



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016, 11:30 AM

Harold Bishop Fire Hall, 7667 Pacific Rim Highway, Port Alberni, BC

AGENDA

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| 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | |
| Recognition of Traditional Territories. | |
| 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> | |
| <i>(motion to approve, including late items required 2/3 majority vote)</i> | |
| 3. <u>PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS</u> | |
| a. Coastal Fire Centre, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding Dog Mountain Fire 2015 and Plans/Resources for the 2016 Wildfire Season in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. | 2-15 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ken Taekema, Fire Centre Manager• Mr. Nigel Burrows, Senior Protection Officer• Mr. Clint Parker, Senior Protection Officers• Ms. Donna MacPherson, Fire Information Officer• Mr. Alan Berry, Local Zone Supervisor | |
| 4. <u>ADJOURN</u> | |

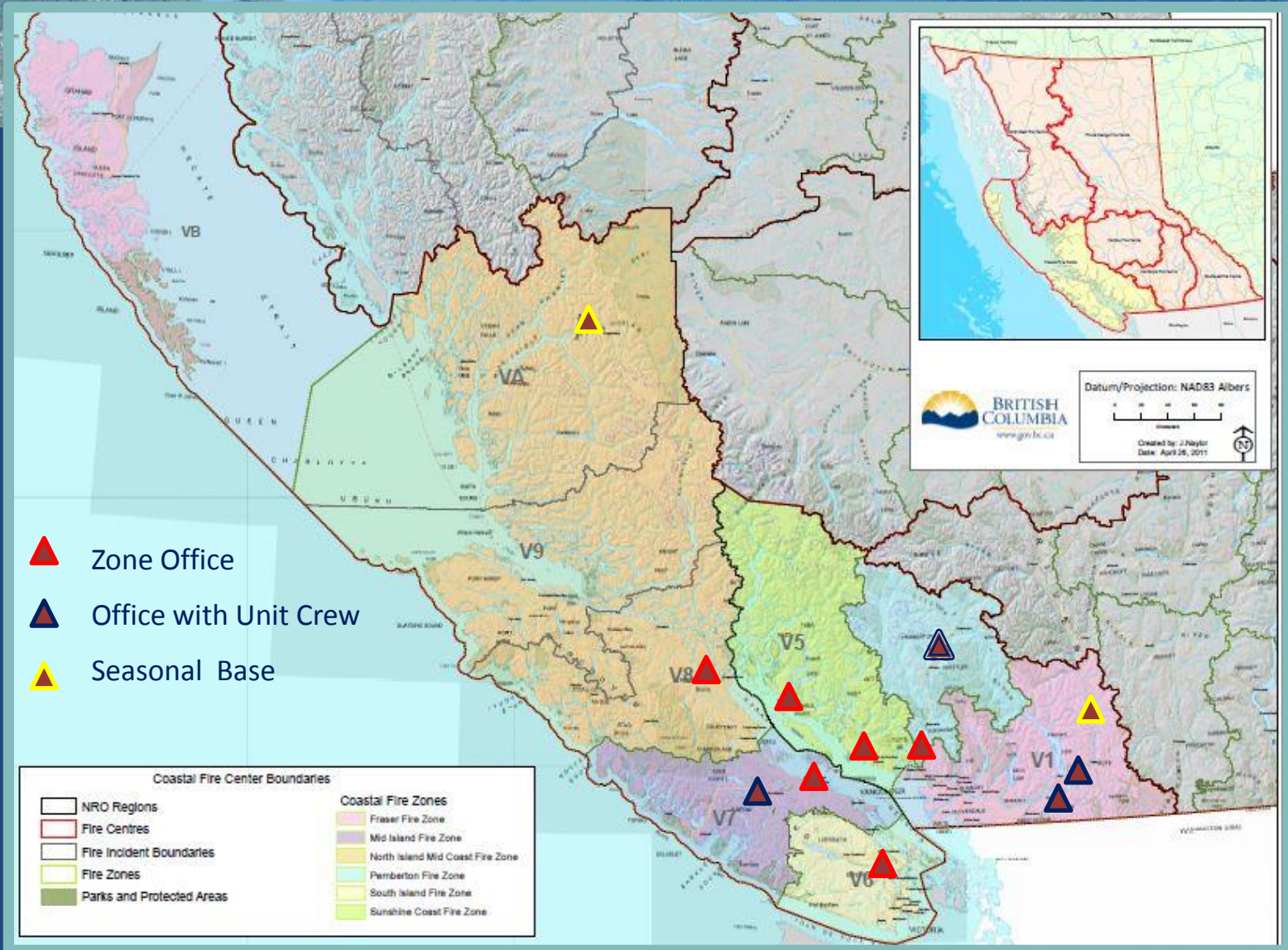
Coastal Fire Centre



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Coastal Fire Centre, BC Wildfire Service

Coastal Area & Resources



PATC

Group	Bird Dog + Air Tankers	Based
1	1 + 2 (CV-580)	Penticton
2	1 + 4 (AT-802AF)	Castlegar
3	1 + 1 (L-188)	PG/Campbell River
4	1 + 2 (CV-580)	Kamloops
5	1 + 1 (L-188)	Ft.St. John
6	1 + 1 (L-188)	Williams Lk
7	1 + 1 (L-188)	Prince Geo.
8	1 + 4 (AT-802)	Kamloops
Trial	RJ85	Ft.St. John/TBD



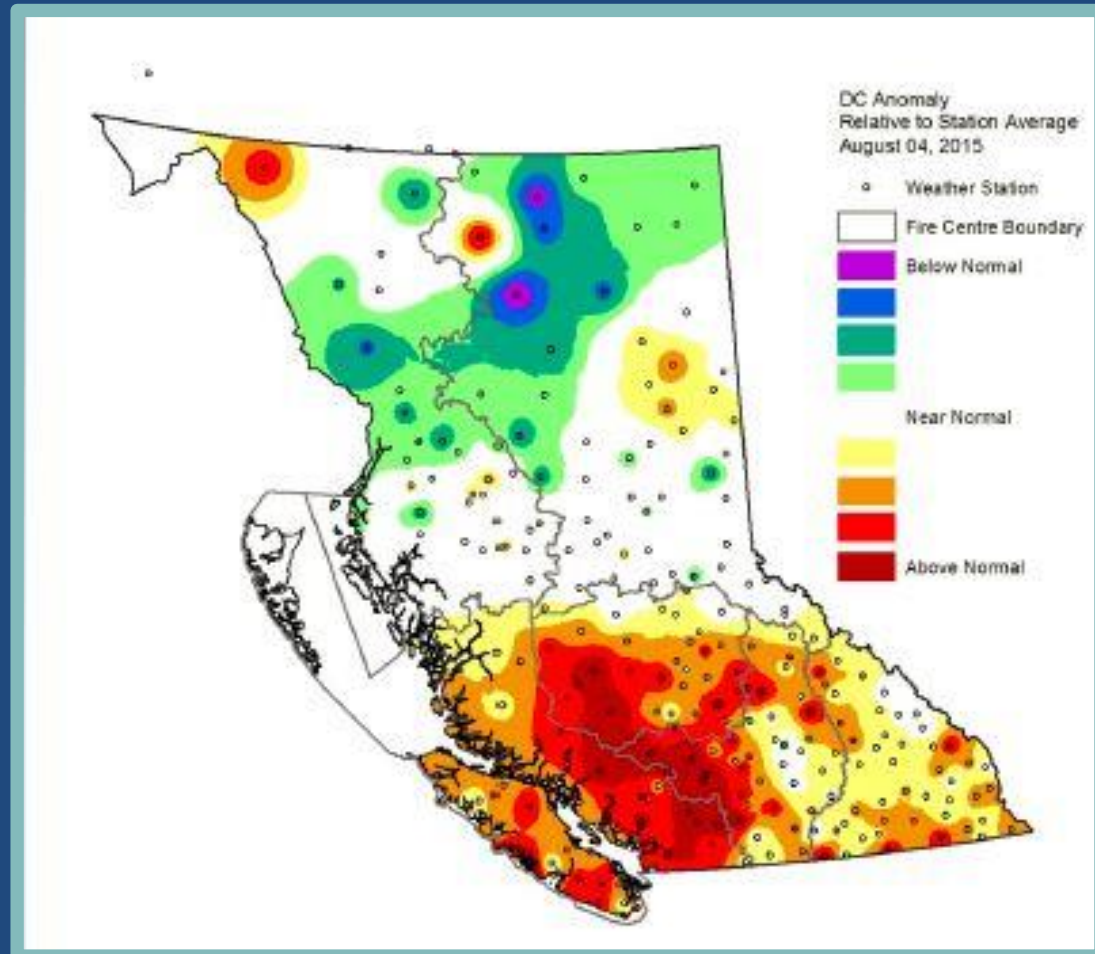
Highly mobile

List shows “home” bases:
relocated as needed



2015 Weather

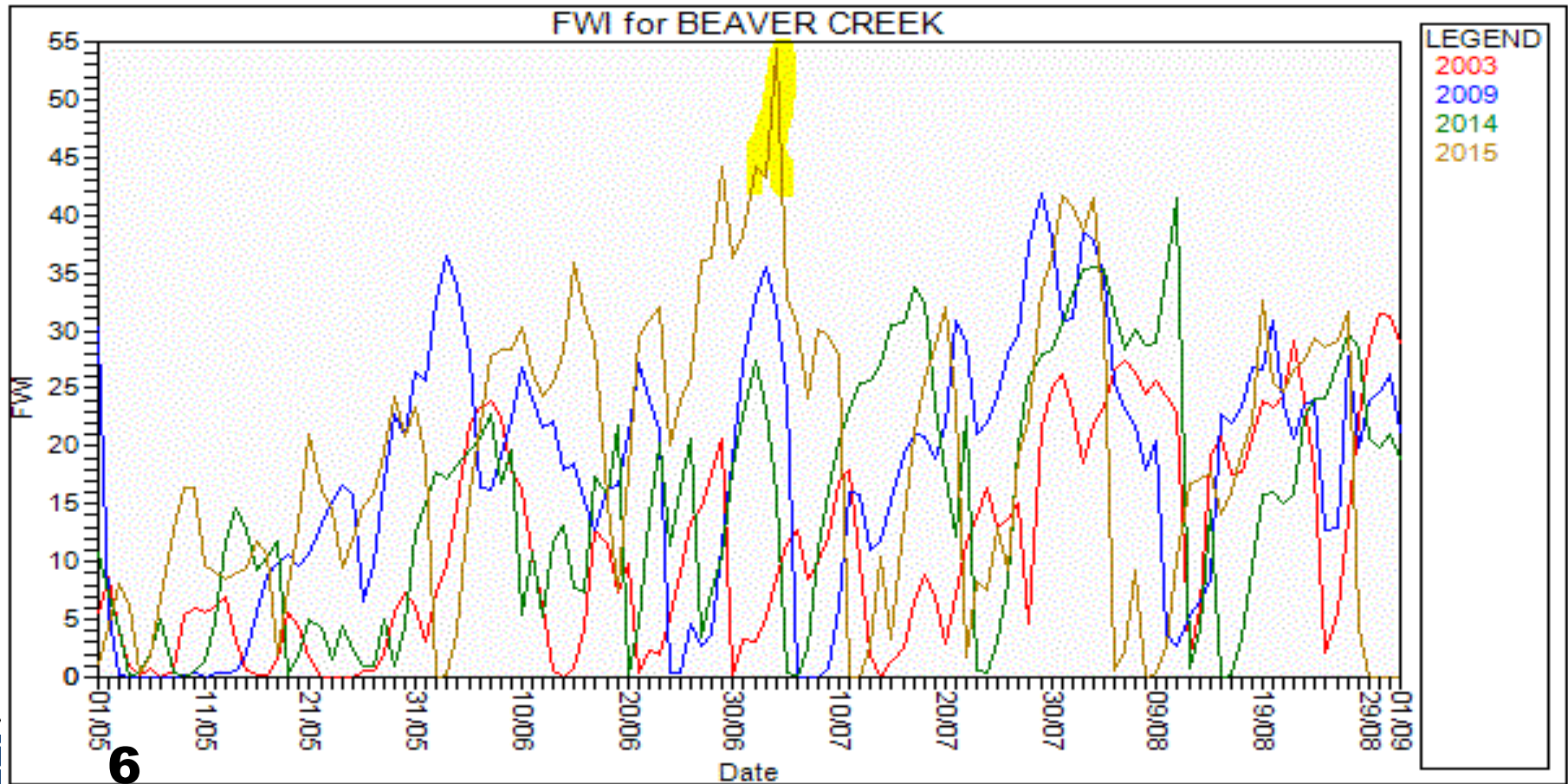
Warm & dry spring
transitioned into
above average
hot & dry
summer





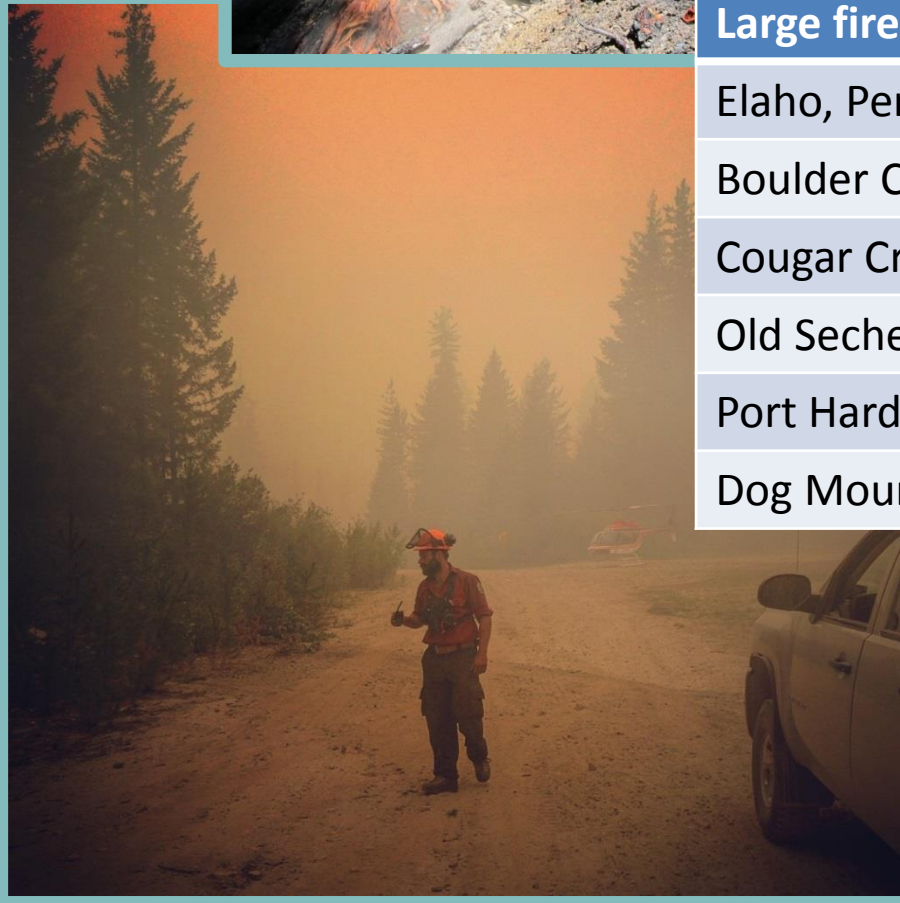
Persistent drought + dry outflow winds in early July, continuing through August

Chart - Multiple Years for BEAVER CREEK
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Coastal activity on July 4



Large fires burning	Start	final size Ha
Elaho, Pemberton	Jun 14	13,052
Boulder Crk , Pemberton	Jun 30	6,735
Cougar Crk, Fraser	Jul 1	2,985
Old Sechelt Mine, Sechelt	Jul 2	423
Port Hardy, North Island	Jul 3	17
Dog Mountain, Mid Island	Jul 4	450

Evacuations	Boulder, Old Sechelt Mine, Port Hardy, Dog Mountain
There were 21 active fires on July 4	
July 5 – Faller Fatality in Sechelt	
Police incident on Port Hardy fire	7



Regional Strategic Wildfire Allocation Protocol (RSWAP)


RSWAP values:

1. Human life & safety
2. Property
3. High environmental values
4. Resource values



Provincial Fire Response & public communications

BC Wildfire Service



MODIFIED RESPONSE WILDFIRES
Wildfires are a natural component of British Columbia's landscape. Learn more about how they keep our forests healthy, diverse, and resilient.

- Prevention
- Employment
- Fuel Management
- Prohibitions

1,836 fires

Total Hectares burnt: 280,465

\$277 million spent

Prevent observe & report

REPORT WILDFIRES
CALL *5555 OR
1-800-663-5555




Bulletin
DOG MOUNTAIN
V70274

CAUSE:
This entirely preventable fire was human caused. Specific cause has yet to be determined. Anyone who has information about this fire's start, please call the RAPP line at 1 877 952-7277 or online to env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/form.htm

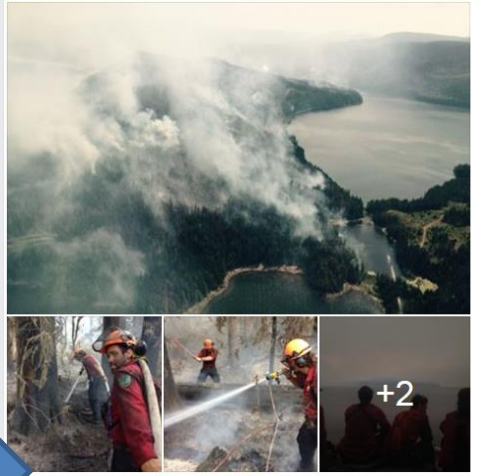
LOCATION:

July 9 2015, 1200



July 6, view near cabins

Size	Approximately 400 hectares - see article below
Containment	0%
Personnel	35
Helicopters	4
Heavy Equipment	6



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Marsha McCallum Shand, Sue Bradley, Tiffany Charnell Taberner and 14,200 others like this.

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This Facebook post about Dog Mtn...



We couldn't do it alone...

- Stakeholder Collaboration



← Structural Protection Unit on Dog Mountain

Community Wildfire Protection Planning



- CWPP (ACRD 2010)
- Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative
- Funded through UBCM & FNESS
 - Partnership with FLNRO
- Fuel Treatment Projects
- FireSmart (municipal & and landowners)

- BCWildfire.ca



Current pressures on our program

- Worksafe BC requirements & BCWS Safe Work Standards
 - Unable to use “Street Hire” or conscripted fire fighters
 - Hours of Work/Fatigue
 - Danger trees/unstable slopes
- Environmental impacts
 - Pressure to lessen slash/industry burning due to smoke concerns
 - Post wildfire natural hazards





Looking Forward

- Meetings with ACRD
- Re-examined Mid Island Zone pre-org
- Port Alberni Air Quality Council
- ACRD wide Zone / Fire Dept meeting
- Cross-Training with Fire Departments
- Participation in Coastal emergency exercises
- Private forest lands under agreement
- Support review of current CWPP



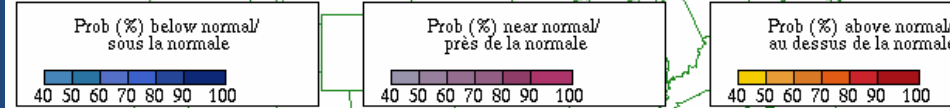
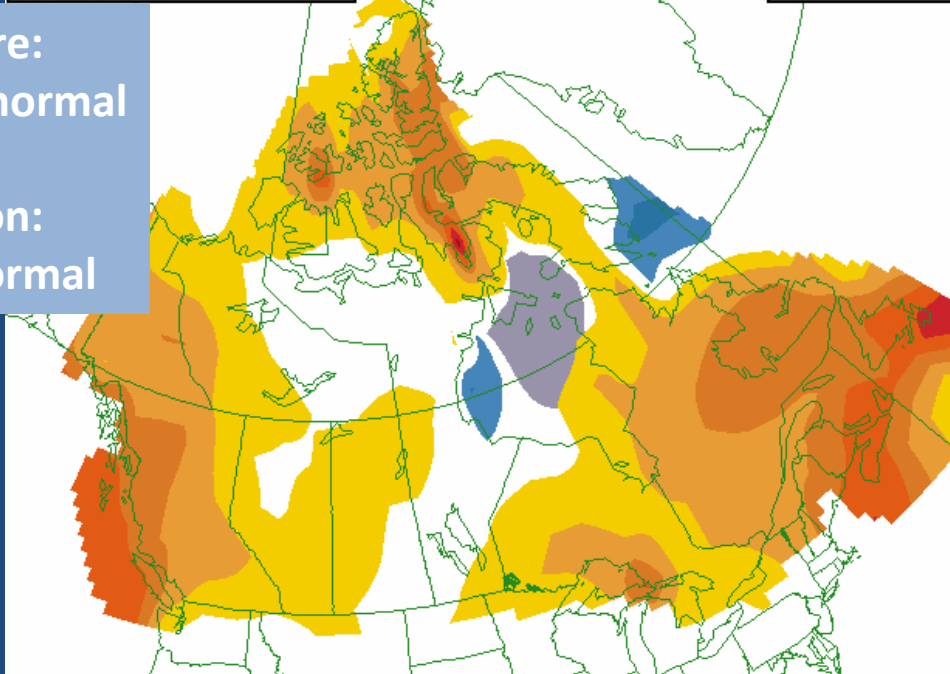
What will this year bring?



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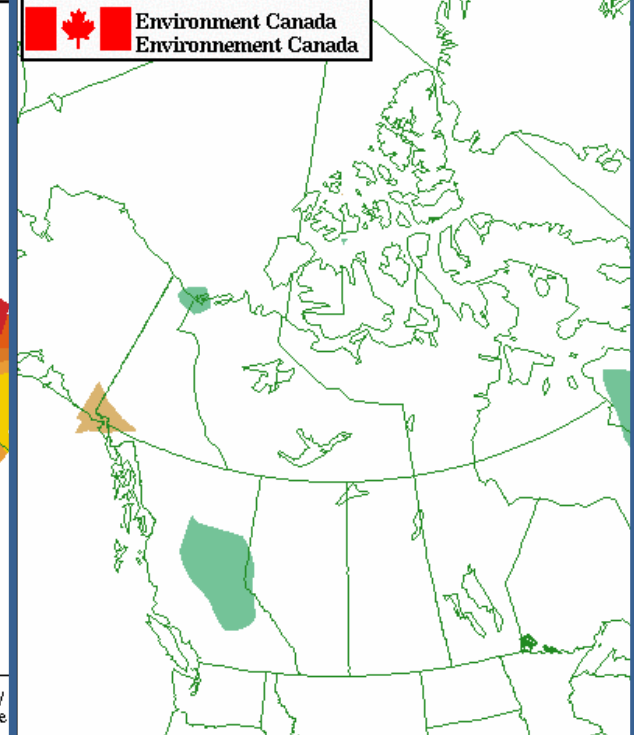
Temperature:
above normal

Precipitation:
near normal



Forecast probability of Temperature above, below and near normal (calibrated)
Period: July-August-September 2016
Based on 3 equiprobable categories from 1981-2010 climatology

Probabilités prévues de températures au-dessus, sous et près de la normale (calibrées)
Période: juillet-août-septembre 2016
Basé sur 3 catégories équiprobables de la climatologie 1981-2010



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Thanks for your time



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Imagery Date: 7/28/2015

49°15'25.99" N 124°59'52.34" W elev 86 m

Eye alt 4.40 km