BC Environment
River Forecast Centre

Flood Watch: Howe Sound
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The BC River Forecast Centre is issuing a Flood Watch for Howe Sound.

The precipitation associated with the Rainfall Warning issued by Environment Canada for Howe Sound on Saturday caused river levels to rise rapidly overnight. Rivers have peaked below a level of concern, and have subsided today. However, another frontal system arriving early Monday morning is forecast to bring an additional 40-50 mm of rain to the Howe Sound region. In response to this second rainfall event, there is potential for rivers to again rise rapidly and may approach bankfull conditions. No major flooding is expected.

The River Forecast Centre will provide an update Monday morning, or earlier if conditions warrant.

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.