

## LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for June, July and August are:

Precipitation:

The map showed the entire coastline expecting less than normal levels of precipitation. This band also extended and covered the lower half of the province. There was on small portion in the very north central region that is expected to see above normal levels.

Temperature:

The prediction map showed that the entire province area is expected to receive above normal levels for the three months noted above.

For the sake of comparison the Old Farmer's Almanac 2005 sees the same reporting period in this way:

Precipitation:

June and July will see significantly less precipitation than normal but August will then see significantly above normal average levels of precipitation.

Temperature:

The temperatures are to be normal for June and August and slightly above normal for July.

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## EMERGENCIES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Recent global emergencies and their aftermath's affecting large numbers of people and property include but certainly not limited to:

- Interface Forest Fires
  - May 6 – Wisconsin – the township of Big Flats experienced a recent wildfire that consumed 15 homes in the community. The fires resulted in 100 people being evacuated from their homes.

- Floods
  - May 12 – Tajikistan – prolonged heavy rain has created havoc in this former Soviet republic. There are reports of hundreds of damaged homes, crops and transportation infrastructures due to the flooding in a number of the regions provinces.
  - May 28 – Nova Scotia – there were local declarations of state of emergencies to facilitate the evacuation of a number of people from their homes. The flooding resulted from prolonged and severe rainfall. People were able to stay with relatives or friends and only a few members were housed in a shelter set up by the Red Cross.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER DRAW

As in years past the ESS Program Office is again holding a draw to provide twelve fortunate volunteers the opportunity to attend this very informative and comprehensive conference. Attached is the nominee announcement and rules for each community ESS Director. The document is also posted on the ESS website under What's New at the following internet address:

<http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/ess/whatnew.htm>

Good Luck to all nominees!

## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
May 2005	69	19 separate house fires
	8	1 flooded home (broken pipes)
	77	
April 2005	79	19 separate house fires
	53	2 police investigations
	5	1 house destroyed by vehicle
	137	
March 2005	65	19 separate house fires
	33	3 apartment fires
	1	1 flood
	99	
February 2005	90	17 separate house fires
	50	1 apartment fire
	7	3 floods
	2	1 collapsed roof
	149	
January 2005	247	31 separate house fires
	405	3 landslides
	282	7 flood
	934	
<b>Total – 2005</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>128 separate incidents</b>

## DETAILED ESS INCIDENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

The following information is intended as a “snapshot” of recent ESS activity:

2005	Incident	# of people assisted	Community
May 1	House Fire	2	Cranbrook
May 2	House Fire	4	Prince George
May 4	House Fire	3	Victoria
May 4	House Fire	2	New Denver
May 6	House Fire	1	Nanaimo
May 10	Flooded Home (broken pipes)	8	Kimberley
May 10	House Fire	6	Prince George
May 12	House Fire	5	Courtenay
May 13	House Fire	4	Campbell River
May 18	House Fire	6	Courtenay
May 23	House Fire	2	Penticton
May 23	House Fire	6	New Westminster
May 25	House Fire	4	Saanich
May 25	House Fire	1	Courtenay
May 26	House Fire	2	Victoria
May 27	House Fire	4	Prince George
May 27	House Fire	4	Castlegar
May 28	House Fire	7	Surrey
My 29	House Fire	5	Burnaby
May 29	House Fire	1	Kelowna
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77</b>	

This publication is also available on the ESS website at <http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/ess/watch.htm>

Your feedback is **important** to us at the ESS Program Office.  
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*Notice to All ESS Directors:*

**ENTER TO WIN AN  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE  
PACKAGE**

The annual Emergency Preparedness (EP) Conference will be held October 4–6, 2005 in Vancouver. The Emergency Social Services (ESS) Program Office invites ESS Directors to nominate team members for a draw to win one of twelve conference packages, based on the draw entry rules listed below. Each package includes one conference registration as well as reimbursement for pre-authorized travel costs. Two winners will be drawn from each of the six designated emergency regions in the province.

**ESS Draw Entry Rules:**

- Volunteers sponsored last year to attend the conference are not eligible for this draw;
- ESS Directors may submit the names of a maximum of four team members (which may include the Director) who have confirmed they are interested and available to attend the conference;
- Entries will be accepted only from the ESS Director;
- Names and contact information (including message number or e-mail) must be received by the ESS Program Office no later than **12 noon, Wednesday, August 3, 2005**;
- Winners will be notified between August 8-10, 2005 (only those who have won the draw will be contacted);
- If winners find they are unable to attend the conference, they must notify the ESS Program Office no later than September 12<sup>th</sup> to allow adequate time to select a replacement.

For those who do not win one of the free conference packages, but who still wish to attend at their own expense, please be advised that the early bird registration fee is available until August 22, 2005 so you will still have two weeks following the draw to take advantage of that rate.

More information regarding the conference can be found at <http://www.epconference.ca/>.

Entries may be submitted by phone, mail or fax to the contact numbers below, or by e-mail to [MHRESS@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MHRESS@gov.bc.ca).

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