

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Update: 10Jun2009 9:30AM

There is no change in advisories:

The **Flood Watch is maintained** for:

- Nass River
- Skeena River
- Kitsumkalum River
- Liard River

The **High Streamflow Advisory** is maintained for:

- Bulkley River
- Kispiox River
- Telkwa River
- other rivers and streams in the North-West.
- Quesnel River
- Stikine River

The weather outlook from Environment Canada for the north-west is for continued warm weather today and tomorrow, but then cooling to near seasonal normals Friday-Monday, for Terrace. For the Liard, the current forecast is for temperatures of 20-23 degrees, with possible rain showers today and Thursday. Most rivers under advisory have reached their peaks from snowmelt and have either fallen slightly or are maintaining near their peak levels. With the continuing warm weather expected to last through tomorrow, melt of high elevation snow continues. Rivers are not expected to recede significantly, and are expected to stay above warning levels for the next few days. Should the weather in the NW cool to the low 20's by the weekend, we anticipate seeing river levels begin to drop by Saturday or Sunday.

Water levels are not anticipated to rise further from snowmelt alone. Further rise in water level on these rivers will require significant rainfall. Environment Canada's forecast for the next 5 days does not indicate potential for significant frontal or convective rain.

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.