

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

BC River Forecast Centre

UPDATE - Flood Watch – Nicola Lake and Nicola River

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The BC River Forecast Centre is **maintaining** a **Flood Watch** for:

- **Nicola River** – including Nicola Lake and areas of the Nicola River upstream of the confluence with the Coldwater River

River and lake levels have been elevated for the past 2 weeks due to on-going snowmelt and a number of rainfall events within the region.

Nicola Lake (08LG046) is presently at 3.7m and has been holding steady for the past 3 days. Lake levels are expected to remain elevated for another 1-2 weeks, however no significant additional rises are expected at this time. Flows on the Nicola River downstream of Nicola Lake and upstream of the Coldwater River are also expected to continue at current rates.

Whether or not any rises do occur will depend on whether or not adverse weather conditions occur. The River Forecast Centre will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as warranted.

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.