

### State of Emergency extended to December 14, 2021

**DATE:** December 10, 2021

NEW INFORMATION IN BLUE

**HAZARDS:** FLOODING (Atmospheric River Event Nov 13-15 and Nov 27-30)

- EMBC Regional Offices: 3 PREOCs Activated: Vancouver Island and Coastal Region; Southwest; and Central operating in response to impacted Indigenous communities and local authorities. EMBC Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre is also activated to support the Regional Offices.
- First Nation Agency Representatives (including ISC, FNESS, FNHA, and MIRR – Strategic Liaison, Safety and Consultation Branch) participating in multiple operational coordination calls daily and supporting communities as needed.

#### PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW:

**Weather:** A strong winter storm is forecast to affect many parts of B.C. from Friday to Sunday. Heavy rain on the Coast, snow in parts of the Interior and mountain passes and high winds across much of the province may make for a challenging weekend in areas recovering from November's weather impacts and for the transportation sector. Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued multiple Rainfall, Snowfall, Wind and Winter Storm warnings. [https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index\\_e.html?prov=bc](https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/index_e.html?prov=bc) The River Forecast Centre has issued High Streamflow Advisories for Vancouver Island, the South Coast and the Tulameen River. [Flood Warnings and Advisories - River Forecast Centre - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

**Overview:** With the significantly improved situation, the focus is largely on recovery and managing outstanding risks including river debris and logjams. The province continues to respond to catastrophic damage to major routes between the Lower Mainland through to Hope and the remainder of the province. Fuel and travel restrictions remain in place under the *Emergency Program Act* (EPA). Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) advises the Coquihalla and the Nicola Highway (8) will take months to repair.

#### Recovery Supports:

- Indigenous communities that have infrastructure damage because of the recent flooding should submit a local government DFA application as soon as possible and no later than March 3, 2022. Local government application forms and additional information are available on the EMBC website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/financial/communities-dfa>.
  - Canadian Red Cross (CRC) has an Indigenous Peoples Responders in place for registration teams. People who remain evacuated are must register with CRC online at <http://www.redcross.ca/2021bcfloods> or by calling 1-800-585-9559. The CRC website lists locations where people can receive in-person supports. [The CRC provided a flyer for distribution on Dec 10.](#)
  - Drywall Disposal Guidance has been shared with all Emergency Programs Coordinators: [drywall disposal policy guidance for flood.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#) as well as Debris Management [Debris Management Guidelines \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
  - Indigenous Services Canada is also working directly with communities to proactively ensure that funding sources are in place to ensure that there is no gap in service with the December 15<sup>th</sup> transition.
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### Items of Common Interest:

Concerns that have been removed to manage length of this list continue to be tracked by EMBC and followed up on as appropriate.

- EMBC has begun the transition to recovery, and calls are shifting to mainly agency updates to share information with regard to reimbursements, Disaster Financial Assistance, and transitioning those still evacuated to long-term services covered by Canadian Red Cross.
- EMBC Southwest's Indigenous Operational Area Coordinators have been doing community reach out calls regarding recovery needs.
- EMBC, FNHA and FNESS have been conducting site visits to affected communities including Coldwater, and Shackan, Halalt and Penlukut. An expanded version of this Multi-Agency Support Team met with Cowichan Tribes today. Minister Murray Rankin met with Chiefs and delegates from the Merritt and Highway 8 area on Dec 7, this occurred virtually as planned flights were impacted by weather.

### COMMUNITY IMPACTS:

Nation	Access Orders/Alert	Community Impacts	Province/Agency Actions to do and taken
<b>EMBC Central Region (PREOC):</b> The PREOC will be stood down for the weekend with the next coordination call scheduled for Dec 13. DFA provided a detailed presentation on the structure, applicability of the program to First Nations, Local Authorities and individuals and how to access DFA supports. (Siska, Skuppah, Splat'sin, Ts'kw'aylaxw and Okanagan Indian Band currently removed from list due to situation stabilizing and no recent updates) FNESS has completed 125 Rapid Damage Assessments for First Nations Communities in the Central Region.			
Coldwater	Access to IR2 restored by Patchett Br and Lily Lk Rd.  Primitive access has been created via Midday Valley Road; this access is likely impassable with rain/snow.	Concerned that logjams are being removed without consultation. These may have downstream impacts.  Low supply of riprap. Concerned that transmountain is being prioritized for riprap provisions over other communities.  Power and water online in IR2.  Coldwater reports that coordination and communication has improved. Grateful for the approval for river monitors. Continuing to see water levels drop at IR 1 with monitors out there and at Patchett Bridge. A lot of bank erosion is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FLNRORD confirmed no logjams have been taken down.</li> <li>• Debris assessment is planned for tomorrow (Dec 3).</li> <li>• MOTI is working on sourcing riprap from local quarries as well as from outside sources.</li> <li>• FNESS, FNHA, EMBC and ISC visited Coldwater on Dec 1.</li> <li>• Water Survey of Canada has done a quick fix and the gauge is up and running. They plan to return to shore-up what has been completed when conditions allow.</li> <li>• FLNRO and Coldwater monitoring flows.</li> <li>• EMBC following up with concerns about pipeline</li> <li>• Flight booked Dec 4 for community members to return to community to winterize high value vehicles and homes.</li> <li>• Waiting for the drone data form FNESS to help assist damage</li> <li>• Waiting to do a flight with Trans Mountain to check the status of the pipeline through the valley to the Coquihalla.</li> </ul>

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		<p>being observed particularly where the river hits the cliffs.</p> <p>Band is working on supporting displaced people and a process for reimbursing out-of-pocket expenses for individuals.</p> <p>Jack Swartz FSR is open for 4x4 and suggested chains but is not being maintained and could possibly be snowed in. It could be used for potential egress to Coldwater IR# 2 however alternate routes like Patchett and Lily Lake Roads are preferable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In response to Coldwater's speed concerns, MoTI has confirmed that the RCMP is responsible for enforcement.</li> </ul>
<p>Cook's Ferry (located on hwy 1/8; have range tenures near Hwy 8)</p>	<p>ORDER for IR1 and 7</p> <p>ALERT for remainder</p> <p>Access to IR 1</p> <p>No access to 7 due to Hwy 8</p>	<p>IR# 1 has power, limited cell service. Some community members are beginning to trickle back into the main subdivision.</p> <p>2 houses (closest to the river) still not cleared for safety reasons; private security posted at that location still. 3 homes on IR7 completely inaccessible river as road sections absent. Will be building homes on different reserves that these people can live in come January.</p> <p>IR1 – 1 house deemed not livable and needs to be moved, fairly safe from river and further erosion. MRF working on bridge stabilization.</p> <p>ESS continues to be a challenge, denial of service, examples of poor treatment, and confusing policies.</p> <p>Water gauge at the mouth of the Nicola remains out, riverbed level is much higher due to silt level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FLNRORD drone operator be working in the area; not hired by CFIB, but aware and supports.</li> <li>MIRR will be following up on CFIB's request to meet federal ministers of ISC and CIRNAC.</li> <li>Want to better understand plan for removing or handling Hazardous Materials in the river/standing water.</li> <li>FNESS has completed rapid damage assessments, RDA reports now available to First Nations through Lightship.</li> <li>Virtual ESS teams and the ESS Info Centre out of the PECC are working on Identifying and contacting those who are still awaiting a call back.</li> <li>Coordinated over flights with the Canadian Armed Forces for the Hwy 8 Corridor.</li> <li>FLNRORD is hoping to plow the Macamurry/Laluwissen FSR to open an egress route to Spences Bridge but safety is the primary concern.</li> <li>A Multi-Agency Support Teams (MAST) visit is currently being planned with the Chief of Cook's Ferry on Friday, December 10 (10-1130am).</li> <li><a href="#">Scheduled flight for Dec 13, to finish winterizing homes that were not able to be actioned on the December 4 flight.</a></li> </ul>

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Kanaka Bar	Limited Access, Long travel times for supplies, via Hwy 1 and 12	Bad weather has arrived, lots of rain/wind, currently Siwash Creek is overflowing the roadway, staff believe a washout will take place at some point, leadership is aware. Worker from urban Systems advised that some of their monitoring equipment has been washed away.  Have access to nearby communities, but power remains an issue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two helicopters standby in case of medical emergency or food shortage.</li> <li>Hoping to arrange with Save-on-Foods and EMBC deliveries to Lytton, and neighbouring communities.</li> </ul>
Lower Nicola	Limited Access - longer travel times for supplies.	LNIB actively engaged in assisting their neighbours (Shackan, Nooaitch) and are working with FNHA, and FNESS to complete tasks such as delivery of medical supplies, prescriptions, and food/water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LNIB reached out to MIRR contacts for assistance, MIRR shared request for info to EMBC PREOC.</li> <li>FLNRORD advises Stumbles to Gordon FSR is open to local traffic only. Road is plowed and sanded but has steep sections.</li> <li>FNESS completed Recovery training.</li> </ul>
Lower Similkameen	Chopaka bridges open	Evacuation alert for Chopaka IR #7/8; Similkameen IR #2, Alexis IR #9, Ashnola IR #10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FLNRORD assisting with broad damage assessments and diking repairs.</li> <li>ENBC working to provide aerial resources and subject matter experts through FLNRORD to assist with broad damage assessments from the atmospheric river event.</li> </ul>
Nicomen (Located on Hwy 1, due west of impacted Hwy 8 area)	Isolated, no access/egress via Hwy 1 and a bridge has washed out.  Can walk safely to road.	Aware that EOC supports would be available if needed. Community member will be bringing truck repair parts.  Reporting that they have power, wi-fi and internet. May experience BC Hydro planned power outages. Nlaka'pamux health coordinating a doctor visit to Nicomen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FNESS is worked with BC Wildfire Service to airlift a generator to Nicomen, this delivery was successful on Dec 2 and a technician is on site to hook up the unit to run the community's water pump. A second generator is requested to ensure food security.</li> <li>Connected with EMBC to arrange supports, also Supported by Canadian Armed Forces.</li> <li>FLNRORD advise that the Sackam FSR into Nicomen has sustained a lot of damage, and repairs will take some time.</li> </ul>
Nlaka'pamux Health Services (NHS)		Working to ensure that Red Cross, ISC and FNESS supports are consistent throughout communities. A reminder that many members live in Merritt which has been devastated by this event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FLNRO have connected with NHS to share updates on FSR road plans and recommend 911 service continues by air to all communities past Nooaitch due to the safety and availability of these roads during bad weather.</li> </ul>

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		<p>Recovery planning needs to account for members that live both in and out of community.</p> <p>Communities are in the process of transitioning from response to recovery with members returning home to assess repairs and recovery needs.</p> <p>Grateful for last weeks Just in Time ESS training. The training went very well and the 6 people who attend the session were deployed into ESS and the resiliency center right away.</p> <p>ESS concerns are continuing with members being turned away from Merritt.</p> <p>EOCs are shutting down. Very grateful for all the work happening noting the importance of secondary egress routes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNESS report that access to RDA is available online through their Lightship tool.</li> <li>• Meeting was held with ESS this weekend to discuss needs for members whose homes may be OK but do not have access to heat or water.</li> <li>• An additional Just in Time ESS training session for another 6 – 8 people is being planned.</li> <li>• Working closely with FNHA to transition from response to recover including drinking water and septic assessments and medium to long term mental health supports.</li> <li>• FNHA is delivering mental health and traditional wellness supports by providing paper copies as well as offering many supports virtually.</li> <li>• FNHA is supporting with ESS and the City of Merritt advised that some hotel rooms should be opening up soon.</li> </ul>
<p>Nooaitch</p> <p>(Located directly on the Highway 8 corridor)</p>	<p>Limited Access</p> <p>Evacuation Order for IR10</p> <p>Spius Creek Bridge reopened.</p>	<p>4 Properties on Shackelly Road still remain without power, phone lines or cell service. As of Dec 6, 10 homes in Nooaitch have had power restored.</p> <p>Firewood delivery has occurred.</p> <p>Nooaitch's recovery manager information has been shared with EMBC.</p> <p>Nooaitch would like to have a report out from FLNRO's recon flight with flood safety engineers to assess debris and log jams at Spius Creek.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNESS Task Force assisting in Rapid Recovery session</li> <li>• FNESS conducted community outreach, RDAs and filling resource requests for generators to be airlifted in.</li> <li>• FLNRO will share information from their recon flight.</li> <li>• 2 generators and tidy tank with gas for the water treatment plants are slated for delivery Dec 6, had been waiting for the Spius Creek Road and bridge to re-open (FNESS and ISC supported).</li> <li>• Recovery Manager has been approved.</li> <li>• EMBC sourcing winterized ATCO units for displaced members, ISC supporting the cost.</li> <li>• FNHA conducting drinking water and septic assessments.</li> <li>• FNESS in Nooaitch hauling hay bales.</li> </ul>

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		Security remains on site at Spius Creek bridge, watching for debris and river levels and to ensure traffic crosses the bridge safely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young workers from the Nooaitch Indian Band helping to build dams along the Nicola River as we work together to get access for communities along the Highway 8 corridor.</li> </ul>
Shackan  (Located in Hwy 8 corridor, currently with no highway access, some FSR access)	No Access.  Evacuation ORDER issued Nov 15	<p>Most members out, most at CIVEO, some in 100 Mile.</p> <p>Power outage remains for 30 homes. Security concerns due to FSR roads in the area re-opened.</p> <p>Concerns about evacuees being evicted from hotels due to double booking.</p> <p>Concerns about lack of support for one rancher who remains in the area to care for 100 cattle. Would like to connect with BCHydro on the repair plans ahead.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BC Hydro has assigned a crew to restore power however there is not yet an estimated time for restoration. There is hope that parts of Shackan could be energized by Dec 10.</li> <li>FNESS, FNHA, EMBC and ISC visited Shackan on Dec 1.</li> <li>FNESS is completing needs assessments with Shackan.</li> <li>FNESS advise that RDAs have been completed in Shackan;</li> <li>FLNRORD indicate they are working with Shackan to grade the road to the community.</li> <li>FLNRORD advises Stumbles to Gordon FSR is open to local traffic only. Road is plowed and sanded but has steep sections.</li> <li>Chief Lampreau has requested a flight to see damages. EMBC is coordinating this request.</li> <li><a href="#">FNESS is working with Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries to provide two weeks' worth of feed for the horses in Shackan to be delivered over the next two days. Long term planning is taking place with CDART to assist in getting enough feed to carry through until April 2022.</a></li> </ul>
Tsal'alh		Community completed some emergency trench digging to divert water away from structures and is monitoring overnight for landslide hazard from the nearby steep creeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FNESS reports they are working with FNHA for RDAs.</li> </ul>
<b>EMBC Southwest Region:</b> <a href="#">The PREOC will be stood down for the weekend with coordination calls next week to be scheduled only if required.</a> The (Boston Bar, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Peters, Shxw'ow'hamel, Skwah, Skowkale, Squamish, Yale and Union Bar currently removed from list due to situation stabilizing and no recent updates.)			
Boothroyd		Generally improving situation is allowing down staffing of EOC and there are no damages from flood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FLNRORD advise that they will have to determine next steps on debris as it requires hazard assessment.</li> <li>Working with EMBC as needed for recovery supports.</li> </ul>
Chawathil	SOLE for flooding issued Nov 29	<p>EOC activated.</p> <p>All houses now protected from flooding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBC and Chawathil calls ongoing to discuss community needs resulting from assessments.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Evac ALERT issued Nov 29</p> <p>Pavement gone prevents access to two homes.</p>	<p>Would like to discuss reimbursement for sheltering/housing expenses</p> <p>Water is starting to slowly recede, and work is continuing in the slough. Water is still coming in from all directions and new blockages are continually being found.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNHA and FNESS completed assessments (reassessment on Dec 5) on homes and septic. Inspections of 7 homes found that there was damage and water inside dryers, furnaces etc.</li> <li>• Dehumidifiers arrived Dec 2 and are being deployed today.</li> <li>• Working with the PREOC on an EAF for gravel to rebuild the road base.</li> <li>• Provisioned pumps have arrived and helping with transition to recovery efforts.</li> </ul>
Kwantlen		<p>EOC activated.</p> <p>9 homes at risk due to flooding and septic impacts.</p> <p>Concerns regarding contaminated waters entering the Fraser River. Salmon habitat restoration projects don't seem to be doing too well.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC understands that a cross-agency response is occurring regarding contaminated water response.</li> <li>• Kwantlen have arranged pumps to remove water.</li> </ul>
Leq'á:mel	Repairs to Taylor rd (access/egress) underway	<p>Virtual EOC activated Nov 15, confirmed active Nov 23.</p> <p>Sent letter outlining concerns about funding for repairing the Taylor Rd dike.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC following up on concerns about Taylor Rd dike.</li> <li>• Engineers from CAF have advised that repairs to the dike requires immediate attention, with further inspections required over the winter.</li> <li>• MOTI checkpoints reminded of Section 35 rights.</li> <li>• Order has been placed for sandbags.</li> <li>• EMBC will reach out to Leq'á:mel to discuss the current situation and deployment of tiger dams.</li> </ul>
Lil'wat First Nation		<p>EOC activated.</p> <p>Evacuation order in Birken has affected some community members. Plugged culverts are an issue in the area. Expressed appreciation for increase in communication. Concerned about impacts to salmon from pollution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC supporting LFN to provide supports to evacuees/stranded motorists.</li> <li>• EMBC is coordinating just in time training of ERA/ESS tool for community</li> </ul>
Lower Stl'at'imx	In-SHUCK-ch FSR restored.	<p>EOC stood down on Nov 18.</p> <p>Concerns on In-SHUCK-ch FSR and impacts that additional traffic may have (due to 99 closures) as road is seeing some instability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telus optic cable severed in the 39km slide area has been repaired.</li> </ul>



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	Impacts to 99 currently	Interested in MoTIs plans to lift the essential travel restrictions on Hwy 99 to allow for non-essential health staff time to plan community visits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoTI will connect directly as well as share the information more broadly on an upcoming coordination call when updates regarding 99 are available.</li> </ul>
Lytton First Nation  (info being rptd to SWE and CTL offices)	<p>Limited Access.</p> <p>Evacuation ORDER for 56 FN Lands due to the fires.</p> <p>Hwy 1 corridor is extremely challenging only egress from Lytton up Hwy 12 to Lillooet.</p>	<p>EOC confirmed active Nov 23. Flood team physically in Lytton, EOC located at Camp Good Hope. Lytton First Nation housing 200+ wildfire evacuees at Camp Hope.</p> <p>Lytton EOC has shared concerns that the EOC is unsure of the location of some evacuees, and the Dec 15 transition of ESS to the Red Cross may result in Lytton evacuees experiencing a loss of supports.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBC to arrange call with ISC, FNHA and LFN regarding water systems concerns.</li> <li>FLNRORD is hoping to plow the Macamurry/Laluwissen FSR to open an egress route to Spences Bridge but safety is the primary concern.</li> <li>With the support of ISC FLNRO is going to plow and provide signs for the Macamurry/Laluwissen FSR to be used as an emergency egress route. This should only be used if all other routes are not passable as it is only accessible to 4x4 vehicles and experienced drivers. Lower Stl'atl'imx Tribal Council echoed the need for signs as the route is challenging to navigate.</li> <li>ISC is supporting LFN's request for a water refilling station for the community.</li> <li>Multi-agency coordination is underway to provide secondary access routes.</li> </ul>
Matsqui		<p>EOC Activated. Feeling well supported by EMBC, FNESS and others.</p> <p>Flooding around Harris Road North has impacted 5 houses. Sandbagging was largely done by volunteers due to jurisdictional issues with local government concerned about providing support on reserve.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBC to follow-up with Matsqui on jurisdictional issues.</li> <li>EMBC to reach out to Matsqui on their emergency needs and if there are any supports available to them.</li> <li>Concern raised that an education campaign regarding Section 35 rights should be relayed to those running highway checkpoints.</li> <li>FNHA is assisting with home assessments.</li> <li>Surplus of sandbags in community.</li> </ul>
Musqueam		EOC activated Nov 17 and has become virtual. 10 homes damaged - basements flooded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RDA process completed on a total of 11 homes - 10 had minor damage and 1 home has moderate damage.</li> </ul>
Seabird		EOC activated Nov15 EOC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBC and ISC responded to recovery related questions, and will be available to work with the community one on one in the days ahead.</li> </ul>



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		<p>Seabird noted that they have CP holders on their lands and had questions with regard to coverage of repairs on these properties.</p> <p>Have received an estimate from a contractor to complete a flood assessment however are still waiting for approval.</p> <p>Reports the situation has stabilized.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TELUS responded to bandwidth needs into the community.</li> <li>• EMBC and Seabird worked together on the request for flood assessments and reporting for critical infrastructure and the request is approved.</li> <li>• Breach along Seabird island road being assessed</li> <li>• EMBC Recovery setting up an in-person meeting with the DFA Field Manager next week</li> </ul>
Semiahmoo	Limited	<p>EOC Activated Dec 1.</p> <p>Reported slope damage to MOTI, EMBC, and ISC. A 400ft. section of the slope is sloughing off with trees and debris landing on power lines and road below, potentially jeopardizing access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOTI and contractor Mainroad taking steps to repair slope.</li> <li>• EMBC assigned task number.</li> <li>• Geotech assessment of Beach Road completed.</li> </ul>
Shxwh:ay		<p>EOC activated.</p> <p>Community itself not flooding but noting that food supplies are an issue and working to obtain necessary supplies.</p> <p>Food security concerns continue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC is responding to food resourcing.</li> <li>• Food security concerns are being addressed within the community.</li> </ul>
Skawahlook		<p>EOC activated Nov 15</p> <p>No Landlines, Power and Internet restored.</p> <p>Working with Sysco to get a food order which should stock the community with needed supplies while we wait out this next week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNESS Task Force was on site today.</li> <li>• FNESS is in community today and are planning to start recovery work Monday, Dec 6.</li> </ul>
Soowahlie		<p>EOC activated Nov 15, confirmed active Nov 23.</p> <p>Community boil water advisory is still in effect.</p> <p>Community has concerns and questions re: Cultus Lake/Sweltzer Creek and Columbia Valley Hwy road closures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longer-term food stability concerns.</li> <li>• EMBC &amp; Agencies following up directly.</li> <li>• Restoration work to start Monday, Dec 6 and bottled water donation will be distributed at a later date at discretion of community.</li> </ul>
Spuzzum	Hwy 1 Hope to Boothroyd	<p>EOC activated</p> <p>No landlines, spotty internet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spuzzum Leadership would like to discuss options related to the road to their water treatment site.</li> </ul>

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	open for essential travel	Spuzzum Leadership reports that the road to water treatment site is very steep, as an old glacial valley road. Maintenance carried out partially by FLNRORD, and then also by BC Hydro. Leadership would appreciate the opportunity to discuss options for the road, as it's a challenge. Need some coordination with operator and need funding for this.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical experts are working on system. FNESS is in community to support efforts.</li> <li>• Spuzzum connected with FLNRORD regarding road.</li> <li>• Telus working on resolving landlines.</li> <li>• EMBC will connect with Spuzzum on the dam.</li> <li>• EMBC supporting Spuzzum with water truck/supply requests.</li> <li>• FNESS assisting with Geo-tech request.</li> <li>• Indigenous Services Canada is looped into cover the costs not covered by EMBC.</li> </ul>
Sto:lo Tribal Council		<p>Identified the need to have clear points of contact for communities to be able to get immediate help during an event.</p> <p>An immediate response is required to mitigate the impacts to fish bearing streams during spawning season.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC to follow-up regarding concerns of unanswered questions.</li> <li>• Sto:lo Tribal Council is requesting a Section 91 order for fish bearing streams. EMBC has reached out to FLNRORD. EMBC will follow up again.</li> <li>• EMBC will follow up with the location and amount of tiger dam assets and gabion baskets.</li> </ul>
Sts'ailes	Road condition and access has been improved.	<p>Work underway repairing Fleetwood FSR, access to drinking water tower achieved, (water to 600 people in Sts'ailes).</p> <p>Houses that are flooded have subsided; one house is still affected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMBC working with Sts'ailes on needs. A geo-tech assessment of exposed water pipe occurred November 20.</li> <li>• Sandbags and sand have been received.</li> <li>• Flood assessor has now been onsite.</li> <li>• 3,000 Sandbags delivered.</li> </ul>
Sumas	Evacuation Order issued on November 16	<p>EOC activated Nov 16</p> <p>Concerns regarding contaminated waters entering the Fraser River. Would like to better understand what is being done.</p> <p>Roads are open and power has been restored.</p> <p>Overseeing/included in dike repair operations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting to do damage assessments.</li> <li>• EMBC understands that a cross-agency response is occurring regarding contamination.</li> <li>• FNESS participates in a flood response call incl. community, Abbotsford, EMBC.</li> </ul>

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Tzeachen		Tzeachen were on today's coordination call regarding recovery and requested clarification on the ability to move forward with repairs so as not to delay and potentially see greater damage to the homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RDAs complete, repair quotes received. DFA application underway.</li> <li>EMBC and ISC responded to recovery related questions and will be available to work with the community one on one in the days ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>EMBC Vancouver Island and Coastal Region: The VIC PREOC has stood down response to the atmospheric river event.</b> The Next ESS Coord Call for Impacted Communities in VIC Region is at 11:00 Saturday, Dec 11th (Dzawada'enuxw, Ehattesaht, Kyuquot, Huu-ay-aht, Malahat, Esquimalt, Wuikunuxv, Kitasoo and Nuxalk are currently removed from list due to situation stabilizing and no recent updates.)			
Cowichan Tribes	<p>ORDER for Sahilton Rd</p> <p>Joint SOLE cancelled Dec. 7.</p> <p>All roads are open and clear.</p>	<p>Community doing well. Providing to one displaced household. Damage assessments are being re-done on some homes.</p> <p>120 evacuees (approximate)</p> <p>There continue to be areas of high risk are around Sahilton and Wilse'em, which are in the watershed area. This is where there is a lot of fringe flow. Over 100 homes need to be raised due to flooding impacts.</p> <p><a href="#">The Community needs to redeploy sandbags ahead of this weekend's weather.</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with Multi-Agency Support Team including reps from EMBC, ISC, FNESS, FLNRO &amp; MoTI, visited the community on Dec 3.</li> <li>Communities very pleased with efforts and stressed the importance of having an EMBC operations person in the field to help guide the work alongside other partners and the community.</li> <li>Community presented on river and erosion impacts and concerns related to mitigation efforts needed in the future, as well as funding and recovery.</li> <li>FNESS Task Force provided clean-up support in Cowichan.</li> <li><a href="#">Recovery Manager funding has been approved.</a></li> <li><a href="#">CVRD will provide 15,000 sandbags and an EAF to support the work has been approved.</a></li> </ul>
Halalt	<p>Joint SOLE cancelled Dec. 7.</p> <p>Evacuation order in place</p>	<p>Seeking structural engineer to assess damage to structures.</p> <p><a href="#">The Community needs to redeploy sandbags ahead of this weekend's weather.</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restoration company contracted, and a structural engineer to provide assessments. Supplies to dehumidify arranged.</li> <li>ESS needs are currently being taken care of by FNHA.</li> <li>Halalt &amp; FNESS have created an action plan and BCWFS is onsite to assist.</li> <li>FNESS assisted with pick-up of dehumidifiers, heaters and blowers</li> </ul>
Penelakut	Joint SOLE cancelled Dec. 7.	50 evacuees (approximate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cowichan Valley ESS provided initial ESS Services for Penelakut evacuees.</li> <li>RDAs are scheduled to be completed (Dec 7).</li> </ul>

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		The Community needs to redeploy sandbags ahead of this weekend's weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMBC working to provide sandbags and resources to fill them.</li> </ul>
Stz'uminus		The Community needs to redeploy sandbags ahead of this weekend's weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand, sandbags and a machine are scheduled to be in community today along with BCWFS personnel.</li> </ul>
Snuneymuxw	Evacuated 5 houses	Been able to use isolation trailers (used for COVID-19); but has been cold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FNESS offer to assist with debris removal (Dec 9/10).</li> <li>Using existing contracting relationships, work has begun on homes needing restoration.</li> </ul>
<p>W̱SÁNEĆ</p> <p>(Reporting for Pauquachin, Tsartlip, Tsawout Tseycum)</p>		<p>W̱SÁNEĆ First Nations</p> <p>Emergency team coordinator Rich Elliot (FNESS) coordinating response the situation is stabilizing with no updates today.</p> <p>Washed out holes with galvanized pipe. Concerned for W. Saanich Rd.</p> <p>Community identified a desire for a video presentation outlining funding streams as they are an oral people and written info is not ideal. In addition, the community requested a list of available recovery managers and community navigators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rented excavator to keep ditches clear from debris.</li> <li>Received 2000 sandbags from marine department.</li> <li>District of Saanich is also supporting response and recovery.</li> <li>Recovery Funding Coordination call held today (Dec 8) with W̱SÁNEĆ Nation regarding identification of potential available funding streams.</li> <li>This list will need to be developed as the current list doesn't have many resources listed.</li> </ul>

### FIRST NATION RECEPTION CENTRE UPDATES:

There are likely more reception centres and/or Indigenous support networks that what is provided here, as well as many informal arrangements that aren't yet known.

- Cowichan Tribes:** Community centre and gym have transitioned from reception centres to resiliency centres.
- Lytton First Nation** is managing the reception centre (and their EOC) at Camp Hope.
- Seabird Island Band:** Gym and band office open as warming centres.

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### AGENCY UPDATES:

- FNESS is transitioning from response to recovery. A recovery position has been established and other management positions have shifted from a response to a recovery focus. Staff from Alberta and the Yukon are being sent home and as of end of day Dec 10 the EOC will be shutting down.
- FNESS flood tools on the EOC support website and resources available to impacted communities: [First Nations Emergency Services Society of BC | Lightship Maps](#).
- FNESS collaborated with GEOBC to ensure resources are leveraged to capture and analyze data to mitigate risk and support to First Nations and other communities impacted by flooding and wildfire in British Columbia.
- FNESS worked with Central PREOC to access professional services such as Geomorphologists to perform more in-depth analysis of the data to identify strategies and actions to protect human life, property and support in recovery planning.
- [First Nation Health Authority \(FNHA\) is transitioning into recovery and continue to support traditional health and wellness needs. Traditional and Cultural wellness supports are in all ESS centres that are still open, including Merritt.](#)
- Transport Canada announced up to \$300K in new funding to support local and Indigenous community-based rail safety engagement. The Community Participation Funding Program-Rail Safety Component aims to provide short-term grants with the goal of supporting the participation of eligible communities and organizations in the development and improvement of Canada's rail safety transportation system. Recipients will be encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise of local environments to help inform rail safety initiatives and future programming.
- All [road closures](#) can be found at DriveBC.
- [ISC is transitioning into recovery holding 1:1 calls with Nations to determine their specific recovery needs.](#)
- MIRR has released a new consultation bulletin regarding [Consulting First Nations During Emergency or Critical Circumstances](#) following the recent extreme weather events.
- MIRR is staffing the PECC in-person as an Agency Representative, and the SWE PREOC in functional roles. This team is actively supporting EMBC in the response effort and is available to provide strategic advice, guidance and participate in other response related needs as required. The Profiles of Indigenous Peoples tool is continually being updated to ensure that staff working with Indigenous communities are aware of impacts.

### SOURCES:

As this is a dynamic situation, information noted in this document is subject to change quickly and is considered correct as at end of day.

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- Information shared by Indigenous communities during EMBC-hosted coordination calls.
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- Alerts, Order and status information gleaned from EMBC, FNESS Situation Reports.