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

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

- Kingcome River (DOWNGRADED)
- 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:

Moderate to heavy rainfall has occurred over the past two days across coastal British Columbia. Total rainfall observed across the region has been in the 20-100mm range since Thursday. Drier weather is anticipated on Saturday and Sunday.

A deep offshore low-pressure system is expected to bring the next round of rainfall for coastal regions on Monday and Tuesday. Weather models are indicating a range of potential locations of heaviest rainfall, with the general pattern continuing to be forecasted to occur across the North, Central and northern end of the South Coast.

River Conditions:

Most coastal rivers have peaked in response to rainfall from the latest storms. Streamflow is expected to remain stable through the weekend in advance of the next round of rainfall expected on Monday. Rivers across the region are expected to have increased flows starting Monday and extending into Tuesday. After a week of precipitation, coastal watersheds are experiencing more saturated antecedent conditions and higher flows, making rivers potentially more responsive to

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additional precipitation.

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.