

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

BC River Forecast Centre

UPDATE: South Coast

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The BC River Forecast Centre is **upgrading** the High Streamflow Advisory to a **Flood Watch** for:

- North Shore (including Seymour, Lynn, Capilano, and Coquitlam Rivers and surrounding small streams)
- Howe Sound

River levels on the South Coast have risen substantially overnight due to snowmelt and rainfall totals in the range of 40 mm to greater than 140 mm over the past 24 hours. Rainfall totals were highest along the North Shore. Current forecast rainfall totals for the next 24 hours still exceed 100 mm for the South Coast.

Streams on the North Shore are prone to flooding in low-lying areas and due to the expected rainfall on Tuesday, flooding may be more prevalent over the next 24 hours. Most rivers will continue to increase throughout Tuesday and are expected to begin to subside by Wednesday morning or afternoon.

The **High Streamflow Advisory** for other areas of the South Coast continues for:

- Sea-to-Sky Corridor and Sunshine Coast
- Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley

The [River Forecast Centre](#) will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as 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.