

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Update: 13Jun2009 10:30AM

Flood Watch ENDED for:

- Skeena River
- Nass River
- Stikine River

High Streamflow Advisory ENDED for:

- Bulkley River
- Kispiox River
- Telkwa River

The **Flood Watch is maintained** for:

- Liard River

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

- Quesnel River
- Kitsumkalum River

With the moderating of temperatures and no significant rainfall, river levels in north-west and north central British Columbia have been receding. All gauged rivers have dropped below warning levels over the past 24-48 hours, and are expected to continue receding over the next few days. Flood Watch and High Streamflow Advisories are ENDED for the Skeena, Nass, Stikine, Bulkley, Telkwa and Stikine Rivers. The Flood Watch for the Kitsumkalum River is downgraded to a High Streamflow Advisory.

Despite dropping below warning levels, river levels in the north-west will continue to be high for the next week, while snowmelt water slowly drains through.

The Liard River peaked on Tues-Wed, and is now receding slowly. It is still well above flood stage, however.

The water level on the Quesnel River has been rising over the past 48 hours as a result of warm weather and snowmelt in the basin. It remains above a 2-year return period level. It is expected to continue rising until early next week.

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.