

**Flood watch –
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Porcupine River at Old Crow

May 16, 2022 at 9:30 am

Current conditions

Part of the ice jam upstream of the Bluefish River released just before 3 pm on May 15, resulting in a 90 cm decrease in water levels at Old Crow. Satellite imagery from the evening of May 15 confirms the ice jam is still in place, although the upper end of the jam has retreated downstream by 8 km. Water levels have increased slowly over the last 18 hours and are currently stable close to 50 cm below yesterday's peak.

Weather forecast

Temperatures remain cool in Old Crow, with below seasonal daytime highs for the next 3 days and overnight lows below freezing. Snow and flurries are forecast from tonight through Tuesday night.

Water level forecast




Cool weather is moderating flows from upstream tributaries, but may also delay the melting and complete release of the ice jam, keeping water levels elevated in the near term. Ice runs are expected to continue moving down the Porcupine River from the Bell River and the upper Porcupine River over the coming days and may result in small water level rises, however water levels are not expected to increase beyond the peak water level observed in Old Crow on Sunday.

Flood and travel advice

The public is advised to stay clear of the fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks during the high-streamflow period. Flood prone property owners are advised to have a plan in place in the event of a flood. See [Yukon.ca/floods](https://www.yukon.ca/floods) for more information.

We will continue to monitor conditions and will release advisories as necessary.

Advisory and warning levels

-  **High streamflow or water advisory:** Lake levels or river flows or levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.
-  **Flood watch:** River or lake levels are rising and will approach or may exceed banks. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes may flood.
-  **Flood warning:** River or lake levels have exceeded or will exceed banks or flood stage very soon. Areas beside affected rivers and lakes will flood.

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