

BC Environment

River Forecast Centre

Update – Flood Warning: Bella Coola River and Central Coast - ENDED 30Sep2010 2:30PM

The Flood Warning for the Bella Coola River has been ended. This is in effect for the Bella Coola River and tributaries, and other rivers on the Central Coast.

Current weather conditions are clear, with no significant precipitation amounts forecast for the weekend.

The Bella Coola River is continuing to slowly recede. The river level measured at the gauge on the Nuxalk First Nation reserve shows an average decline of 1 cm/hour overnight. The Salloomt River (WSC 08FB004) also receded slowly overnight, at an average rate of 1 cm/hour. The last data reported on the Salloomt at 8:30AM is at 1.26 m and a flow of $39 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$. Local reports indicate that water levels remain high in localised areas. River banks are unstable and should be approached with caution.

The Environment Canada weather forecast for Friday to Sunday is a mix of sun and cloud and temperatures above seasonal normals. Light showers are expected overnight on Friday, with another system bringing low to moderate precipitation on Sunday night. The water levels will continue to recede over the next few days.

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.