

Update: High water advisory – Southern Lakes

September 17, 2021 at 9 a.m.

A flood watch is being downgraded to a high water advisory for:

- Bennett Lake, Tagish Lake and Marsh Lake

Southern Lakes water levels have fallen approximately 65 centimetres since the July peak. The rate of water level decline has increased to approximately 3 centimeters per day over the last 48 hours.

As air temperature continues to decline, glacier melt runoff is slowing and precipitation will begin to accumulate as snow at high elevation. The outflows from Marsh Lake are still high while inflows continue to drop, causing the rate of water level decline to increase.

Currently, water levels remain above the minor flooding threshold and may still be affecting some properties. Shoreline erosion continues to be a threat. The Government of Yukon is actively gathering professional advice on flood remediation and recovery. We will release more information soon on the management and/or removal of berms.

We will continue to monitor conditions and will provide updates as conditions change.

Advisory and warning levels

High streamflow or water advisory means that river or lake levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

Flood watch means that river or lake levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull or flood stage. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers and lakes may occur.

Flood warning means that river or lake levels have exceeded or will exceed bankfull or flood stage imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers and lakes affected will result.

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