

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Update: 15Jun2009 3:45PM

The **Flood Watch DOWNGRADED** for:

- Liard River

High Streamflow Advisory ENDED for:

- Kitsumkalum River

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

- Quesnel River
- Liard River

With the moderating of temperatures and no significant rainfall, river levels in north-west British Columbia continue to recede. 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. 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 June 9-10, and is now receding slowly. The water level below Lower Post has dropped about 0.6 metres from the peak. The Flood Watch is downgraded to a **High Streamflow Advisory**.

The water level on the Quesnel River has been rising slowly over the past 4 days as a result of warm weather and snowmelt in the basin. It remains above a 2-year return period level. Weather is forecast to cool by Wednesday, slowing the snowmelt. However, light rain is expected in the basin Wed-Fri. The Quesnel River It is expected to remain near its current water level at least until Thurs-Fri.

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.