

# Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

DOWNGRADE – High Streamflow Advisory - Sproat and Somass Rivers

ENDED – High Streamflow Advisory - Vancouver Island, South Coast, Lillooet River, Squamish River

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The River Forecast Centre is downgrading to a High Streamflow Advisory for:

- Sproat and Somass Rivers (DOWNGRADED)

The River Forecast Centre is ending a High Streamflow Advisory for:

- Lillooet River and tributaries (ENDED)
- Squamish River including tributaries including Cheakamus River (ENDED)
- South Coast including Howe Sound, Sunshine Coast, Sea-to-Sky and North Shore Mountains (ENDED)
- Vancouver Island (ENDED)

Weather Synopsis:

Rainfall has eased through the region, with drier weather and cooling temperatures expected through the weekend and into next week.

River Conditions:

River flows throughout Vancouver Island and the South Coast continue to recede from recent rain-on-snow related peaks earlier in the week. Upcoming cool and dry weather conditions will maintain the continued recession of river flows.

The Sproat River and Somass River attenuate flow from Sproat Lake. The river levels usually peak several days later compared to other river systems. The Sproat River and Somass River are expected to maintain high flows with low receding rates on Friday and into the weekend.

Fast-flowing rivers pose increased risk to life safety. The [River Forecast Centre](#) continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

For information on how to prepare for flood hazards, visit [PreparedBC](#).

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A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. 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.