



# ALASKA DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



## SITUATION REPORT 23-136 • MAY 16, 2023

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<b>SEOC Preparedness Level</b> Level 3 – Active Incident Response	<a href="http://ready.alaska.gov">http://ready.alaska.gov</a>	<b>National Terrorism Advisory System:</b> <a href="#">Read the NTAS Bulletin here</a>
<b>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</b> Level:1-Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	<b>WHO Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19):</b> <a href="#">2019 Novel Coronavirus</a>	<b>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</b> FPCON Bravo

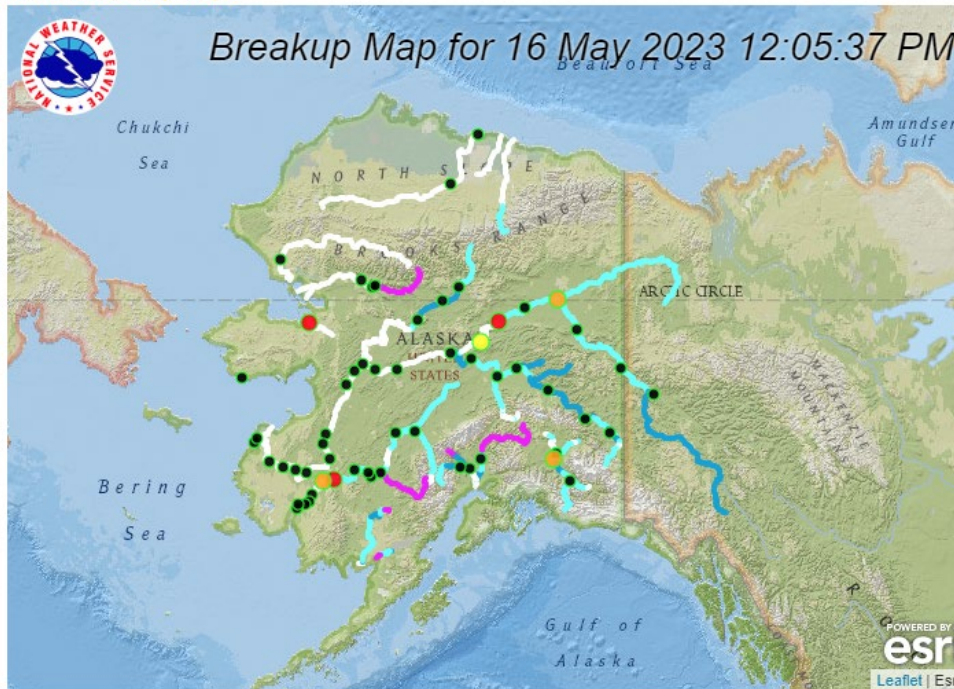
(Significant changes from previous situation reports are red.)

### Significant Issues:

#### 2023 Spring Flood Event and River Watch:

The SEOC to continues supporting local communities in their response. An incident situation report is attached.

APRFC Breakup Map



This map allows you to view the breakup status of major rivers. Click a site for more breakup information.

#### River Status

- Unknown
- Mostly Ice
- Some Open
- Mostly Open
- Open

#### Community Status

- No Warning
- Flood Advisory
- Flood Watch
- Flood Warning

#### Flood Advisory

Issued when flooding is imminent or occurring, generally within the next 1 to 3 hours, but is not expected to substantially threaten life and property.

#### Flood Watch

Issued when there is the possibility of widespread general flooding over an area within the next 36 hours.

#### Flood Warning for River Fcst Point

Issued when a river level has exceeded, or is forecast to exceed, moderate or major flood stage.

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## **West Coast Storm:**

A strong Western Alaska storm is impacting the west coast of Alaska focused from Nome to Golovin with shoreline ice shove, high winds, high surf 1-4' above normal tide, and rain to 1" possible. No community impacts reported at this time.

For the most up to date information and daily break up summary click the following link, <https://www.weather.gov/aprfc>. At this time, there will be no separate river watch situation report.

## **State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH)**

The DOH stands ready to assist with all aspects of public health and in the event of a public health emergency, supported by the SEOC and other state departments as required. For current information, see:

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/prepared/default.aspx>

## **NTAS Bulletin**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued an updated National Terrorism Advisory Bulletin. The updated bulletin can be viewed at the below link.

To read current or expired advisories, click the link below:

<https://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system>

## **Travel Alerts and Conditions**

Alert: Parks Hwy to close at MP 199 on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm for military exercise.

For current driving conditions dial 511 or link to <https://511.alaska.gov/>

## **Barry Arm Landslide / Tsunami Risk**

For the latest information on the Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami risk, click here:

[DGGG Barry Arm Landslide and Tsunami Hazard](#)

## **Recent Earthquakes**

USGS Earthquake Information: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/>

National Tsunami Warning Center: <http://tsunami.gov/>

## **Alaska Volcanoes**

**Great Sitkin** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

**Aniakchak** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

**Semisopchnoi** Alert Level: **Watch** and Aviation Color Code: **Orange**

**Takawangha** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

**Tanaga** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

**Trident** Alert Level: **Advisory** and Aviation Color Code: **Yellow**

For Alaska Volcano updates, go to: <https://www.avo.alaska.edu/>

## **Air Quality Index (AQI) Advisories**

For the most up to date Air Quality Index Advisories:

<http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Home/Index>

## Spills of Oil and Hazardous Substances

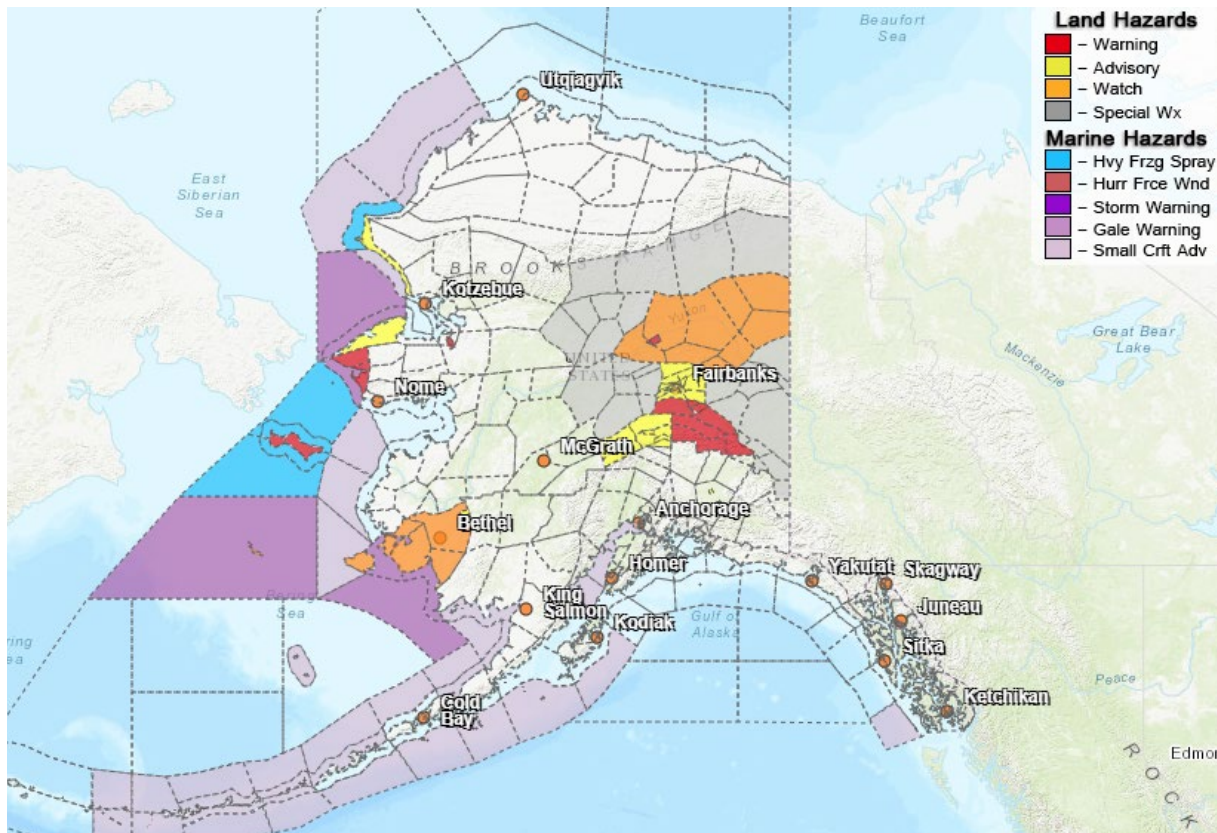
The ADEC Spill Prevention and Response page is located at:  
<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/>

## Alaska Cyber Security Information

State Employees may sign up for cyber security notifications and alerts at  
<https://oit.alaska.gov/security>

CISA-Cybersecurity Services and Tools: [www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools](http://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools)

## Significant Weather:



**Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands:** Flood Warning issued May 15 at 2:11 pm AKDT until May this evening at 8:00 pm AKDT for flooding caused by an ice jam at Stevens Village.

Northern and Interior Seward Peninsula: Flood Warning for flooding caused by an ice jam in effect until 11:00 pm AKDT Wednesday for Buckland.

**Lower Kuskokwim Valley,** Flood Watch issued May 16 at 9:54 am AKDT until May 17 at 12:00 pm AKDT for an Ice Jam along the Kuskokwim River downstream of Kalskak to Kwethluk.

Copper River Basin: Flood Advisory for snowmelt remains in effect until 9:30 am AKDT Thursday along the Old Edgerton Highway near the Richardson Highway and a Flood Advisory for snowmelt remains in effect until 12:45 pm AKDT Thursday for the Moose Creek near Glennallen.

**Southeastern Brooks Range; Upper Koyukuk Valley; Yukon Flats and Surrounding Uplands; Central Interior; Middle Tanana Valley; Deltana and Tanana Flats; Upper Tanana Valley and the Fortymile Country; Denali; Eastern Alaska Range, Special Weather Statement, High Water Levels possible this weekend and next week.**

**Denali; Eastern Alaska Range; Deltana and Tanana Flats:** Wind Advisory remains in effect until 6:00 am AKDT Wednesday.

**St. Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast:** Winter Storm Warning remains in effect from 10:00 pm this evening to 10:00 pm AKDT this evening.

**Chukchi Sea Coast:** Winter Weather Advisory remains in effect from 10:00pm this afternoon.

**Eastern Alaska Range; Deltana and Tanana Flats:** Red Flag Warning now in effect until midnight AKDT tonight for dry and windy conditions.

**Chukchi Sea Coast; Lower Kobuk and Noatak Valleys; Baldwin Peninsula and Selawik Valley; Northern and Interior Seward Peninsula; Southern Seward Peninsula Coast; Eastern Norton Sound and Nulato Hills; St Lawrence Island and Bering Strait Coast; Yukon Delta; Lower Yukon Valley; Lower Koyukuk and Middle Yukon Valleys; Upper Kobuk and Noatak Valleys; Upper Kuskokwim Valley:** Special Weather Statement issued for elevated water levels and local runoff possible next week.

For more information and the most current weather, go to: <http://www.weather.gov/arh>.

### **Avalanche Forecast:**

A current avalanche forecast has not been issued for the following areas: Valdez, Haines, Cordova area, Turnagain Pass or Hatcher Pass.

Check the Avalanche Forecast Center closest to your area for the most up to date information on avalanche potential. <https://alaskasnow.org> or <https://www.weather.gov/afc/avalancheweather>

**The Next Situation Report:** will be **17 May 2023**. A significant change in the situation or the threat level will prompt an interim report. This report is posted on the internet at <https://ready.alaska.gov/sitrep>.

To register for email distribution, go to <http://list.state.ak.us/mailman/listinfo/dhsem.situation.report>. Direct questions regarding this report to the SEOC at 907-428-7100 or [seoc@alaska.gov](mailto:seoc@alaska.gov)