



National Weather Service Alaska Region Web Weather Guide

A tool for assignment editors, reporters and other web users

Navigating National Weather Service Web Pages:

National Weather Service (NWS) main page: <http://weather.gov>. This URL launches an interactive U.S. map - click on any location on the map and the nearest NWS forecast office web page will appear. Alaska's NWS forecast offices are located in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

Click on "Tsunamis" on the left side of the page to visit the National Weather Service tsunami page. From there, users may link to the website for the West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska which provides tsunami warning guidance for the Canadian coastal provinces, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and all U.S. coastal states except Hawaii. A graphic at the top of the page quickly alerts users as to whether a tsunami bulletin is in effect.

Click on the "Water" tab for a map of river gauges, represented by small, colored squares. The flooding key is: green: no flooding; yellow: near flooding; orange: minor flooding; red: moderate flooding; and purple: major flooding. Clicking on the map launches a map of the hydrologic service area of a particular weather forecast office. Selecting a particular river gauge will display a hydrograph showing the river level history, current state, and forecast. Additional information may be provided such as crest and low water records.

The NWS Alaska Region Headquarters page can be accessed directly at <http://www.arh.noaa.gov>. The "Public Statements" link on the left side of the page takes users to various record event reports and public statements of interest to the media. The "Video Gallery" and "Brochures" links contain information on various topics. Clicking upon "Weather Offices" takes the user to the websites for Alaska's three Weather Forecast Offices, the West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center, the Aviation Weather Unit, the Center Weather Service Unit, the Alaska Pacific River Forecast Center and twelve Weather Service Offices.

The interactive NOAAWatch Daily Briefing page provides links to numerous websites covering environmental hazards throughout the U.S., covering topics from severe weather, tsunamis, floods, climate impacts and more. Visit <http://www.noaawatch.gov/briefing.php>.