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UPDATE: Flood Watch – Kingcome River

High Streamflow Advisory – South Coast (Ended), North Coast, Central Coast, Skeena (Ended), Haida Gwaii

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

- Kingcome River

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

- North Coast including tributaries around Kitimat, Prince Rupert, and other coastal communities
- Central Coast including tributaries and smaller streams around Bella Coola, Rivers Inlet, and other coastal communities
- Haida Gwaii

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

- South Coast tributaries in the Homathko River and Southgate River and surrounding tributaries
- Skeena River watershed including Bulkley River and surrounding tributaries

Weather Synopsis:

Another offshore low-pressure system brought precipitation to coastal regions Monday and into Tuesday with totals ranging from 25 to 100 mm. Additional precipitation tonight and overnight of 20 to 50 mm is expected from Prince Rupert to Bella Coola. Freezing levels from the low-pressure system have been lower than recent events on the coast and automated snow weather stations have measured snowfall as opposed to rain at higher elevations.

River Conditions:

Rivers remain relatively high across the region from the past two weeks of precipitation and responded to the most recent precipitation over the past two days. Many rivers have peaked already at lower levels than previous recent storms, but additional precipitation could increase

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flows again overnight. Streamflows are forecast to remain below 5-year return period levels. The Kingcome River reached similar peak levels today as September 27th, but lower than the September 22nd water level. Flows are beginning to recede on the Kingcome River, but there is potential for additional precipitation overnight and the Flood Watch will be reevaluated tomorrow.

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.