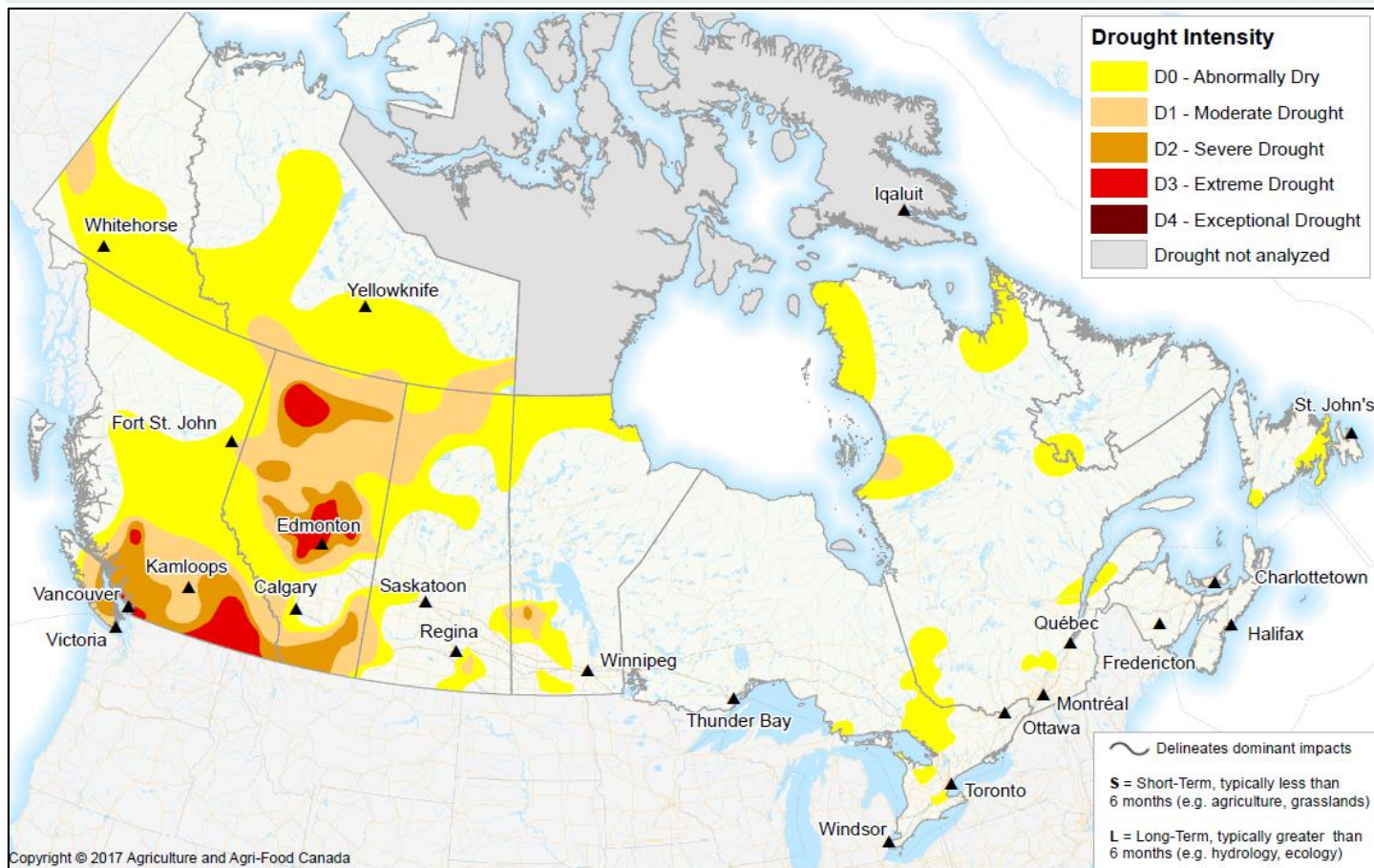


Canadian Drought Monitor

Conditions as of September 30, 2015



Recent periods of rain across the western provinces has led to an overall improvement in drought conditions. British Columbia shows the most improvement across the region while Alberta still continues to battle with Extreme Drought (D3) and Severe Drought (D2) across most of the province. Unfortunately, central Canada has slightly worsened since August as new areas experiencing Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions have developed both in northern and southern areas.

Pacific Region (BC)

Precipitation in recent months along the central west coast of British Columbia have improved conditions, resulting in drought being dropped on Haida Gwaii. These improved conditions



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have rippled towards the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, due to recharged streamflow levels. However, a slight expansion of Severe to Extreme Drought (D2 and D3) throughout parts of the Interior, as well as expansion of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions in the north, has led to more active wildfires across the region.

Prairie Region (AB, SK, MB)

Although Severe and Extreme Drought (D2 and D3) continues to impact many regions across Alberta, overall conditions have improved slightly. Severe Drought in the Peace region has reduced, as well as the Extreme Drought through southern Alberta as a result of sufficient rains in the previous few months. The areas stretching from Lloydminster down to Calgary have improved drastically and are no longer experiencing drought conditions. The northern part of Alberta remains relatively unchanged with the exception of a patch of Severe Drought (D2) stretching out towards Fort Chipewyan. Recent rainfall has led to improved conditions in western Saskatchewan with the reduction of the Moderate Drought (D1). There is also the reduction of Severe Drought to Moderate Drought (D2 to D1) in the northern part of Saskatchewan stretching to the northern part of Manitoba, that which is now encompassed in Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions. The drought around Weyburn remains unchanged due to lack of precipitation, as conditions in Manitoba, however, have slightly worsened. This has resulted in an expansion of both the Moderate Drought and the Abnormally Dry (D1 and D0) on the western side, as well as an expansion of the Abnormally Dry (D0) area in the south stretching from Brandon to Winkler.

Central Region (ON, QC)

Conditions in Ontario and Quebec have deteriorated; the D0 around North Bay has expanded and moved north to Amos, as well as the development of an area of dry conditions around Sault Ste. Marie and west of Barrie. Parts of Northern Québec have seen depreciation, with an area of D0 and D1 developing on the southeast coast of Hudson Bay. Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions also spread north along Hudson's Bay all the way to the Hudson Strait, as well as along the border with Labrador.

Atlantic Region (NS, NB, PE, NL)

Improvement has been seen throughout much of the Atlantic region, including the elimination of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as well as the decrease on Newfoundland.

Northern Region (YT, NT)

Overall conditions in the Yukon and Northwest Territories have had some improvements with the reduction of the Severe Drought areas becoming Moderate Drought, and some portions of

D1 being dropped altogether. There was, however, some minimal expansion of Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions along the border with British Columbia.