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## MARINE SAFETY AND SECURITY AND INFORMATION BULLETIN 02-09

### Hazardous Conditions in Interior Alaska

Record warm temperatures in parts of interior Alaska are rapidly melting the snowpack and creating flood conditions. Ice dams and large debris have exacerbated the problem, endangering vessels moored on the Yukon River system. Vessel operators are urged to exercise extreme caution and take measures necessary to ensure the safety of their vessels. Measures should include, but not be limited to, the use of additional mooring lines.

Flood Watches are currently in effect for the Yukon River from the Canada border to Circle and for tributaries of the upper Yukon including Fortymile River and the middle Tanana Valley.

A Flood Warning is currently in effect for the Yukon River at Eagle for ice jam flooding.

A Flood Advisory is in effect for the Chena River upstream of Fairbanks.

Mariners are asked to stay current on the latest flood conditions by visiting the National Weather Service AK public forecast website at <http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/pubfcst.php>

Thank you for diligence and continued safe seamanship. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Lieutenant John Backus at (907) 271-6956.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. M. Hamilton".

H. M. HAMILTON  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
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