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UPGRADE: Flood Watch – Kingcome River (UPGRADED)

UPDATE: High Streamflow Advisory – South Coast (Homathko-Southgate), North Coast, Central Coast, Skeena, Haida Gwaii

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The River Forecast Centre is **upgrading a Flood Watch** for:

- Kingcome River (**UPGRADED**)

The River Forecast Centre is **maintaining a High Streamflow Advisory** for:

- South Coast tributaries in the Homathko River and Southgate River and surrounding tributaries
- North Coast including tributaries around Kitimat, Prince Rupert, and other coastal communities
- Skeena River watershed including Bulkley River and surrounding tributaries
- Central Coast including tributaries and smaller streams around Bella Coola, Rivers Inlet, and other coastal communities
- Haida Gwaii

Weather Synopsis:

A deep offshore low-pressure system is expected to bring rainfall for coastal regions on Monday and Tuesday. Today's forecast rainfall totals for the North and Central Coasts are up to 40 mm. The rainfall of these regions is expected to continue tomorrow (Tuesday) with slightly less amounts.

River Conditions:

Rivers across the regions are expected to have increased flows starting today and extending into tomorrow. The streamflow forecasts are expected to be below a 5-year return period streamflow, except the Kingcome River Watershed. Due to the forecasted rainfall and the tidal influence, the water levels across Kingcome River are expected to rise rapidly to a flood watch level tonight to early morning tomorrow.

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Fast-flowing rivers pose increased risk to life safety. 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.