

# Association of Village Council Presidents Press Release

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## **Kuskokwim Communities Continue to Monitor Risk of Potential Breakup Flooding**

Bethel, Alaska - Regional Resources Coordination Committee (RRCC) Chair, Alvin Jimmie Sr., AVCP VPSO Coordinator, lead a teleconference with updates on the status of the Kuskokwim spring breakup.

The RCC is made up of representatives from the following regional organizations: AVCP, the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), City of Bethel, the Lower Kuskokwim, the Alaska National Guard, and Orutsararmut Native Council. The RCC monitors and prepares for possible flooding conditions every spring as the river ice melts and begins flowing down the river.

“We’re currently on alert from Napakiak on down to Bethel now.” says Alvin Jimmie Sr. He also reports that based on yesterday’s flyover report from the State of Alaska Emergency Operations Center and reports from privet pilots, “I think the Kuskokwim River is good. The ice is flowing freely now.”

In Napaimute, where there has been significant flood damage, the water level has dropped by about eight feet within the last 24 hours. Tuluksak reported consistent water level. Kwethluk report large sheets of ice consistently moving downriver. In Bethel, ice is moving freely and the water level is gradually dropping.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. yesterday (Monday, May 4, 2020), a loose gravel barge owned by Alaska Logistics was seen, still intact, in Kalskag. At approximately 6:50 a.m. today (Tuesday, May 5, 2020) the barge was spotted successfully passing Akiak.

The Alaska National Guard is still standing by. Today’s Kuskokwim River Watch flyover will be the last of this season, based on yesterday’s observations.

The RRCC will begin to focus more on monitoring the Yukon River, but will continue these daily calls with updates on the Kuskokwim River, until further notice.

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*AVCP is a regional nonprofit tribal consortium comprised of the 56 federally recognized tribes of the YK Delta. The geographic boundaries of AVCP extend from the Yukon River Village of Russian Mission downstream to the Bering Sea coast, north up through Kotlik and south along the coastline to Platinum and then extending up the Kuskokwim River to Stony River, including Lime Village on the Stony River tributary. The area encompasses approximately 6.5 million acres, or 55,000 square miles, in Western Alaska.*