

High water advisory - ENDED

Southern Lakes

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Current conditions

Water levels on the Southern Lakes, including Bennett Lake, Tagish Lake and Marsh Lake, peaked August 30 and have dropped 7-8 centimetres since that time. Current water levels are well above average for this time of year.

Weather forecast

Close to seasonal temperatures are forecast over the next week with daytime highs in the mid-teens and overnight lows just above freezing. Multiple low pressure systems may bring precipitation to the Alaskan coast and mountain passes but minimal precipitation is expected to fall within the Southern Lakes basin.

Water level forecast

Water levels will continue to decline as glacial melt is decreasing and minimal precipitation inputs are expected in the short term. Seasonal precipitation is also transitioning to snow accumulation in the high elevation headwaters of the Southern Lakes. A small increase in water level of a few centimeters may be observed on Marsh Lake for a few days when Yukon Energy raises Schwatka Lake.

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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