraser River is on the rise today and the water levels near Prince George will likely rise throughout the weekend. The North Thompson River is rising again and the South Thompson River continues to rise.

There are no imminent threats of flooding at this time, however a number of areas will still be watched throughout the weekend by River Forecast Centre and Provincial Emergency Program.

The next PECC Situation Report will be issued Monday, June 2, at 1500hr