

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW
November 6, 2006 21:00 Hrs**

OVERVIEW

An intense Pacific frontal system brought heavy rain to the South Coast and Vancouver Island on Monday, Nov. 6. Very high rainfall magnitudes and intensities are being measured at a number of weather stations. Updates on rainfall amounts can be found at the Ministry of Environment River Forecast Centre web site:

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

RESPONSE STATUS

Local Government

Local government emergency operation centres have been activated by Fraser Valley Regional District at Chilliwack, the cities of Richmond and Abbotsford, and the districts of Hope and Squamish.

Province Actions

Provincial Regional Emergency Operation Centres (PREOC) in the South West Region, Vancouver Island Region and the Central Region, and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre in Victoria, have been activated to support local government activities.

SITUATION

Reports of river and stream flooding were received throughout the day. As well, a number of road closures and some landslide activity have been reported. Highway conditions are available from Drive BC web site – www.drivebc.ca

South West Region

- A flood warning was issue Monday afternoon for rivers and streams in the Lower Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver, north shore mountains and Howe Sound by the B.C. Ministry of Environment River Forecast Centre.
- Up to Monday at 18:00 hours, weather stations in the Greater Vancouver area have recorded between 50 and 300 mm of rainfall.
- The Fraser Valley Regional District has Declared a State of Local Emergency for an area in the Chilliwack River Valley. An Evacuation Order is in place affecting 200 homes. Emergency Social Services (ESS) Reception Centre has been established in Chilliwack to support evacuees.
- The District of Hope opened a Reception Centre to support 24 voluntary evacuees. Approximately 100 people in the district are under an Evacuation Alert.

Vancouver Island Region

- A flood warning was issued Monday afternoon for rivers and streams in South Vancouver Island.
- The heaviest rainfall occurred mid-Island and south-Island.
- As of 19:30 hours Monday, water levels in Englishman, Chemainus are steady or dropping.
- District of Langford opened its Emergency Social Services (ESS) Reception Centre. 18 people have registered.
- The Port Renfrew Road (the Circle Route) is closed at Port Renfrew due to high water. 2 families have been evacuated from Port Renfrew. ESS assistance was not required.

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Central Region

- The weather system is expected to move into the southern interior overnight. At this time there are no reports of flood damage.

OUTLOOK

The heavy rainfall warning has ended for Vancouver Island and the lower mainland with the exception of the eastern Fraser Valley where an additional 10 to 20mm is expected before the rain eases tonight.

River levels are expected to peak this evening or very early Tuesday morning.

CURRENT 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.ca/canada_e.html