



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

November 8, 2025

The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon:

This letter is to inform you of the need to extend the condition of disaster emergency for the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster. This letter shall serve as my request to extend the Declaration under AS 26.23.020(c).

A concurrent legislative resolution is required to extend the 30-day disaster emergency, per AS 26.23.020(c). The current condition of disaster emergency expires on November 8, 2025. Therefore, I believe the cost and logistics of calling a special session for this action would not be prudent. I request your concurrence that the condition of disaster emergency be extended for an additional 30 days and that a special session is not warranted.

On October 9, 2025, I declared a State disaster emergency for the State of Alaska, following the 2025 West Coast storm disaster. The impact of the storms is severe and the response is ongoing. The Declaration authorizes the suspension of regulations including requirements to obtain various state agency permits, leases, and reviews for land and resource use. This includes approvals for land access, water rights, fish habitat, wastewater disposal, and national historic preservation reviews. This extension will allow agencies to continue their accelerated response to meet the disaster.

Sincerely,

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Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure: Commissioner Saxe Memo

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cc: The Honorable Lyman Hoffman, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska Senate
The Honorable Donald Olson, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska Senate
The Honorable Bert Stedman, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska Senate
The Honorable Neal Foster, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska House of
Representatives
The Honorable Andy Josephson, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska House of
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The Honorable Calvin Schrage, Finance Committee Co-Chair, Alaska House of
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The Honorable Mike Cronk, District R, Alaska Senate
The Honorable Robyn Niayuq Burke, District 40, Alaska House of Representatives
The Honorable Nellie Unangiq Jimmie, District 38, Alaska House of Representatives
The Honorable Rebecca Schwanke, District 36, Alaska House of Representatives
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Dunleavy
Governor

THRU: Tyson Gallagher
Chief of Staff

FROM: Torrence W. Saxe, The Adjutant General
DMVA

DATE: November 7, 2025

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SUBJECT: 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster Declaration Extension

Under AS 26.23.020, the condition of disaster emergency for the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster will expire on November 8, 2025. The impacts of this disaster are significant within all areas of the declared disaster, and we continue to work to stabilize this area. Therefore, we request an extension of 30 days of the disaster declaration of October 9, 2025, including the October 23, 2025 amendment to the declaration.

The ongoing activities include emergency repair of roads, power, sewer and water systems with waiver to State permits. Additional use of State and local resources to respond to the emergency issues are ongoing. The provision of safe areas of occupancy within the disaster areas, to include identification and testing of hazardous materials, is still a concern. And temporary housing, the allocation of food, water, and donated supplies is also covered within the emergency powers. The amendment waiving certain permitting and licensing fees must continue as well, as we locate and identify survivors with those needs throughout the state.

The extension of the condition of disaster emergency has been raised by audits in previous events, so the concern to extend the period is paramount. AS 26.23.020(c) requires a concurrent resolution by the Legislature to extend the 30-day emergency period. Discussions with the Department of Law have been ongoing, to provide the best solutions for this requirement since the Legislature is not in session. In prior instances, the Governor's office sought a letter from legislative leadership stating a special session isn't prudent and giving permission to continue will meet the spirit of the statute.

We will continue to work other requirements per AS 26.23.020 as the response continues.

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A draft legislative notification letter and a draft legislative concurrence letter are attached. All documents have been reviewed by the Department of Law and the Office of Management and Budget.

Please provide scanned copies of all signed documents to the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management at dhsem.adminsupport@alaska.gov for our disaster files.

Enclosures: Draft Legislative Notification Letter
 Draft Legislative Concurrence Letter