

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch Update: Nechako River

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The latest weather forecast for the Nechako region calls for dry and warm weather for the next week, with a negligible chance of precipitation. Discharge (as of 8:00AM) on the Nechako River at Vanderhoof is currently stable at approximately 740 m³/s (Note: due to backwater effects, discharge data given on the WSC real-time site for Vanderhoof is currently over reporting actual discharge by approximately 7%). Due to continued high release from Skins Lake, and continuing high natural flows from the Francois Lake & Nautley River system, the Nechako River downstream of the Skins Lake Spillway (including both Vanderhoof and Isle Pierre) will remain near current levels throughout the coming weekend and into 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.