

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Update: 11Jun2009 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 continue warmth today, cooling tomorrow, and then rising to 2-3 degrees above seasonal normals for the weekend. For the Liard, the current forecast is for temperatures of 20-23 degrees, with possible rain showers today.

River levels remain largely unchanged. Most rivers under advisory have reached their peaks from snowmelt and have either fallen slightly or are maintaining near their peak levels. Rivers are not expected to recede significantly, and are expected to stay above warning levels for the next few days. With cooling in the NW tomorrow, 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 current 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.