



## CHAPTER NINE: RISK MAP STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Each year the State of Alaska is asked to provide FEMA with an updated list of the priority Alaskan watersheds recommended for study under FEMA’s Risk MAP Program in the next federal fiscal year. *The Alaska Prioritization and Future Studies Sequencing Decision Support System* was developed to provide a defensible and fair prioritization of Alaskan watersheds containing NFIP-participating communities.

The table below identifies the HUC-8 watersheds and jurisdictions prioritized for future Risk MAP studies.

**Table 27: 2024 - 2026 Priority Watersheds for Risk MAP Studies**

#	HUC-8 Watershed	NFIP Participating Jurisdiction
1	19010301 Lynn Canal	Haines Borough
2	19050403 Lower Noatak River	City of Kotzebue
3	1904511 Lower Tanana River	City of Nenana
4	19050203 Buckland River	Buckland, Northwest Arctic Borough
5	19050500 Kotzebue Sound	Deering, Northwest Arctic Borough
6	19050404 Wulik-Kivalina Rivers	Kivalina, Northwest Arctic Borough
7	19050304 Lower Kobuk River	Kobuk, Northwest Arctic Borough
8	19010301 Lynn Canal	Municipality of Skagway

Preliminary outreach has been made with Haines Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough. Additional outreach and engagement with these jurisdictions will be made in the coming year to determine local interested in the Risk MAP process.

The map on the next page (page 156) shows the locations of these seven watersheds and the communities within each watershed.



Figure 42: Map of Risk MAP Priorities 2024 - 2026

