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High Streamflow Advisory – North Coast, Central Coast
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The River Forecast Centre is **issuing** a **High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- **North Coast including watersheds around Prince Rupert, Kitimat and surrounding areas**

- **Central Coast including Bella Coola River and tributaries**

A strong fall storm is approaching the North Coast today. The system will stall over the North Coast and move to the Central Coast tonight. The heaviest rain is forecast to occur Monday evening. Environment and Climate Change Canada issued a rainfall warning for the North Coast with 70 to 90 mm of rain predicted for Kitimat and 40 to 60 mm for Terrace. At higher elevations, the 2-day precipitation total could reach 150 mm or higher.

Rivers and creeks on the North Coast are expected to rise suddenly from the heavy rainfall. Smaller watersheds at lower elevations will likely reach peak flows on Tuesday. Larger systems may not peak until Wednesday or later from this storm. The Central Coast is not under a rainfall warning and rivers are not expected to rise as quickly as the North Coast.

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period.

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