## **Environmental Thematic Maps and Graphics**

## Accounting for ecosystem change, 2021

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## Accounting for ecosystem change, 2021

Canada is a vast country with a wide variety of terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems shaped by varying characteristics. The country is bordered by three oceans, which have an important role in both the culture and economy of several provinces and territories. Changing climate patterns have an impact on ecosystem condition and functioning.

This product provides thematic maps associated with *Human Activity and the Environment, 2021,* covering various aspects of ecosystem accounts, including ecosystem extent and condition. The maps are based on the principles of ecosystem accounting as described in the <u>Canadian System of Environmental Economic Accounting – Ecosystem Accounts</u> and use multiple datasets from a variety of sources. For details of the methodology behind these maps please see <u>Appendix A</u> of *Human Activity and the Environment 2021: Accounting for ecosystem change in Canada*.

Data are recorded by ecoprovince,<sup>1</sup> by drainage region<sup>2</sup> and by marine ecoregion,<sup>3</sup> which are labelled on the map (Table 1).

## Land extent and landscape condition maps

This group of maps shows the location and extent of different ecosystems and average climate characteristics by ecoprovince, including temperature, precipitation, evapotranspiration and potential evapotranspiration. Also included are maps showing average annual water yield (an estimate of renewable freshwater production), forest fire and forest harvesting areas, maps presenting indicators illustrating cumulative effects of human activity on the terrestrial landscape and freshwater ecosystems, and terrestrial and marine areas of the country that are conserved through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

- Terrestrial and freshwater ecosystem extent
- Average annual temperature, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016
- Average annual precipitation, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016
- Average annual evapotranspiration, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016
- Average annual potential evapotranspiration, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016
- Average annual water yield per area, by ecoprovince, 1971 to 2014
- Forest fire and harvesting
- Human landscape modification index, 2011
- Human landscape modification index, highly modified regions, 2011
- Human freshwater landscape influences index, by drainage region
- Protected and conserved area extent, by ecoprovince and marine ecoregion depth class, 2020

## Marine and coastal maps

The second group of maps relates to marine and coastal ecosystems within Canada's exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The first five maps show depth classes and elevation features, selected ecosystems, substrates and anthropogenic modifications in Canada's marine ecoregions. Also included is a map of Canada's fishery sector-

<sup>1.</sup> An ecoprovince is a subdivision of an ecozone characterized by major assemblages of structural or surface forms, faunal realms, vegetation, hydrology, soil and macro climate. There are currently 53 ecoprovinces covering the country and they are part of the Ecological Land Classification.

Statistics Canada groups 974 sub-sub-drainage areas representing all land and interior freshwater bodies into 25 drainage regions. These drainage regions can be further grouped according
to their outflow into one of 5 ocean drainage areas: the Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Hudson Bay or Atlantic Ocean. This geography is a variant of Statistics Canada's official
classification of drainage areas, the Standard Drainage Area Classification (SDAC) 2003.

<sup>3.</sup> Marine ecoregions are ecologically-defined bioregions that cover Canada's oceans. Spatial files are located at: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 2016, Federal Marine Bioregions, <a href="https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/23eb8b56-dac8-4efc-be7c-b8fa11ba62e9">https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/23eb8b56-dac8-4efc-be7c-b8fa11ba62e9</a> (accessed January 29, 2019). Note that maps with a detailed US coast line use a shapefile from the United States Census Bureau, 2018, "cb\_2018\_us\_state\_500k.zip," Cartographic Boundary Files-Shapefile, <a href="https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/carto-boundary-file.html">https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/carto-boundary-file.html</a> (accessed February 1, 2021).

based communities. The final series of maps show sea surface temperature and salinity changes within Canada's EEZ, by depth class in each ecoregion and at a quarter degree grid.

- Marine and coastal extent by depth class, elevation features and marine ecoregion
- · Marine and coastal extent, ecosystems and substrate
  - ▶ Northern British Columbia Coast
  - ▶ Southern British Columbia Coast
  - ▶ Gulf of St. Lawrence
- Marine and coastal modifications: aquaculture sites and oil licenses, circa 2016 to 2020
- Population size and variation of 2016 fishing and seafood sector-based communities, Pacific and Atlantic coasts, 2001 to 2016
- Average sea surface temperature departures (2005 to 2017) from the climate normal, by marine ecoregion and by quarter degree grid
  - ► Annual and all seasons
  - ► Annual
  - Spring
  - Summer
  - ► Fall
  - ▶ Winter
- Average sea surface salinity departures (2005 to 2017) from the climate normal reference period, by marine ecoregion and by quarter degree grid
  - ► Annual and all seasons
  - ► Annual
  - Spring
  - ▶ Summer
  - ► Fall
  - ▶ Winter

## **Ecosystem change maps**

The third group of maps highlights some of the changes that ecosystems have experienced over time. The first seven maps represent the long-term trend of temperature departures (1948 to 2016) from the 1961 to 1990 climate normal. Also included are six maps showing annual and seasonal precipitation change over the period from 1979 to 2016. The final map shows the annual total water storage change, which is an estimate of water stored in the environment as groundwater, soil moisture, surface water, snow and ice.

- Temperature change, by ecoprovince, 1948 to 2016
  - ► Annual and all seasons
  - Annual
  - Spring
  - Summer
  - ▶ Fall
  - ▶ Winter
- Winter temperature increase greater than 5°C, northwestern Canada, 1948 to 2016
- Precipitation change, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016
  - ► Annual and all seasons

- ► Annual
- ► Spring
- ► Summer
- ► Fall
- ▶ Winter
- Annual total water storage change, by ecoprovince, 2002 to 2016

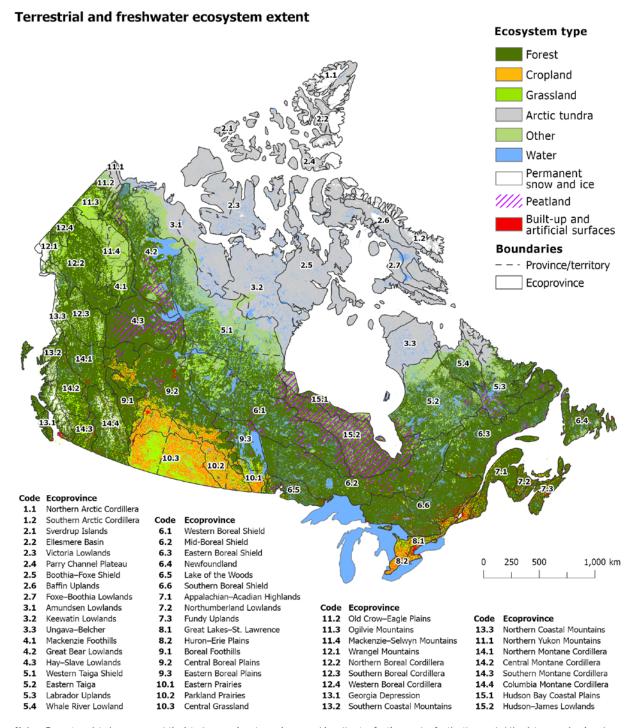
Table 1.1 Geography

Ecoprovince	Code	Ecoprovince	Code
Northern Arctic Cordillera	ordillera 1.1 Fundy Uplands		7.3
Southern Arctic Cordillera	1.2	Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands	8.1
Sverdrup Islands	2.1	Huron–Erie Plains	8.2
Ellesmere Basin	2.2	Boreal Foothills	9.1
Victoria Lowlands	2.3	Central Boreal Plains	9.2
Parry Channel Plateau	2.4	Eastern Boreal Plains	9.3
Boothia–Foxe Shield	2.5	Eastern Prairies	10.1
Baffin Uplands	2.6	Parkland Prairies	10.2
Foxe–Boothia Lowlands	2.7	Central Grassland	10.3
Amundsen Lowlands	3.1	Northern Yukon Mountains	11.1
Keewatin Lowlands	3.2	Old Crow–Eagle Plains	11.2
Ungava-Belcher	3.3	Ogilvie Mountains	11.3
Mackenzie Foothills	4.1	Mackenzie-Selwyn Mountains	11.4
Great Bear Lowlands	4.2	Wrangel Mountains	12.1
Hay-Slave Lowlands	4.3	Northern Boreal Cordillera	12.2
Western Taiga Shield	5.1	Southern Boreal Cordillera	12.3
Eastern Taiga	5.2	Western Boreal Cordillera	12.4
Labrador Uplands	5.3	Georgia Depression	13.1
Whale River Lowland	5.4	Southern Coastal Mountains	13.2
Western Boreal Shield	6.1	Northern Coastal Mountains	13.3
Mid-Boreal Shield	6.2	Northern Montane Cordillera	14.1
Eastern Boreal Shield	6.3	Central Montane Cordillera	14.2
Newfoundland	6.4	Southern Montane Cordillera	14.3
Lake of the Woods	6.5	Columbia Montane Cordillera	14.4
Southern Boreal Shield	6.6	Hudson Bay Coastal Plains	15.1
Appalachian–Acadian Highlands	7.1	Hudson-James Lowlands	15.2
Northumberland Lowlands	7.2		

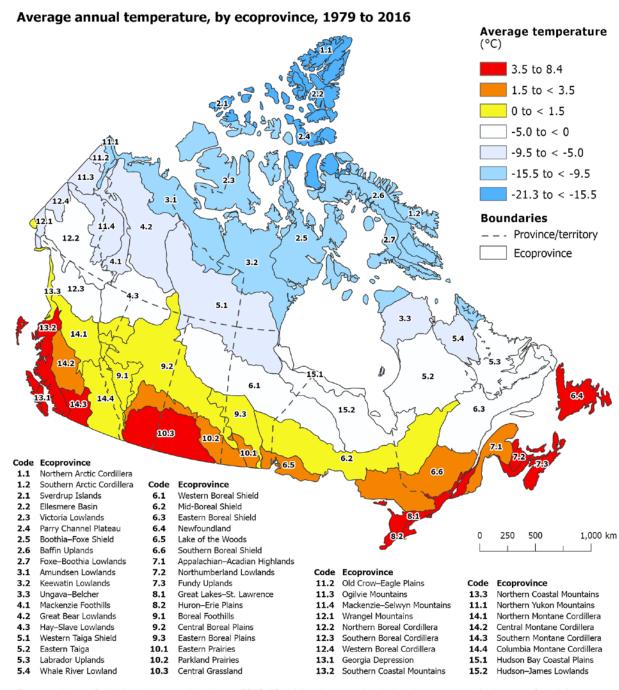
## Table 1.2 Geography

Drainage region	Code	Marine ecoregion	Code
Pacific Coastal	1	Strait of Georgia	1
Fraser–Lower Mainland	2	Southern Shelf	2
Okanagan-Similkameen	3	Offshore Pacific	3
Columbia	4	Northern Shelf	4
Yukon	5	Arctic Basin	5
Peace-Athabasca	6	Western Arctic	6
Lower Mackenzie	7	Arctic Archipelago	7
Arctic Coast–Islands	8	Eastern Arctic	8
Missouri	9	Hudson Bay Complex	9
North Saskatchewan	10	Newfoundland-Labrador Shelves	10
South Saskatchewan	11	Scotian Shelf	11
Assiniboine–Red	12	Gulf of St. Lawrence	12
Winnipeg	13		
Lower Saskatchewan–Nelson	14		
Churchill	15		
Keewatin–Southern Baffin Island	16		
Northern Ontario	17		
Northern Quebec	18		
Great Lakes	19		
Ottawa	20		
St. Lawrence	21		
North Shore–Gaspé	22		
Saint John–St. Croix	23		
Maritime Coastal	24		
Newfoundland-Labrador	25		

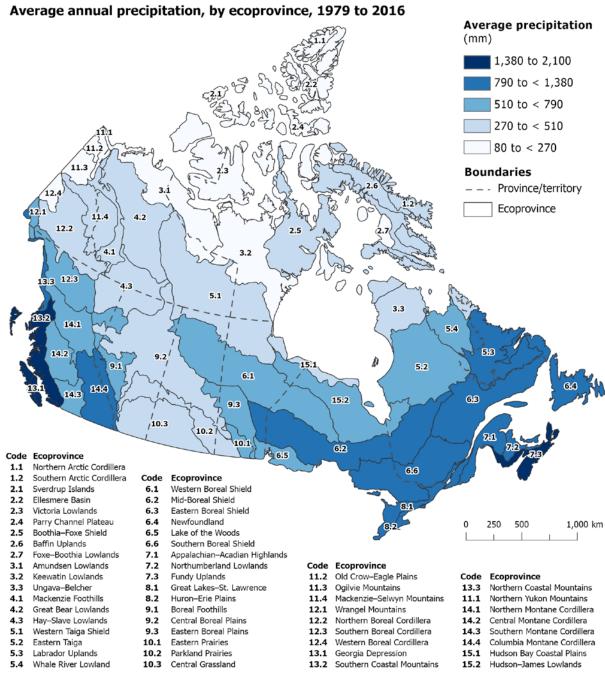
## Land extent and landscape condition maps



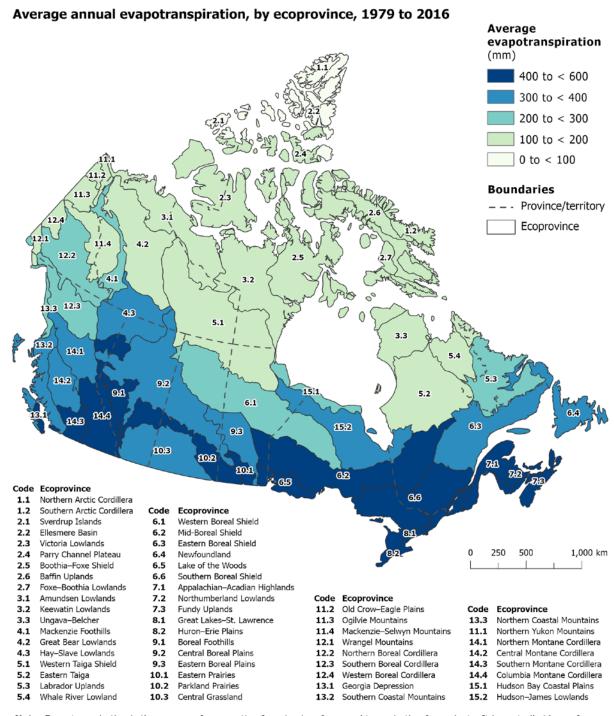
Notes: Ecosystem data here represent the latest comprehensive and comparable estimates for the country for the time period the data were developed. Data for built-up areas are from 2010. Peatlands are shown on the map where more than 50% of the soil landscape polygon is classified as peatland. Sources: Beaudoin, A., et al., 2017, Species composition, forest properties and land cover types across Canada's forests at 250 m resolution for 2001 and 2011, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), Canadian Forest Service, Laurentian Forestry Centre; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), 2020, Annual Crop Inventory, 2014-2016; NRCan, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, 2020, 2010 and 2015 Land Cover of North America at 30 metres, Ed. 2.0, Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), North American Land Change Monitoring System; Baldwin, K., et al., 2018, Vegetation Zones of Canada: a Biogeoclimatic Perspective [Map], Scale 1:5,000,000, NRCan, CFS; Tarnocai, C., I.M. Kettles, B. Lacelle, 2011, Peatlands of Canada, Geological Survey of Canada; AAFC, 2015, Land Use, 1990, 2000 & 2010.



**Sources:** Wang, S., Y. Yang, Y. Luo and A. Rivera, 2013, "Spatial and seasonal variations in evapotranspiration over Canada's landmass," *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, Vol. 17, no. 9, pp. 3561-3575; Wang, S., et al., 2014, "A national-scale assessment of long-term water budget closures for Canada's watersheds," *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, Vol. 119, pp. 8712–8725.

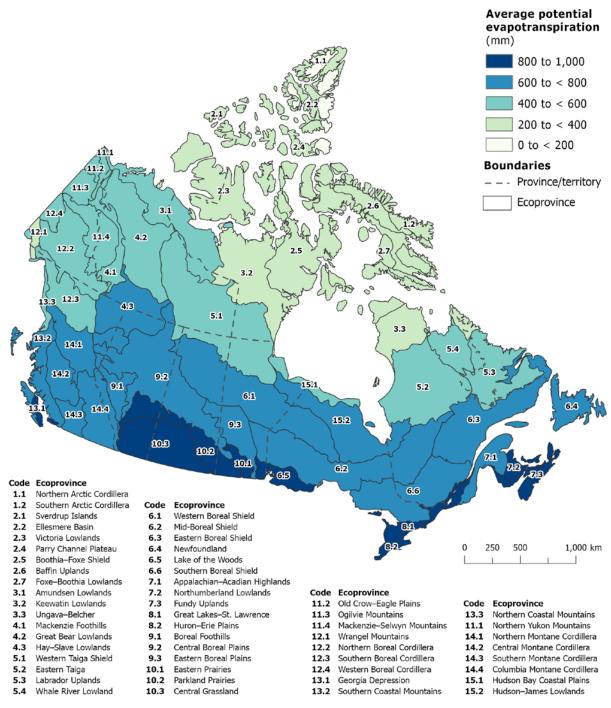


**Note:** To convert precipitation measured in depth in mm to a volume per area in m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>, divide by 1000. **Sources:** Wang, S., Y. Yang, Y. Luo and A. Rivera, 2013, "Spatial and seasonal variations in evapotranspiration over Canada's landmass," *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, Vol. 17, no. 9, pp. 3561-3575; Wang, S., et al., 2014, "A national-scale assessment of long-term water budget closures for Canada's watersheds," *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, Vol. 119, pp. 8712–8725.



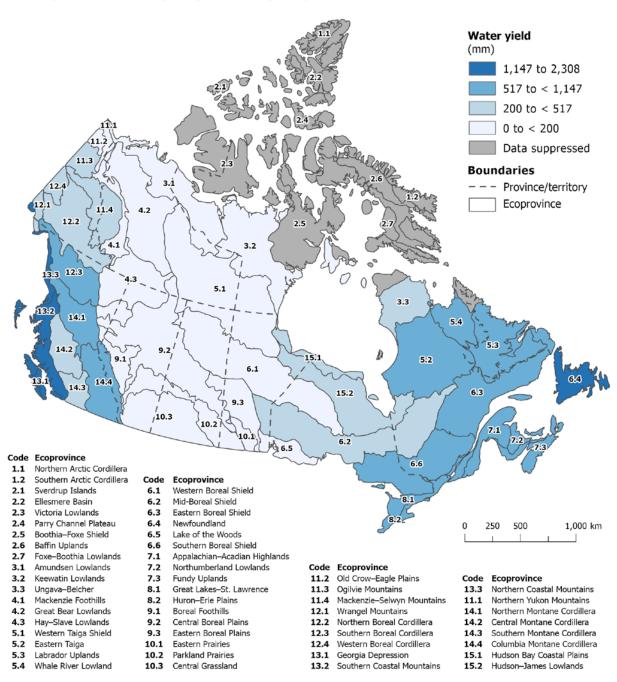
**Note:** Evapotranspiration is the process of evaporation from land surfaces and transpiration from plants. It is controlled by surface water availability and by meteorological variables such as net solar radiation, air temperature and humidity and wind speed. **Sources:** Wang, S., et al., 2014, "Assessment of water budget for sixteen large drainage basins in Canada," *Journal of Hydrology*, Vol. 512, pp. 1-15; Wang, S., Y. Yang, Y. Luo and A. Rivera, 2013, "Spatial and seasonal variations in evapotranspiration over Canada's landmass," *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, Vol. 17, no. 9, pp. 3561-3575.

#### Average annual potential evapotranspiration, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016



**Note:** Potential evapotranspiration represents the evapotranspiration that would occur without limitations on water supply, and is therefore linked to the amount of energy available to generate evapotranspiration in a specific area and is independent of water supply. **Sources:** Li, Z., S. Wang and J. Li, 2020, "Spatial variations and long-term trends of potential evapotranspiration in Canada," *Scientific Reports*, Vol. 10, no. 22089; Wang, S., et al., 2014, "Assessment of water budget for sixteen large drainage basins in Canada," *Journal of Hydrology*, Vol. 512, pp. 1-15.

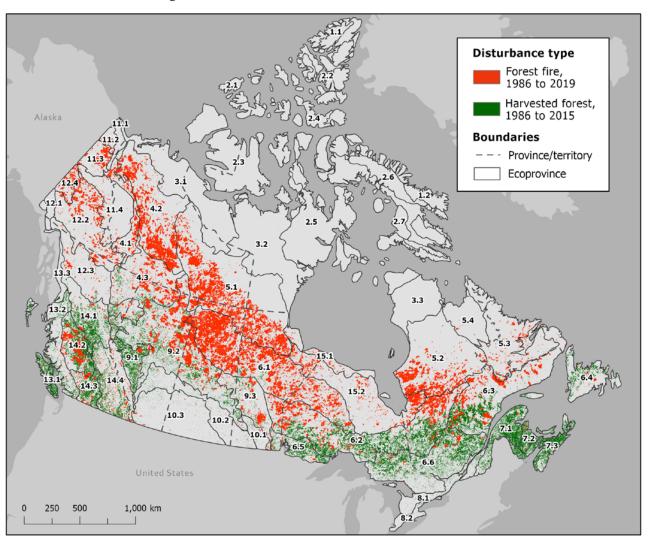
#### Average annual water yield per area, by ecoprovince, 1971 to 2014



Notes: Water yield is an estimate of freshwater runoff. Data were suppressed at the ecoprovince level for the North.

**Sources:** Statistics Canada, Environment and Energy Statistics Division, 2021, *Table 38-10-0091-01*; Spence, C. and A. Burke, 2008, "Estimates of Canadian Arctic Archipelago runoff from observed hydrometric data," *Journal of Hydrology*, Vol. 362, pp. 247-259.

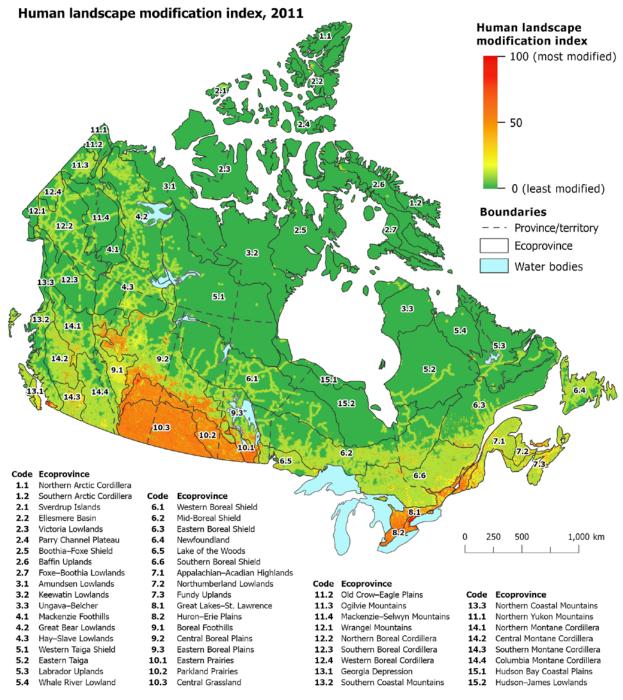
#### Forest fire and harvesting



Code	Ecoprovince	Code	Ecoprovince	Code	Ecoprovince	Code	Ecoprovince
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1.2	Southern Arctic Cordillera	5.1	Western Taiga Shield	8.2	Huron-Erie Plains	13.1	Georgia Depression
2.1	Sverdrup Islands	5.2	Eastern Taiga	9.1	Boreal Foothills	13.2	Southern Coastal Mountains
2.2	Ellesmere Basin	5.3	Labrador Uplands	9.2	Central Boreal Plains	13.3	Northern Coastal Mountains
2.3	Victoria Lowlands	5.4	Whale River Lowland	9.3	Eastern Boreal Plains	11.1	Northern Yukon Mountains
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4.2	Great Bear Lowlands	7.3	Fundy Uplands	12.3	Southern Boreal Cordillera		

**Notes:** Harvest data are identified by 30 m Landsat remote sensing. Fire data are taken from the *National Burned Area Composite*, part of the Fire Monitoring, Accounting and Reporting System, based on the integration of data from fine and coarse resolution satellite data from Natural Resources Canada and Provincial, Territorial and Parks Canada Agencies. These data differ from the harvesting and burned area totals reported in the National Forestry Database, which are based on different methodologies.

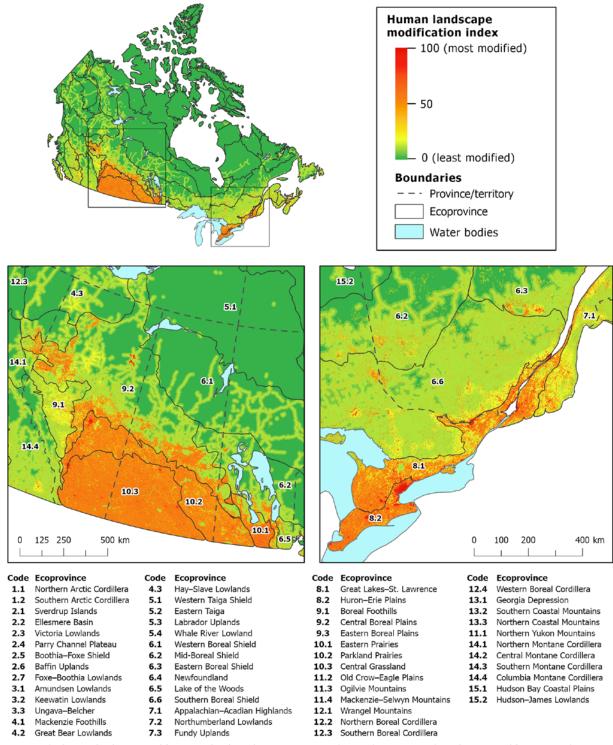
**Sources:** Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service, 2020, National Burned Area Composite (NBAC); Guindon, L., et al., 2017, Canada Landsat Disturbance (CanLaD): a Canada-wide Landsat-based 30-m resolution product of fire and harvest detection and attribution since 1984.



**Notes:** The human landscape modification index (HLMI) is a composite index used to measure direct human modifications to the landscape based on the degree that an area has been modified from a natural or semi-natural state. Values range from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating more intensively-used ecosystems.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Environment and Energy Statistics Division, 2021, special tabulation based on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), 2015, Land Use, 2010; Natural Resources Canada, 2017, Topographic Data of Canada - CanVec Series; Statistics Canada, 2017, Road Network File, 2016; AAFC, 2016, Interpolated Census of Agriculture; Guindon, L., et al., 2017, Canada Landsat Disturbance (CanLaD): a Canada-wide Landsat-based 30-m resolution product of fire and harvest detection and attribution since 1984.

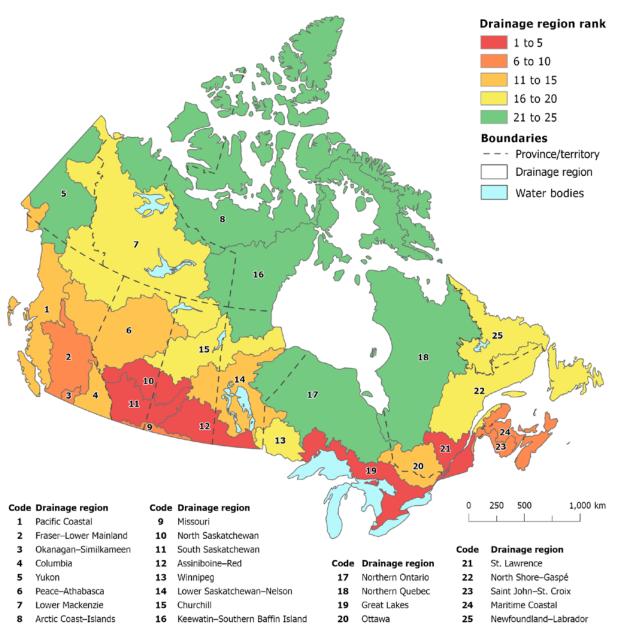
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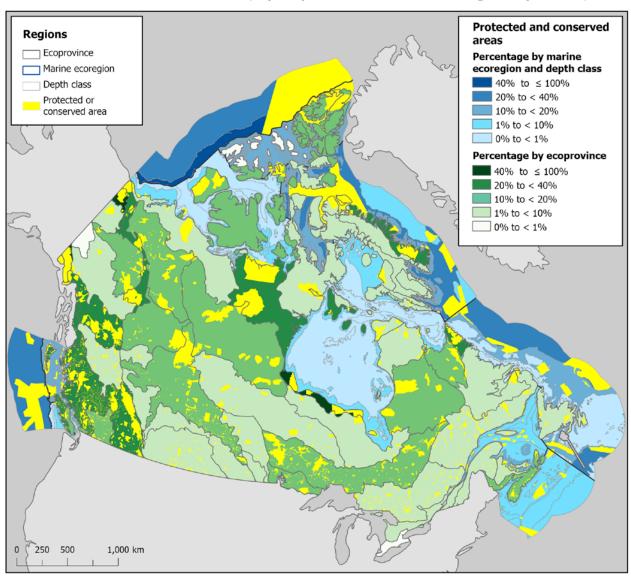
## Human freshwater influences index, by drainage region



**Notes:** The human freshwater influences index is an overall ranking of drainage regions based on individual rankings of selected anthropogenic variables that affect freshwater ecosystems. The overall rank is determined by ranking each variable individually from highest to lowest impact and then calculating the average of the rankings. Lower values indicate a higher degree of human influence.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Environment and Energy Statistics Division, 2021, special tabulation based on Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Canadian Gridded Temperature and Precipitation Anomalies (CANGRD); Statistics Canada, 2011, Census of Population; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), 2015, Land Use, 2010; Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), 2017, Topographic Data of Canada - CanVec Series; Statistics Canada, 2017, Road Network File, 2016; Statistics Canada, 2013, Table 16-403-X, Survey of Drinking Water Plants, 2011; Statistics Canada, 2014, Table 16-401-X Industrial Water Use, 2011; AAFC, 2015, Agri-environmental Indicator—Residual Soil Nitrogen (RSN); AAFC, 2015, Agri-environmental Indicator—Risk of P release in agricultural land (P-Source); ECCC, 2015, National Pollutant Release Inventory, Pollution Data and Reports; Statistics Canada, 2020, Table 38-10-0099-01 Wastewater volumes processed by municipal sewage systems (x 1,000,000); NRCan, 2017, CanVec Series; Canadian Dam Association, 2019, Inventory of Large Dams in Canada 2019.

## Protected and conserved area extent, by ecoprovince and marine ecoregion depth class, 2020

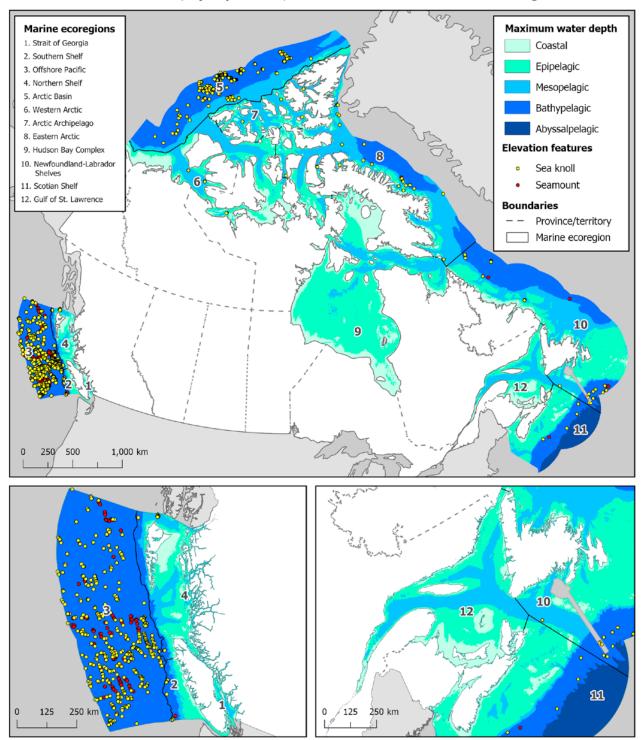


**Note:** Protected and conserved areas have been divided into terrestrial and marine parts. Any overlap between protected and conserved areas has been removed to avoid double counting.

Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada, 2020, Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas Database, December 2020.

## Marine and coastal maps

## Marine and coastal extent, by depth class, elevation features and marine ecoregion

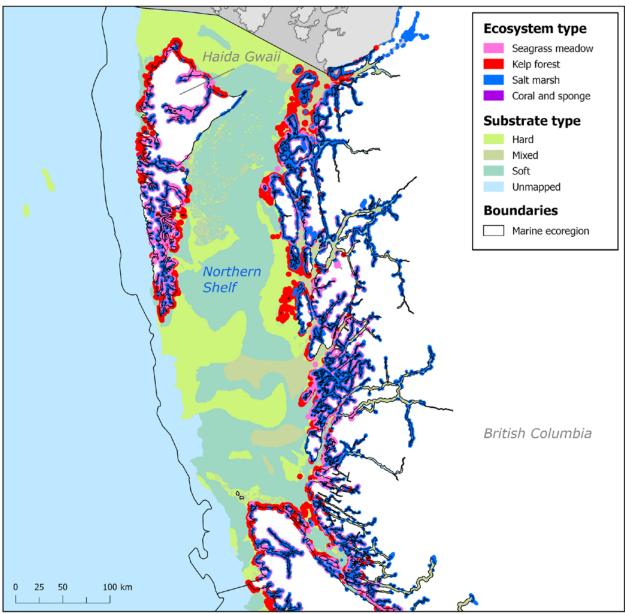


Notes: This map classifies areas of Canada's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) by their maximum water depth. Areas classed as coastal have a maximum depth of 50 m, the epipelagic class has depths from 50 m to 200 m, the mesopelagic class has depths from 200 m to 1,000 m, the bathypelagic class has depths of 1 km and the absespleating class includes all areas with depths of more than 4 km.

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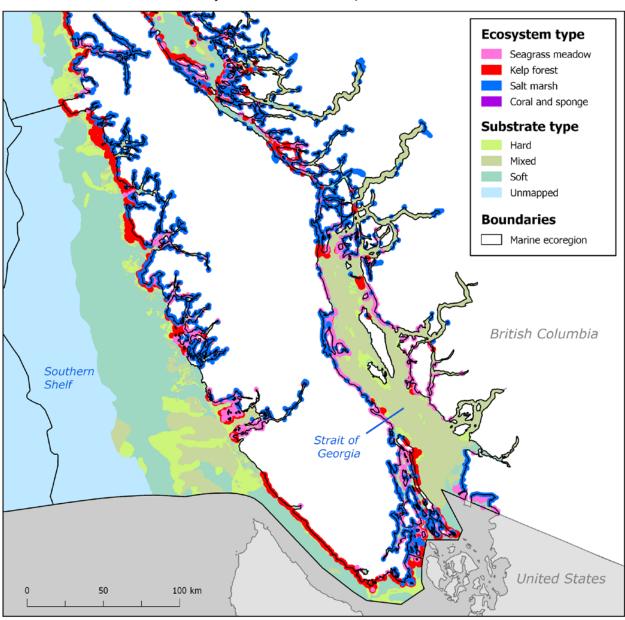
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## Marine and coastal extent: ecosystems and substrate, northern British Columbia coast

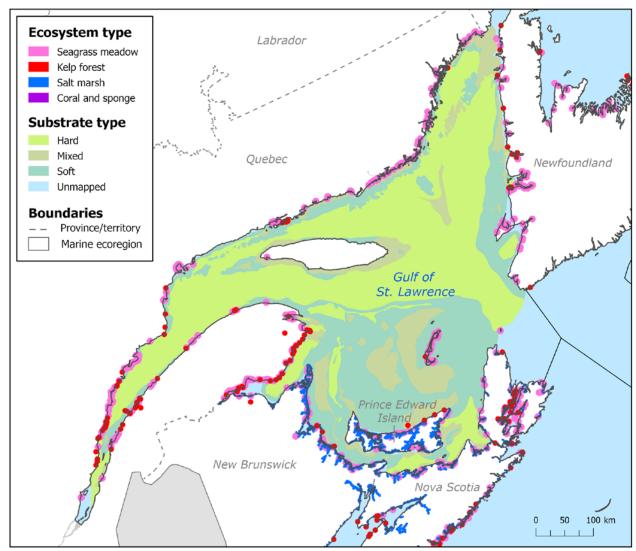


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#### Marine and coastal extent: ecosystems and substrate, southern British Columbia coast



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#### Marine and coastal extent, ecosystems and substrate, Gulf of St. Lawrence

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## Marine and coastal modifications: aquaculture sites and oil licenses, circa 2016 to 2020 Arctic Basin 500 1,000 km 125 250 km В Newfoundland-Labrador Shelves Offshore Pacific Aquaculture type Finfish Shellfish Strait of License type Exploration Significant discovery Production Southern **Boundaries**

Note: There has been a moratorium on oil exploration on the Pacific Coast of Canada since 1972 and on the Arctic Coast since 2016. As of 2019, all oil and gas activity is prohibited in Canadian Arctic offshore waters.

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Sources: Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association, 2016, Industry by the Numbers; Newfoundland and Labrador Aquaculture, Fisheries and Land Resources, n.d., Licensed aquaculture sites, 2015; Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture, 2020, Nova Scotia Marine Aquaculture Leases; Mills, D., 2014, PEI Aquaculture Licenses; Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pécheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec, 2019, Portrait-diagnostic sectoriel de l'industrie de la mariculture au Québec; New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries, 2019, Marine Aquaculture Site Mapping Program (MASMP); British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, 2011, Saltwater Finfish Tenures – Coastal Resource Information Management System (CRIMS), GeoBC; Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 2017, Shellfish Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan, Version 2.1; Fisheries and Oceans Canada, 2017, Current valid British Columbia aquaculture licence holders; Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, n.d., Mapping Information and Shapefiles; Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, 0il 2019, Maps and Coordinates, Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, 2019, GIS Information, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, 2015, Oil and Gas Rights.

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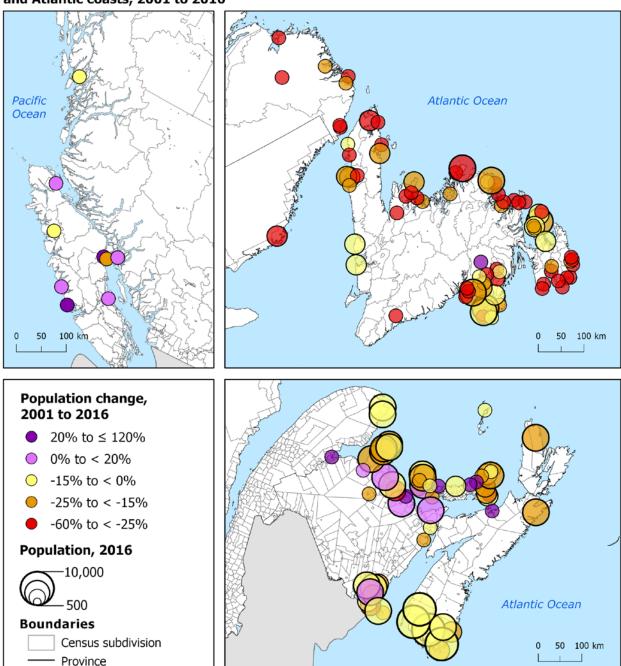
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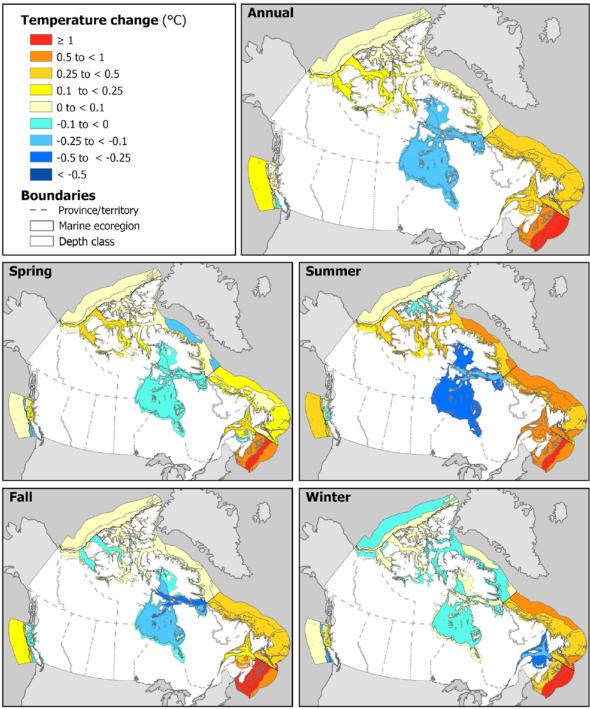
## Population size and variation of 2016 fishing and seafood sector-based communities, Pacific and Atlantic coasts, 2001 to 2016



Notes: This map displays population size and variation for census subdivisions (CSDs) for which the fishing and seafood sector is a major source of employment income—defined here as individuals working in these sectors earning 20% or more of total CSD employment income. Data from the 2016 Census of Population were used to identify the 150 coastal CSDs represented on this map. The reference period for income data is the calendar year prior to the census. The fishing and seafood sector, as defined for this map, includes North American Industry Classification Codes: 1141 – Fishing, 1125 – Aquaculture and 3117 Seafood product preparation and packaging.

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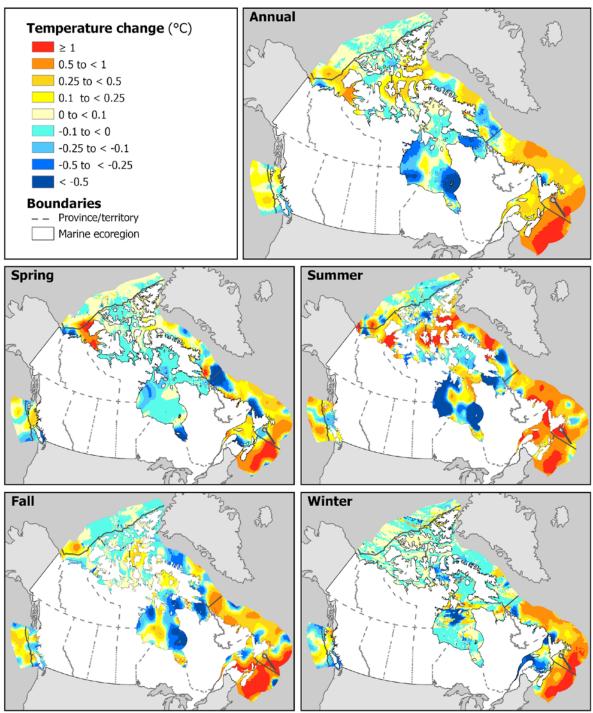
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# Sea surface temperature departures (2005 to 2017) from the climate normal, by season at quarter degree grid

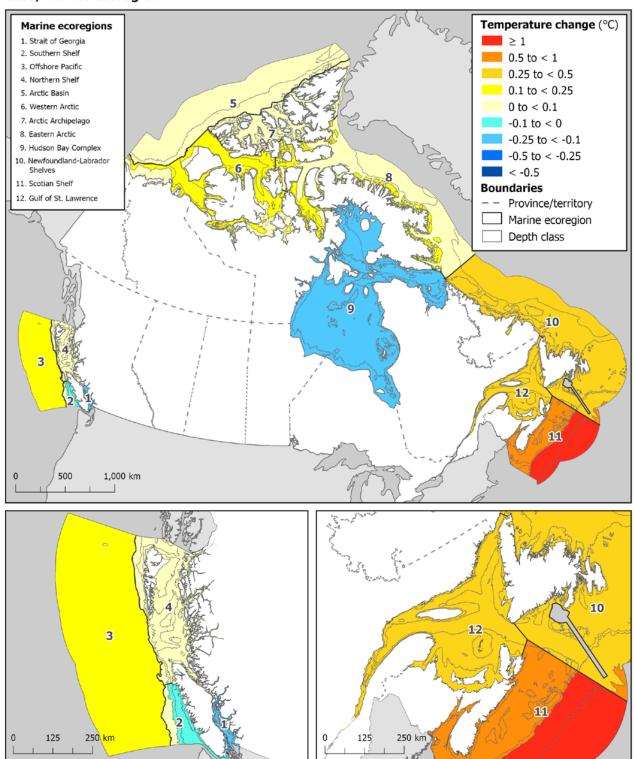


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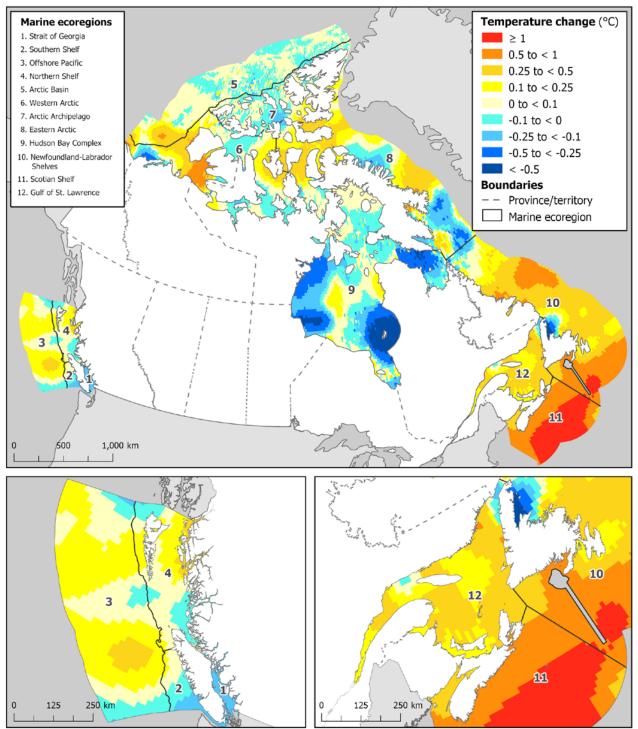
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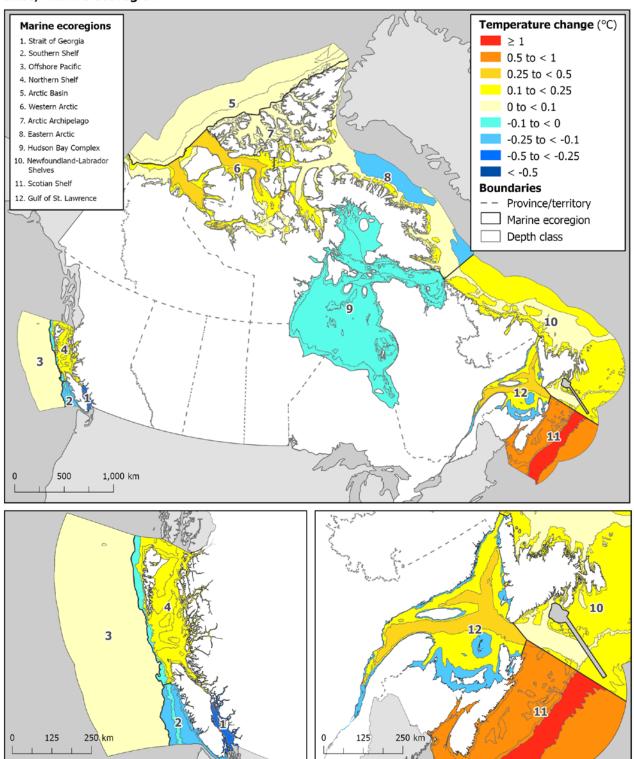
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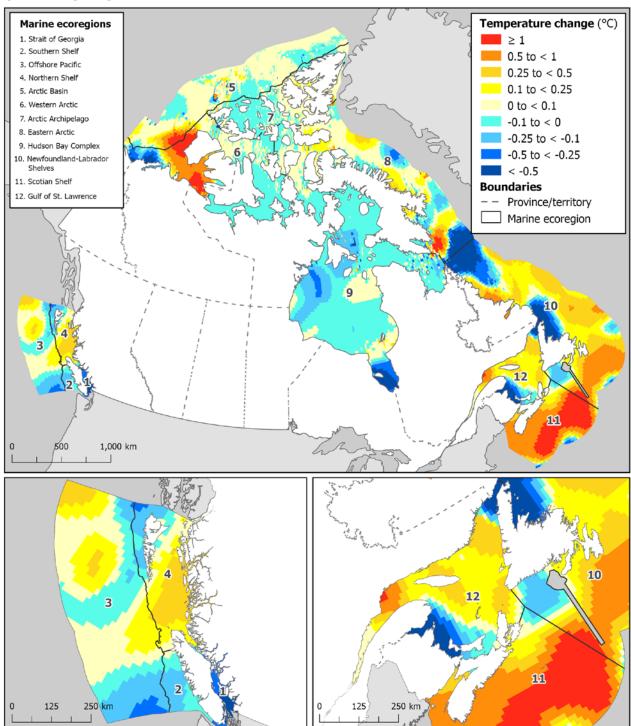
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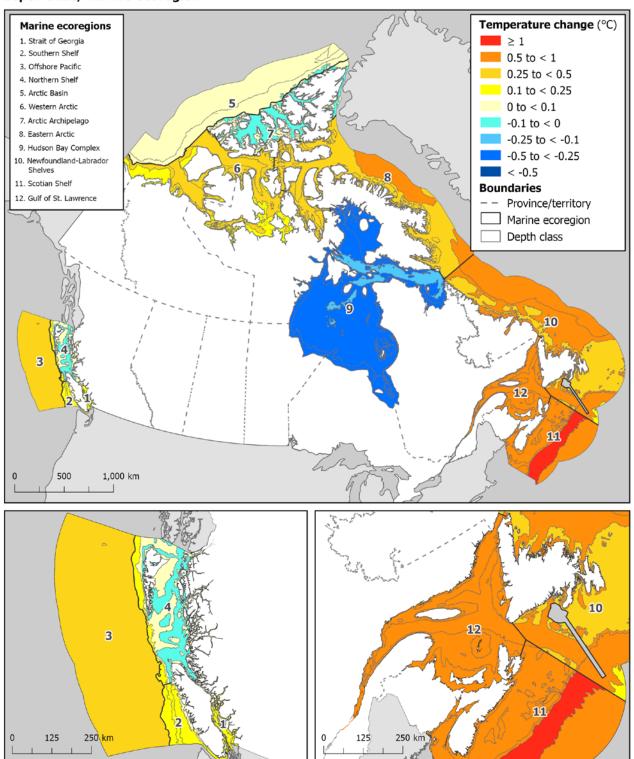
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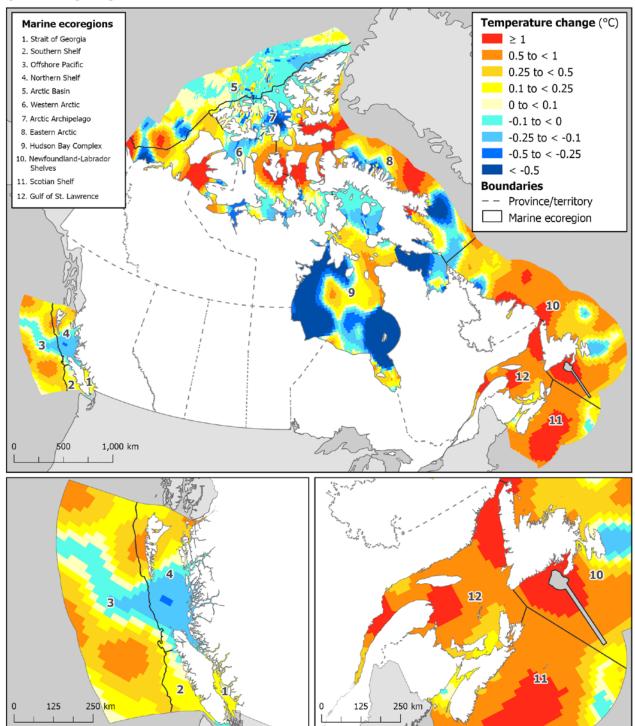
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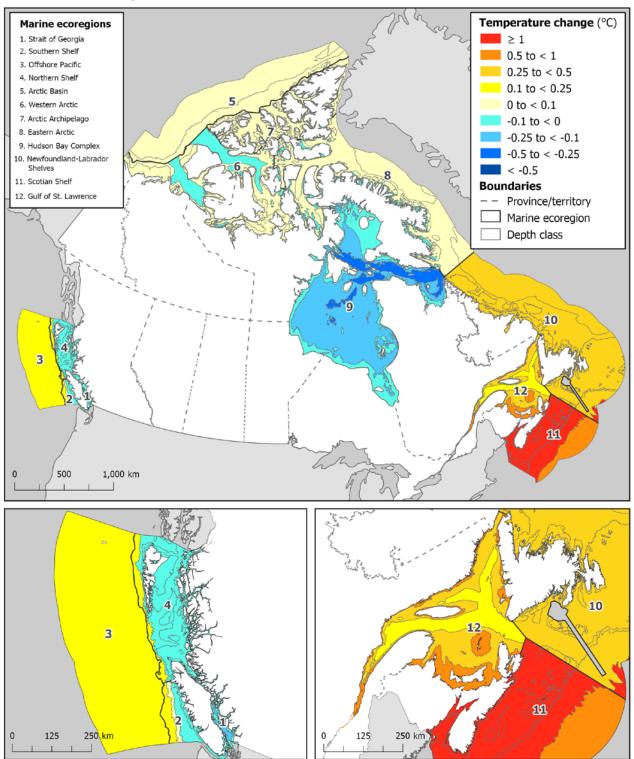
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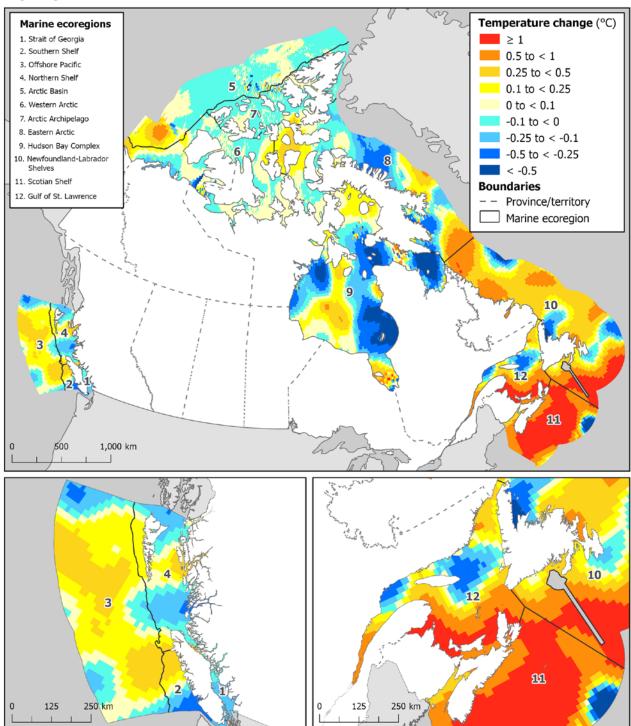
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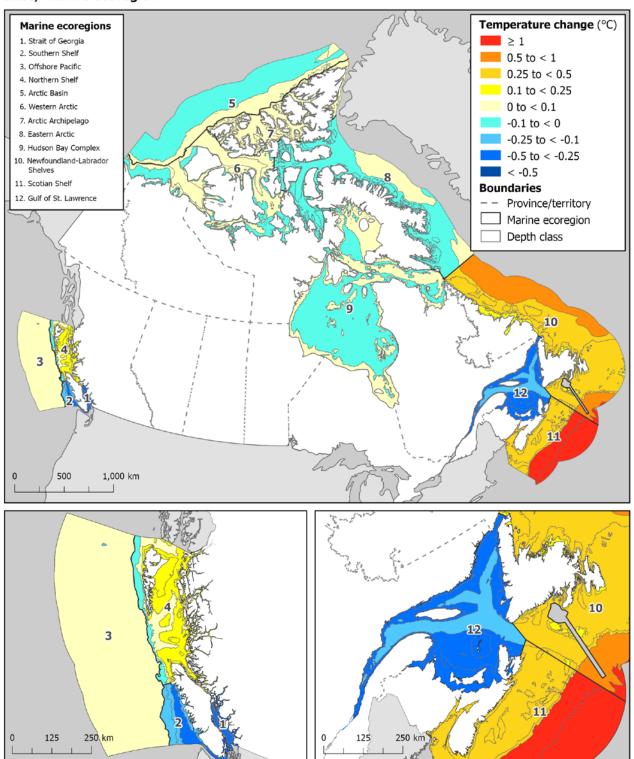
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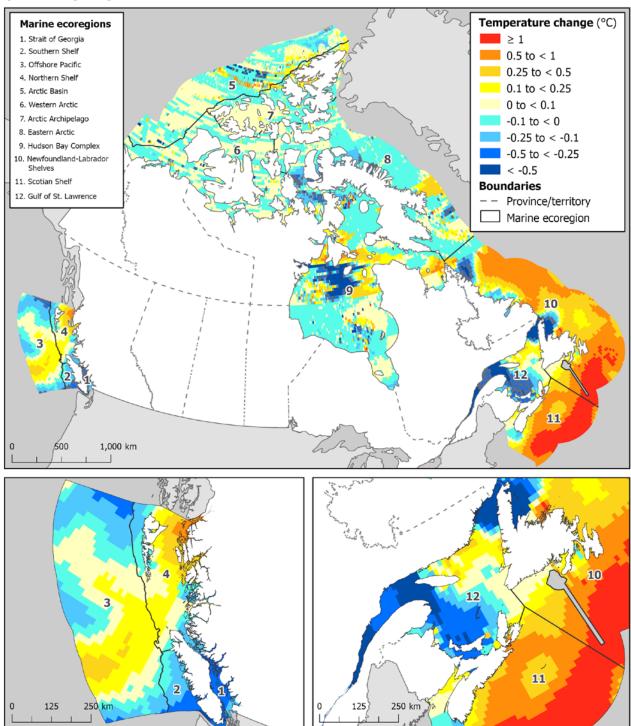
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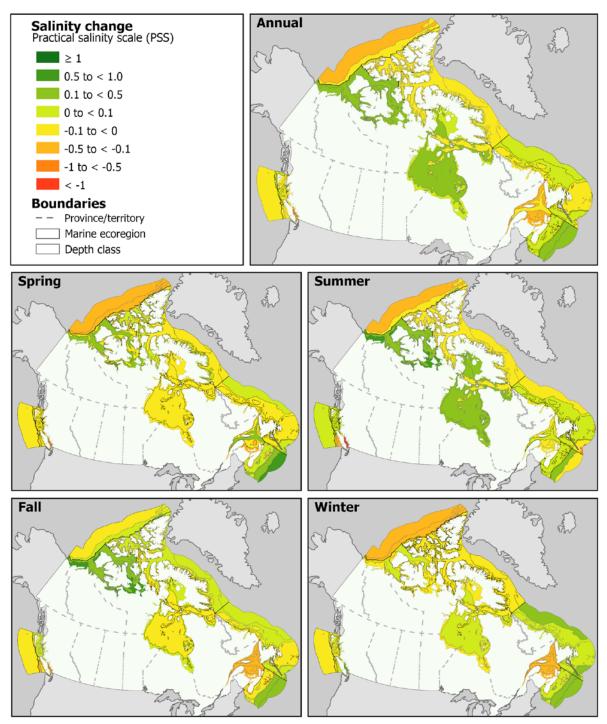
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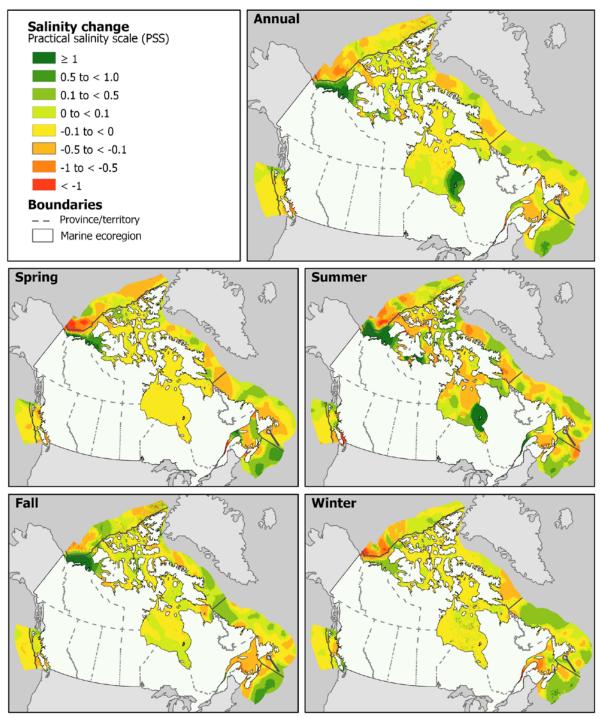
# Sea surface salinity departures (2005 to 2017) from the climate normal reference period, by depth class, marine ecoregion and season



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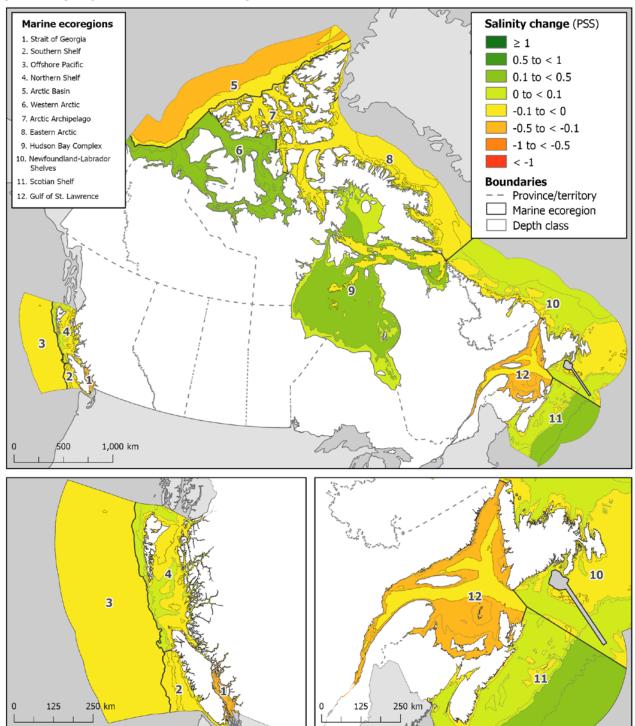
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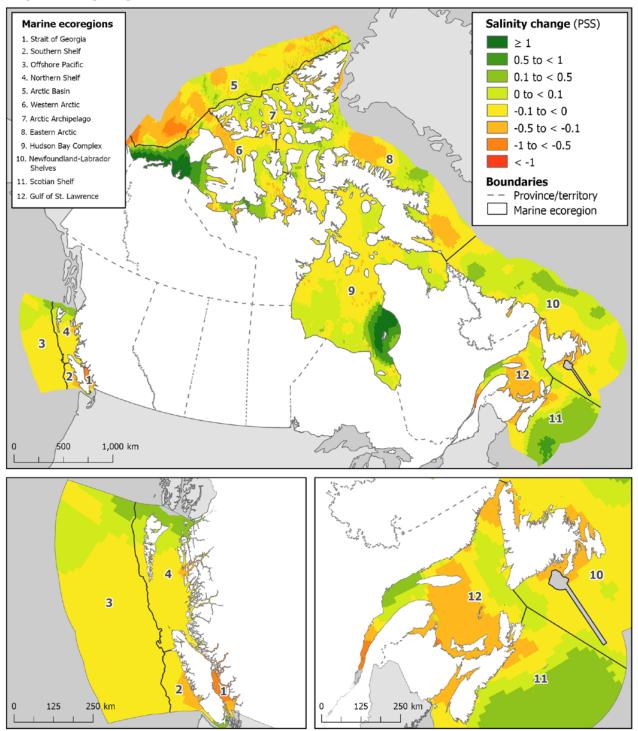
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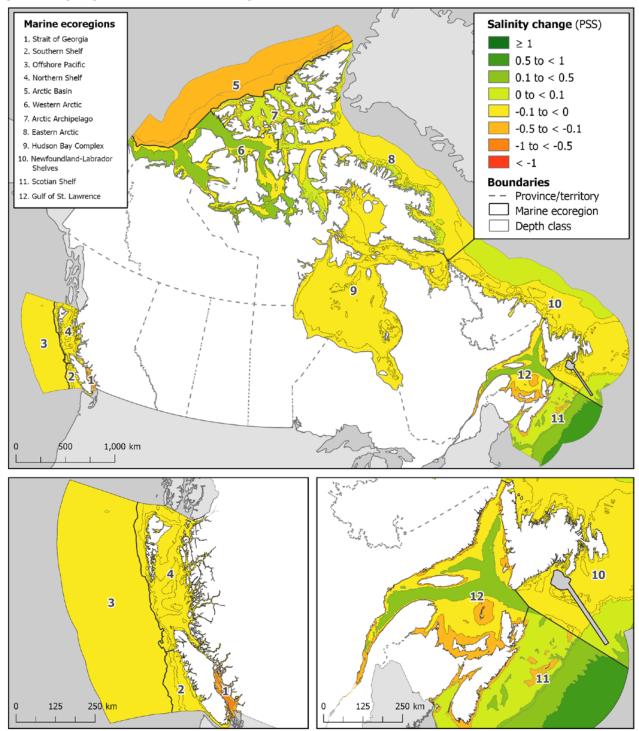
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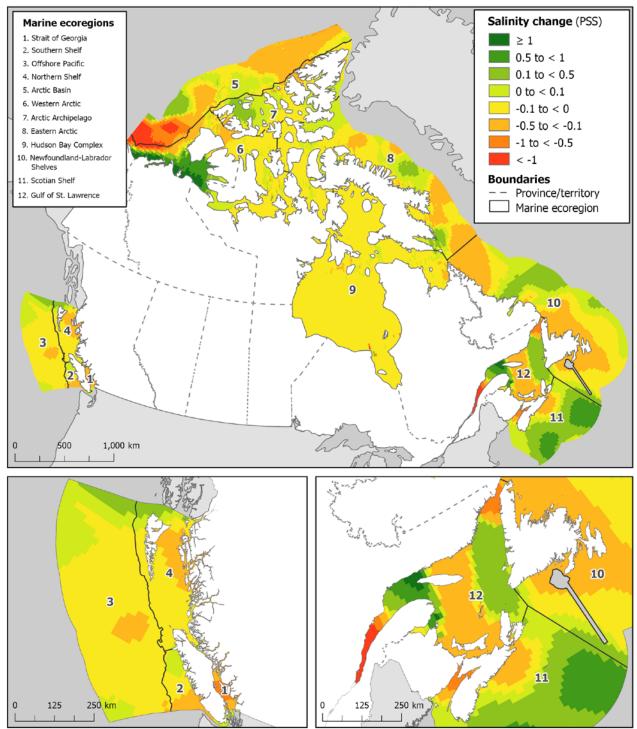
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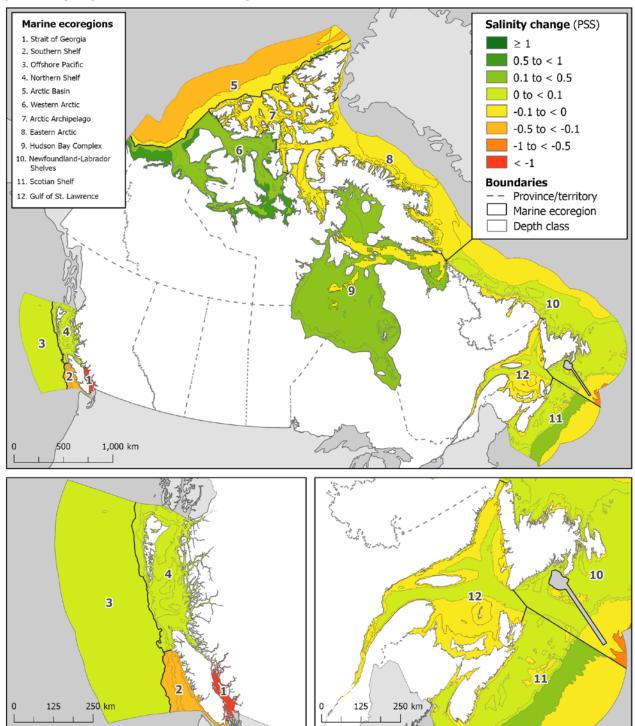
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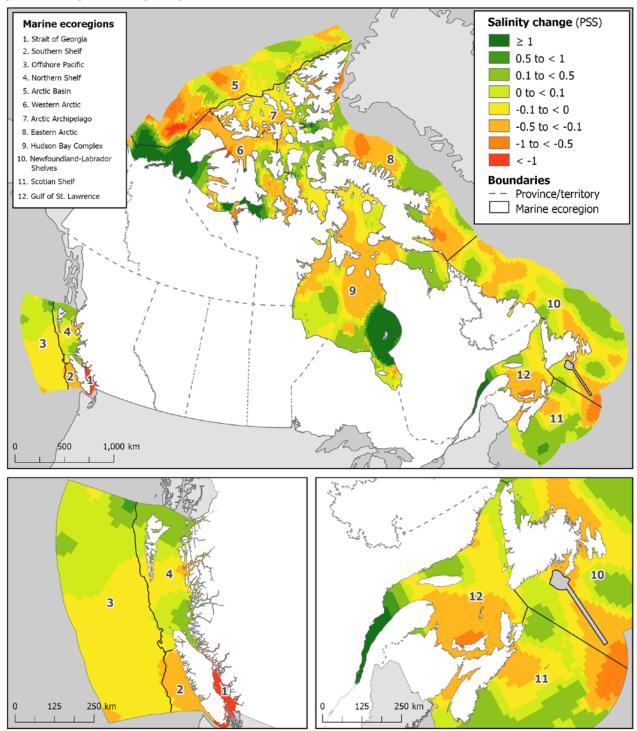
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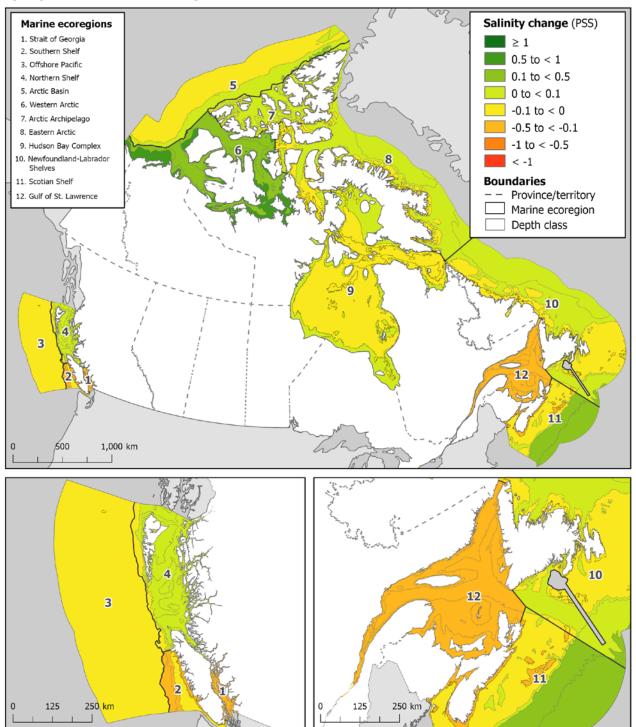
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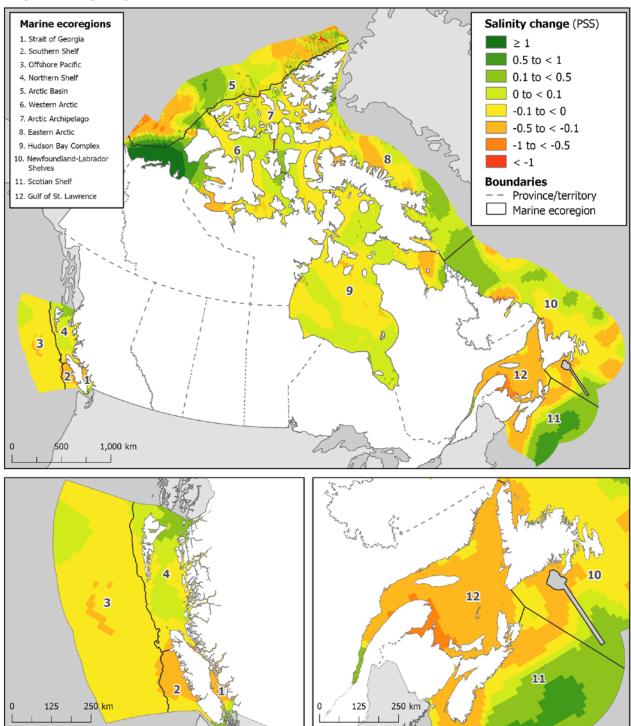
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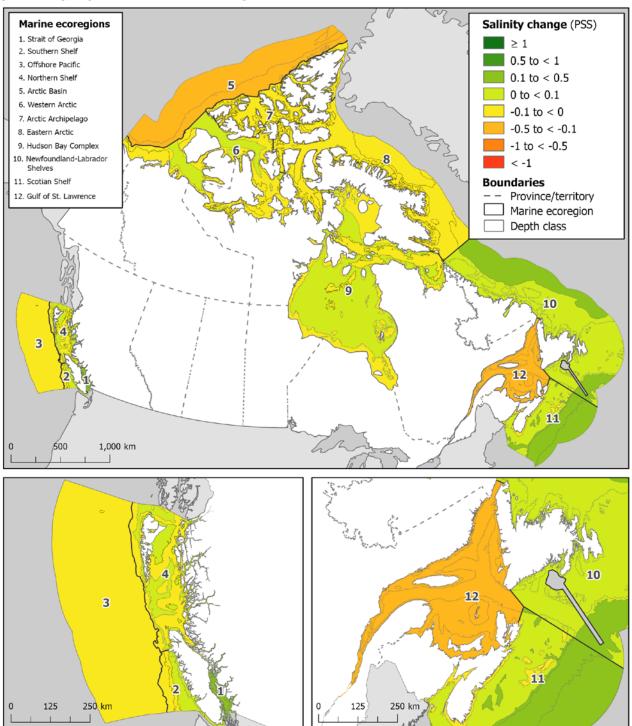
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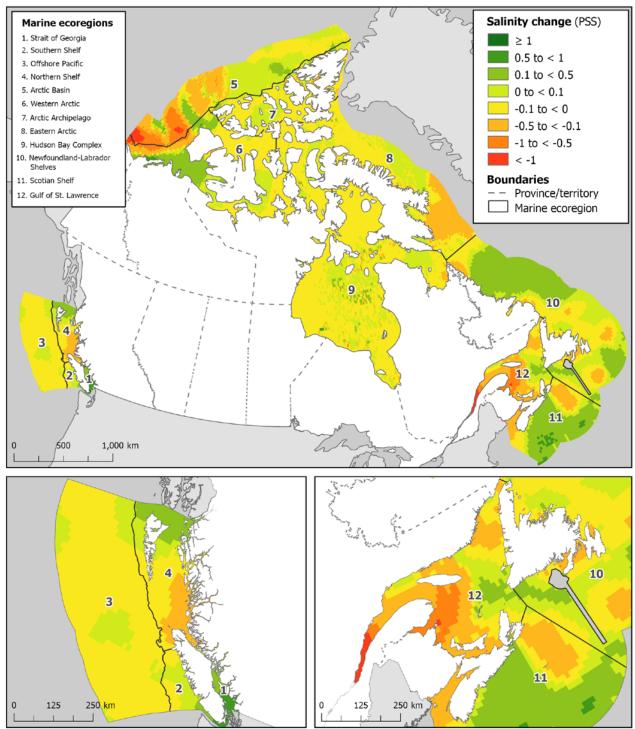
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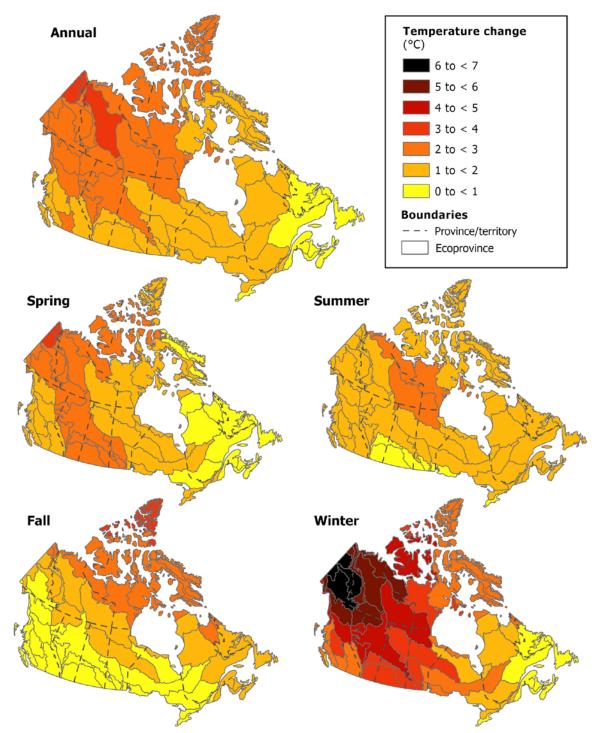
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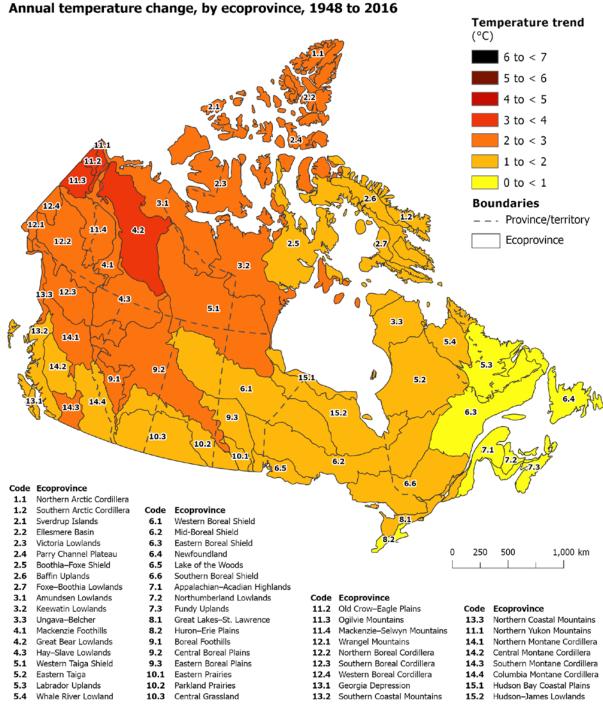
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#### **Ecosystem change maps**

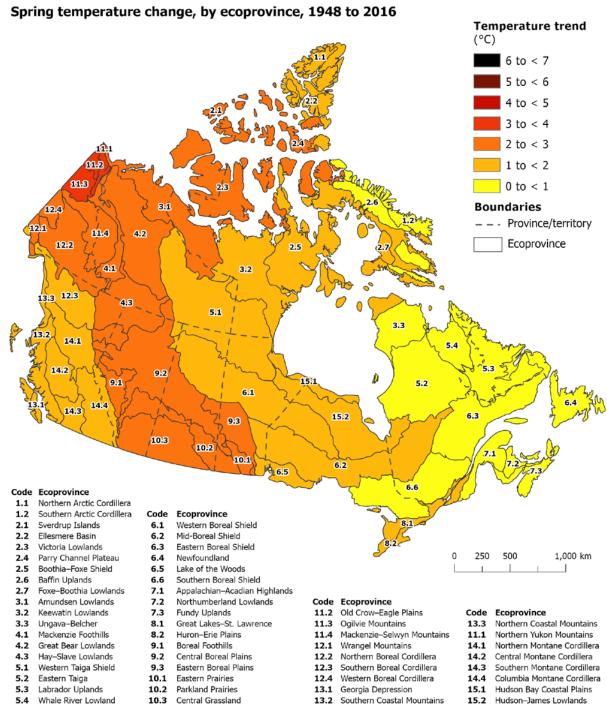
#### Temperature change, annual and all seasons, by ecoprovince, 1948 to 2016



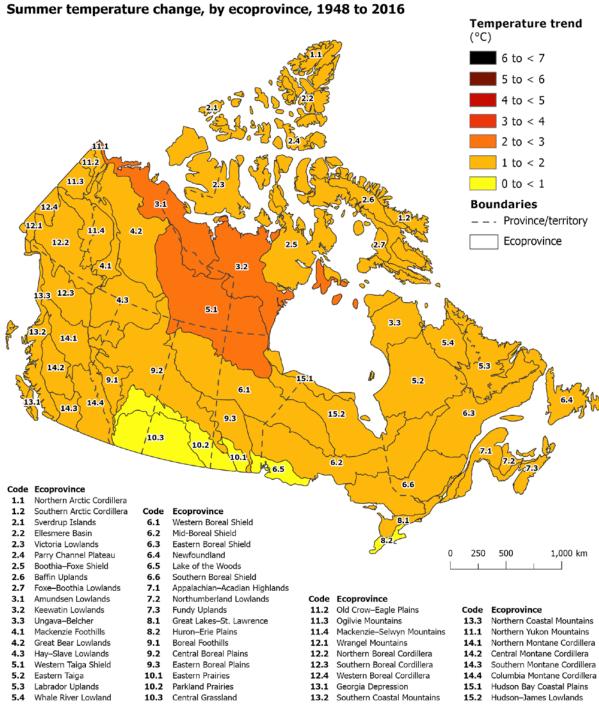
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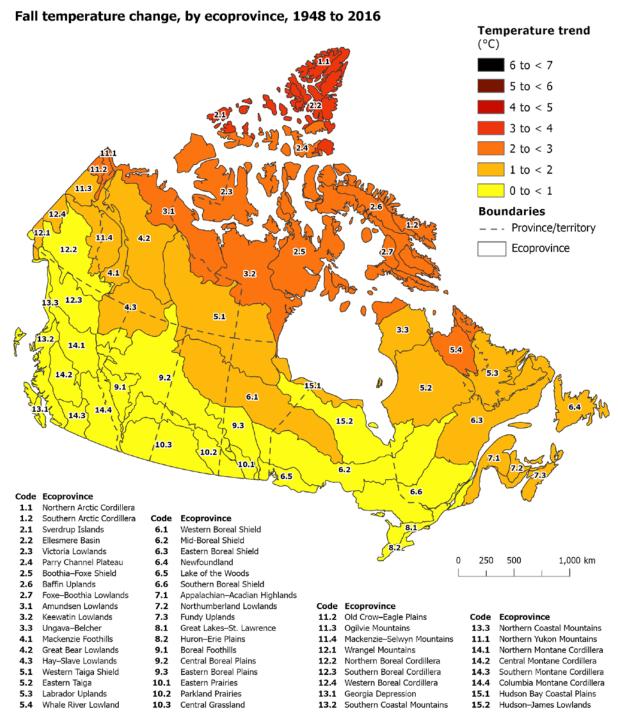
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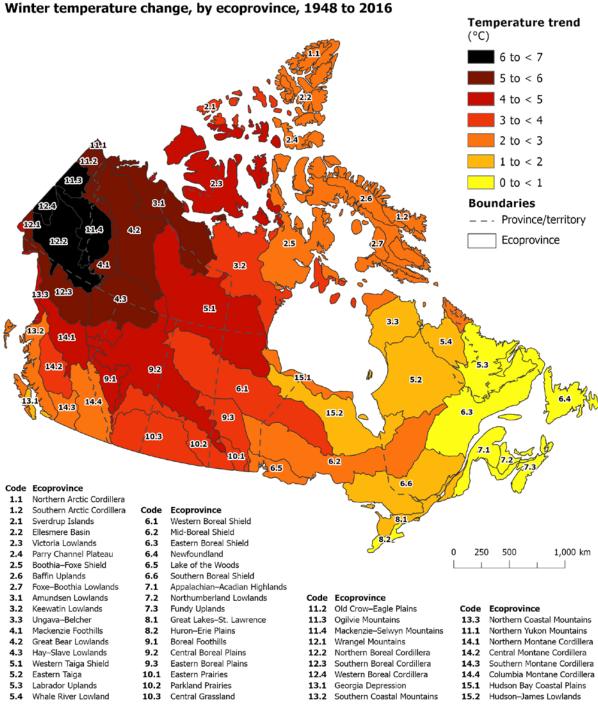
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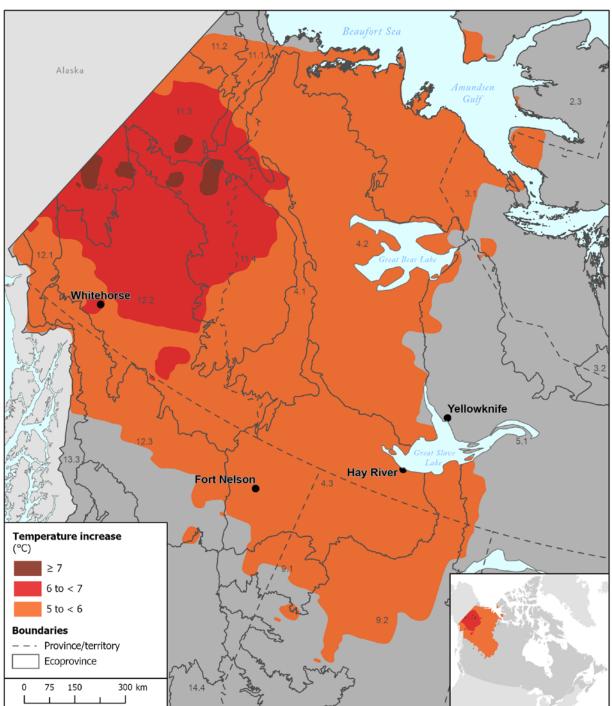


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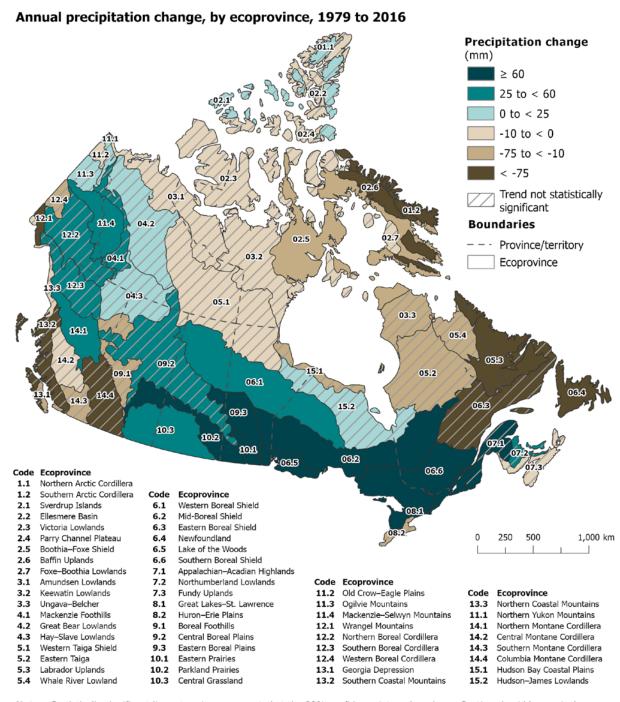
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# **Annual Precipitation change** (mm) ≥ 60 25 to < 60 0 to < 25 -10 to < 0 -75 to < -10 < -75 Trend not statistically significant **Boundaries** - - Province/territory Ecoprovince **Spring** Summer Fall Winter

#### Precipitation change, annual and all seasons, by ecoprovince, 1979 to 2016

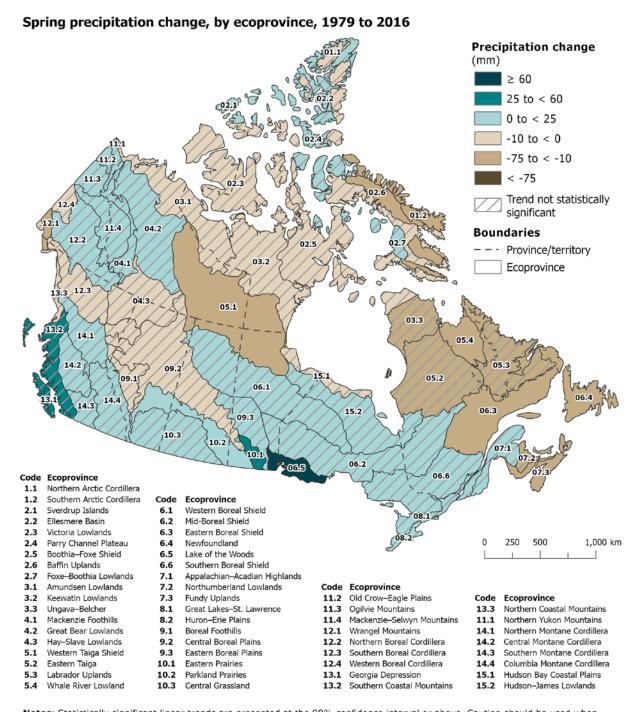
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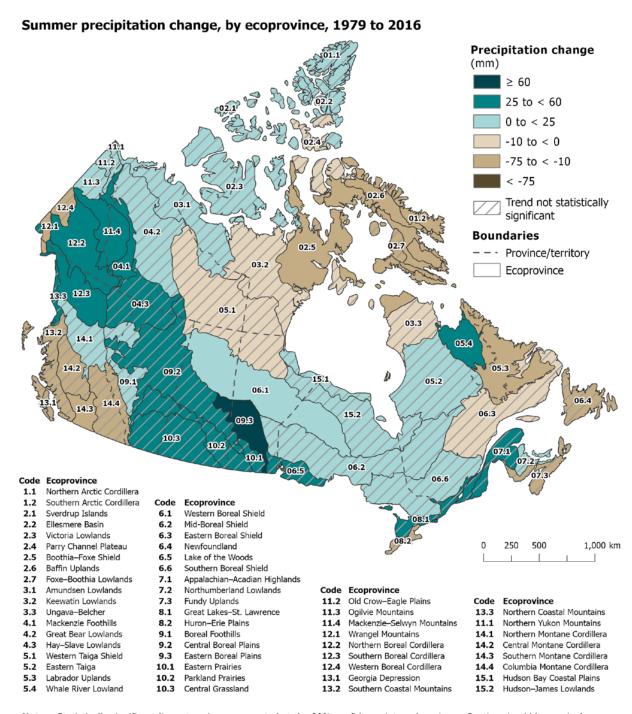


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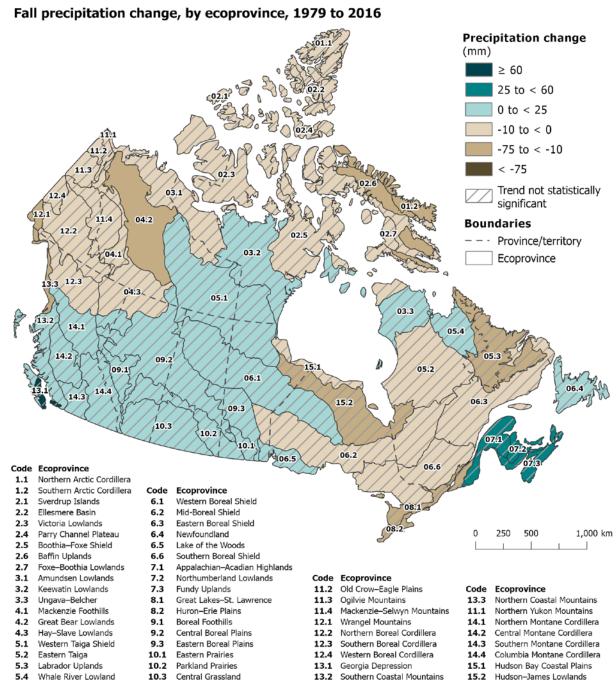
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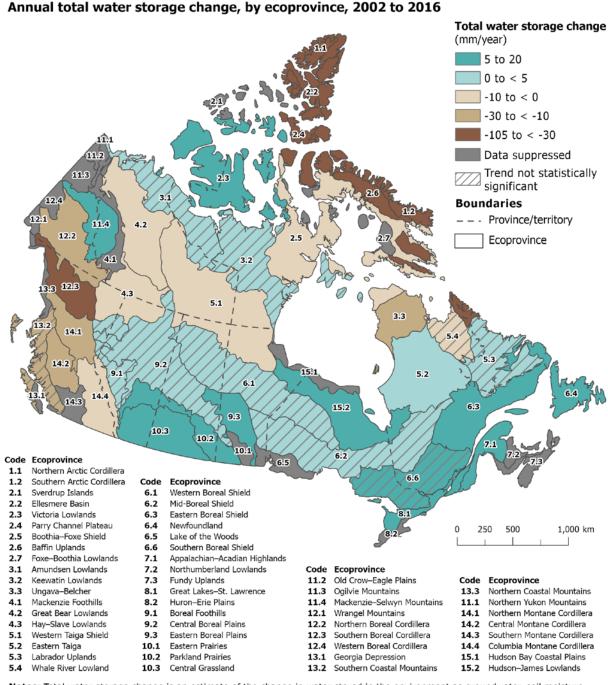
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**Notes:** Statistically significant linear trends are presented at the 90% confidence interval or above. Caution should be used when analyzing trends in the North because of lower climate station densities. Winter data are from December to February. **Sources:** Statistics Canada, Environment and Energy Statistics Division, 2021, special tabulation based on Wang, S., Y. Yang, Y. Luo and A. Rivera, 2013, "Spatial and seasonal variations in evapotranspiration over Canada's landmass," *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, Vol. 17, no. 9, pp. 3561-3575; Wang, S., et al., 2014, "A national-scale assessment of long-term water budget closures for Canada's watersheds," *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, Vol. 119, pp. 8712–8725.



**Notes:** Total water storage change is an estimate of the change in water stored in the environment as groundwater, soil moisture, surface water, snow and ice. Caution must be used in interpreting total water storage change results because of the level of uncertainty in the models, the short length of the time series, and the coarse resolution of the data. Data were suppressed for smaller ecoprovinces using a threshold of approximately 90,000 km². Statistically significant linear trends are presented at the 90% confidence interval or above.

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