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UPDATE – High Streamflow Advisory – Vancouver Island Central (MAINTAINED)
ENDED – High Streamflow Advisory – Vancouver Island North and West
Issued: 10:00 AM November 16, 2026

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

- Vancouver Island – Central including the Sproat and Somass Rivers (MAINTAINED)

The River Forecast Centre is ending the High Streamflow Advisories for:

- Vancouver Island – North (ENDED)
- Vancouver Island – West (ENDED)

Weather Synopsis:

Rainfall has eased through the region. Drier and cooler weather is forecast through this week.

River Conditions:

In general, rivers across western and northern Vancouver Island have dropped significantly with eased rainfall. Persistent high flows continue on the Sproat and Somass Rivers, as lake influences take longer to move water through their river systems. Flows are expected to remain elevated into the middle of this week.

Actions:
Stay clear of the banks of swift running rivers and never drive across flooded roads, bridges or river crossings.

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.

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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.