

Storm Contacts - are local citizens and/or businesses that are willing to give weather reports to the local weather office, on wind speed, snowfall, snow depth, rain fall amounts and other weather phenomena. This “end of the storm” information helps to verify the accuracy of the storm, and report record events as they happen.



Spotter Program –A Spotter is a recognized citizen volunteer and serves as the “eyes and ears” of the National Weather Service during severe weather. They are certified as Spotters, once they have completed the training, which is available via the web. Spotters are a vital part of the weather process in Alaska, as they are located in remote areas where weather stations are not available. The data the Spotters provide is critical to the accuracy and verification of the local and state-wide forecasts.

WEATHER BROADCAST TIMES AND FREQUENCIES

Aviation Weather: 122.0 Mhz
Current and forecasted conditions

Marine Broadcast:
HF 4125KZ : 9:30am / 4:30 pm

VHF CH 9 : 6:30 am / 4:15 pm
(April through October)

Local Weather
VHF CH 9 : 6:30 am / 4:15 pm
(year-round)

National Weather Service
PO Box 215
King Salmon, AK 99613

(907) 246-3303
(907) 246-3318 fax

[Http://pakn.arh.noaa.gov](http://pakn.arh.noaa.gov)

Alaska Weather Information Line
1-800-472-0391



National Weather Service Office King Salmon Alaska



Supporting the
Aviation,
Marine
and **Local**
communities of the
Bristol Bay Area,
and the Bering Sea

The National Weather Service in King Salmon is responsible for providing marine forecasts to all mariners (in the rivers, bays, and open ocean), local weather to the communities within VHF range, and via phone/fax, and aviation weather (current and forecasted) to all aviators, local and transient.



They also provide short term forecasts, warnings and advisories, based on expected weather conditions and the impact the weather will have throughout the area.

In addition, the staff supports the World Meteorological Organization and the Weather Forecast Office in Anchorage by providing weather observations for current conditions, and launching an upper air weather balloon twice a day.



WSO King Salmon actively supports the following NOAA / NWS programs:

River Watch Program

Ice Forecast Program

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River Watch Program - is administered by the Alaska-Pacific River Forecast Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the program is to monitor the rivers in Alaska, through the use of volunteers, during breakup and freeze up season. This helps to ensure accurate information is passed to the residents who live along the rivers, to possibly prevent the loss of life and property due to flooding.



Ice Forecast Program - is administered by the Ice Forecast Center in Anchorage Alaska. As the winter progresses, and the ice moves southward, current observations on the location of the ice pack, and types of ice encountered, ensure accurate forecasts on ice movement to ensure the safety of the mariners.