

# BC Environment

## River Forecast Centre

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### Update – Flood Warning: Bella Coola River and Central Coast 28Sep2010 10:30AM

The Flood Warning for the Central Coast is continuing. This is in effect for all rivers on the Central Coast including the Bella Coola River and tributaries.

Light precipitation continued to fall in the Bella Coola valley overnight. Between 8PM and 6AM, MOF Fire Weather stations Hagensborg and Talchako recorded 6-8 mm. The MOT Bella Coola RAWS station recorded slightly more, 12 mm over that same period. Light showers are continuing to fall at Bella Coola RAWS up to the latest data reported at 9AM. The Bella Coola Airport reported the showers ending shortly after 10AM.

The Salloomt River (WSC 08FB004) plateaued overnight, and the water level has fluctuated between 1.63 and 1.68 m up to the last data reported at 8:30AM, below the 2-year return period level of 1.78 m.

The Bella Coola River also plateaued last evening and overnight. The river measured at the gauge on the Nuxalk First Nation reserve fluctuated within a 10 cm range, between a water level 1.16 to 1.26 m lower than the first peak on Saturday night.

The Environment Canada forecast is for cloudy conditions today and overnight, and a clearing trend for Wednesday and towards the end of the week. Once the precipitation ends in the Bella Coola valley, the water level is expected to recede throughout the day and overnight.

The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor conditions and will provide an update this afternoon, or earlier if conditions warrant.

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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. 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.