

## **Coastal Fire Centre Status Report**

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Fire Activity			
Fires Currently Burning	( lightning-caused / human-caused)*  * Subtotals may not add up to the total; fires not classified as "lightning-caused" or "human-caused" are still under investigation		
New Fires Last Week			
	This Season (Since April 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Last Year (2018)	10 Year Average (2009-2018)
Total Fires to Date			
Total Hectares to Date			

Overview

Zone Activity Level					
	1	2	3	4	5
Fraser					
Pemberton					
Sunshine Coast					
South Island					
Mid Island					
North Island					
Central Coast (Bella Coola)					
Haida Gwaii					
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Fire Proh	nibitions and Res	strictions
Onon Rurning		Forest Use
Open Burning	<u>Campfires</u>	<u>Forest-Use</u>
For more information on sp Category 2, or Campfire bar	•	

Weather Synopsis	

Zone Fire Danger Rating		
Fraser		
Pemberton		
Sunshine Coast		
South Island		
Mid Island		
North Island		
Central Coast (Bella Coola)		
Haida Gwaii		

24	HR Lightning F	orecast

3-5	<b>Day Weather Outlook</b>
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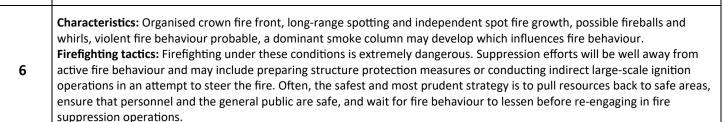


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## **Zone Activity Level** Level 1: (Exporting) Low to normal fire activity; no additional resource support is anticipated Adequate resources to deal with anticipated fire demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Zone resources may be deployed to other zones, fire centres, and out of province Level 2: (Exporting/Holding) There is an increase in fire activity; zone resources are adequate to meet their demands Monitor and anticipate possible support for non-wildfire provincial emergencies Limited resources may be deployable to other zones, fire centres, or out of province Level 3: (Holding) There is an increase in fire activity; zone may not be able to meet local resource demands Resources from other zones / fire centres may be requested to assist zone activity Long term strategic planning becomes critical in determining what resources are needed where Zone staff on standby based on anticipated needs Level 4: (Holding/Importing) The zone is experiencing a high level of fire activity Zone resources will need to be supplemented from other zones / fire centres / type 2 crews Out of province resource requests for specific or critical resources may be required if provincial resource capacity is not able to handle fire demands **Level 5: (Importing)** The zone is experiencing very significant fire activity, and/or extreme fire behaviour; heavy demands on provincial and fire centre resources are occurring and anticipated to continue Resource capacity is supplemented with staff from Wildfire TEAMS, other Ministries, the forest sector, Fire Departments, and type 2/3 resources **Fire Stages of Control Out of Control** Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained. Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been **Being Held** taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions. **Under Control** The fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

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	Fire Danger Rating		
Statu	S Description		
Low	Fires may start easily and spread quickly but there will be minimal involvement of deeper fuel layers or larger fuels.		
Modera	Forest fuels are drying and there is an increased risk of surface fires starting. Carry out any forest activities with caution		
High	Forest fuels are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Open burning and industrial activities may be restricted.		
Extren	<b>e</b> Extremely dry forest fuels and the fire risk is very serious. New fires will start easily, spread rapidly, and challenge fir suppression efforts. Open burning, industrial activities and campfires may be restricted.		
	Wildfire Ranks		
Rank	Description		
1	paracteristics: Smouldering ground fire, no open flame, white smoke, slow (i.e. creeping) rate of fire spread. refighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools and water delivery systems (i.e. pumps and hose).		
2	Characteristics: Surface fire, visible, open flame, unorganised or inconsistent flame front, slow rate of spread.  Firefighting tactics: Direct attack with ground crews using hand tools, water delivery systems, or heavy equipment.  Hand constructed control lines and lines that have been cleared of combustible material will likely be successful.		
3	Characteristics: Organised flame front – fire progressing in organised manner, occasional candling may be observed along t perimeter and/or within the fire, moderate rate of spread.  Firefighting tactics: Hand constructed control lines alone are likely to be challenged, ground crews conducting direct attack may require air support from fixed-wing air tankers, skimmers or helicopters conducting bucketing or tanking operations. Control lines constructed by heavy equipment will generally be effective.		
	Characteristics: Grey to black smoke, organised surface flame front, moderate to fast rate of spread on the ground, short aerial bursts through the forest canopy, short-range spotting.  Firefighting tactics: Ground operations may not be successful at the head of the fire, indirect tactics may be required to b the head of the fire under control. Parallel attack may be used along the flanks of the fire to direct the head into favourab		



this type of fire behaviour. Ground operations are often restricted to fighting the least active sections of the fire or conducting ground ignition operations from secure control lines with readily available escape routes and safety zones.

Characteristics: Black to copper smoke, organised crown fire front, moderate to long-range spotting and spot fire growth.

Firefighting tactics: The limited options available include indirect attack and planned ignitions to remove fuel in the path of



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ground or fuels. Air operations may be required to support ground personnel.







RANK 1 **RANK 2 RANK 3 RANK 4 RANK 5** RANK 6