

# BC Environment

## River Forecast Centre

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### Flood Warning: 15Nov2006 2:15PM

- Cowichan River
- Chemainus River
- Englishman River

Central Vancouver Island has been receiving very heavy rainfall since early this morning. The Jump Creek snow pillow (west of Nanaimo) has recorded 110 mm of precipitation from midnight to 2PM, and has been averaging 10 mm/hour for the past 6 hours. The temperature at the snow pillow is currently +5 degrees, and snowmelt at the pillow site is occurring, contributing to streamflow.

The Cowichan River, Chemainus River and Englishman River are all rising rapidly, and will rise above a 2-year flood stage in next 2-4 hours. They will continue to rise this afternoon and this evening. The Cowichan will continue to rise overnight and into Thursday.

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A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.