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Flood Warning – South Coast (Howe Sound, Sea-to-Sky, North Shore)
Flood Watch – Vancouver Island (North, West, Central, East), Central Coast
Issued: 8:30 AM November 11, 2026
(Updated 10:30AM to move Kingcome River to Flood Warning – see separate warning)

The River Forecast Centre is upgrading to a Flood Warning for the South Coast including:

- Howe Sound
- Sea-to-Sky
- North Shore Mountains

The River Forecast Centre is maintaining a Flood Watch for:

- Vancouver Island North, West, East and Central
- Fraser Valley North (mountains from Belcarra to north of Mission)
- Central Coast

Weather Synopsis:

A storm system is impacting south-west BC with heavy rainfall. Rainfall rates through the region were very high last night, with 50-150mm of rainfall being recorded since yesterday across areas of Vancouver Island, and 30-120mm across the South Coast. Continued rainfall is forecasted throughout Wednesday, with weather models indicating an additional 40-100 mm of rainfall through the Sea-to-Sky corridor, 40-100 mm through West and Central Vancouver Island, and 50-65 mm around Kingcome.

River Conditions:

Rivers have been rising rapidly since late Tuesday night. Current conditions reporting from Water Survey of Canada real-time hydrometric gauges include:

- Stawamus River at Highway 99 (08GA076) is flowing at 88.6 m^3/s (2 to 5-year flow)
- Clowhom River near Clowhom Lake (08GB013) is flowing at 321 m^3/s (5 to 10-year flow)
- Elaho River near the mouth (08GA071) is flowing at 779 m^3/s (2 to 5-year flow)
- Squamish River near Brackendale (08GA002) is flowing at 926 m^3/s (approaching a 2-year flow)

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- Tofino Creek near the mouth (08HB086) is flowing at 232 m^3/s (2 to 5-year flow)

Continued rises in river levels are expected into Thursday in response to additional rainfall.

Actions:
Heavy rain and high streamflow bring increased risk for unstable banks, river erosion, submerged roads, swift water hazards, flooding and landslides. Stay clear of the banks of swift running rivers and never drive across flooded roads, bridges or river crossings. At this time of year leaves can clog storm drains and impact urban drainage. Keep storm drains clear.

The River Forecast Centre continues to monitor the conditions and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

For information on how to prepare for flood hazards, visit PreparedBC.

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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. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. 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.