

John Boyle
Commissioner

dnr.alaska.gov



Department of
Natural Resources

Anchorage, Alaska

STATE OF ALASKA

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release: September 11, 2023

High Water Levels on Kenai River Presents Hazardous Conditions

(Kenai, Alaska) – Recent high-water levels in the Kenai River are creating flooding and hazardous conditions for both boaters and property owners.

Boaters are encouraged to be vigilant and cautious while on the river. Reports of property damage have given state authorities cause for concern as the high waters may cause navigational hazards due to additional floating debris.

Property owners along low-lying sections of the Kenai River are encouraged to secure personal property such as boats, propane tanks, picnic tables, etc. that may enter the river. Boaters should be aware of these potential hazards in the water, and minimize wakes when traveling downstream adjacent to low-lying sections of the river to minimize damage to personal property.

According to the National Weather Service, the water should start to go down tomorrow afternoon (Sept. 12). In the meantime, please stay cautious and respectful of property owners when navigating the flooded areas.

The Division of Parks and Recreation's mission is to provide outdoor recreation opportunities and conserve and interpret natural, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of the people.

CONTACT: Hans Rinke, Superintendent- Kenai Prince William Sound Region 907-262-5581 hans.rinke@alaska.gov

###

STAY CONNECTED:

DNR Newsroom: http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/dnr_newsroom.htm

DNR on Social Media: http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/social_media.htm

DNR Public Information Center: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/>