



# *Ocean Falls Emergency Response Plan*

## **HAZARD ANNEX – SEVERE WEATHER RESPONSE PLAN**

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# Weather Storms Emergency Response Plan

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## Weather Emergency Contact List

- See **Ocean Falls EOC call out list**
- Coast Guard – Denny Island: 250-957-5706
- Power Outage and BC Hydro emergencies: 1-888-769-3766
- Boralex Power – 250- 289-3868
- Telus – repair: 611
- Red Cross: 800-661-9055

### Severe Weather Warning Issued

Contact:

Local Emergency Team (LET) - Ocean Falls Deputy EPC

Emergency Executive Committee – Coordinator  
- CCRD Rep  
- Secretary

Emergency Response Core Team - Communication Officer  
- Public Information Officer  
- ESS Officer

Emergency Response Operations – Fire Hall  
- Boralex  
- Marine Harvest

Issue warning notice to community

### Severe Storm Damage Emergency:

Contact all of above.

Initiate damage assessment and identify people in distress.

# 1 Introduction

Extreme weather events may cause damage to critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, utility and communications systems and cause all or portions of the Ocean Falls Community to become isolated. Effects of severe weather may require one or more ER Plan to be activated such as:

- **Evacuation Plan**
- **Communications Plan**
- **ESS Plan**
- **Flood ER Plan**
- **Power Outages ER Plan**
- **Land Slide ER Plan**
- **Tsunami /Storm Surge ER Plan**

## 1.1 *Weather-related Concerns*

The main types of weather events that may cause emergency situations in Ocean Falls are:

- Hurricane force winds
- Heavy snowfall or rain
- Freezing rains
- Extended period of freezing conditions
- Storm surges and large wave action.

# 2 Severe Weather Storm Notification

Notification of impending storm conditions are issued by EMBC. Local emergency personnel may also raise the storm alarm based on weather forecast information from a variety of web based weather forecasting agencies.

Storm warnings are also issued by the Marine Weather Radio Transmissions.

EEC to assess severity of situation and activate EOC as required. This may be done prior to storm landfall as preparation may require coordination and concerted effort. See CCRD Emergency Management Plan Annex A – EOC Plan.

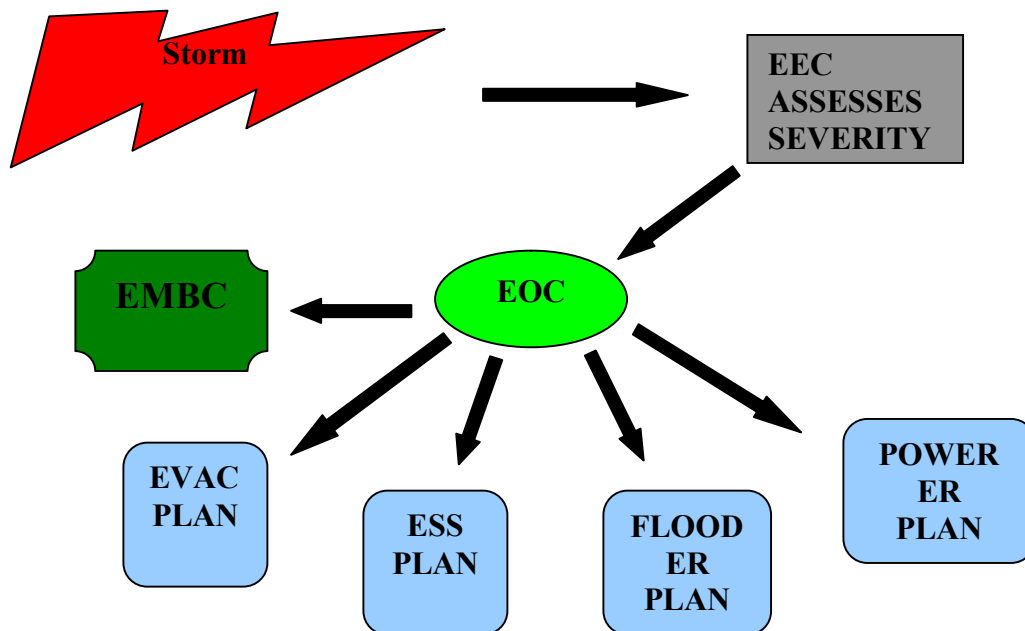
## 2.1 *Storm Notification*

When a storm warning is received, the following notification protocol will be initiated:

1. Emergency Coordinator to prepare a public information notice instructing people to prepare homes and facilities accordingly and to shelter in place or where to evacuate to if necessary.
2. Issue notice using the following means of communication:
  - a. Mass email to all persons and organizations on emergency contact list – EEC, Inter-Agency Emergency Management Council, NE Region EMBC, etc
  - b. If emergency situation is localized to a small part of the community, initiate phone call out to those residents at risk.
  - c. If the broad community is affected, initiate the ‘community phone call out tree’
  - d. Request emergency notice transmission by CBC radio to outer coast communities to take precautions
  - e. Post notice to local Facebook page and websites
  - f. For high risk areas, consider deploying qualified crews to go door to door.
  - g. Utilize VHF channel Marine 6 to transmit notice.

As the emergency unfolds, additional warnings/directions may need to be provided on an ongoing basis using the means above. See also ANNEX C – Ocean Falls Communication Plan.

### 3 Storm Damage Response



As storm is subsiding and it is safe to venture out:

- Local Emergency Team to assess severity of situation and activate EOC as required.
- Notify CCRD EEC of EOC activation
- EOC Director to review situation reports and, after consultation with EEC, initiate Emergency Response Plans as required to address specific issues.
- Initiate search and rescue using volunteer fire crew
- As SAR efforts are winding down, initiate damage assessments. Professional assessors may be needed.

#### **4 Storm Recovery**

See Recovery strategies in Section 6 of the CCRD Emergency Management Plan.