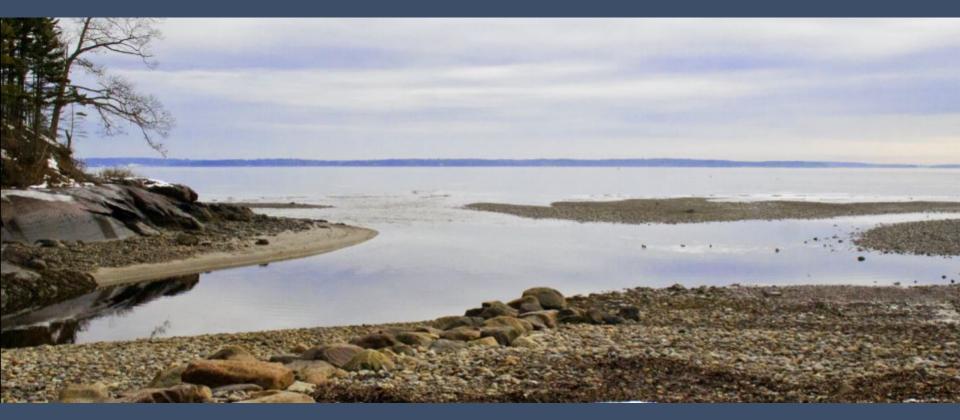
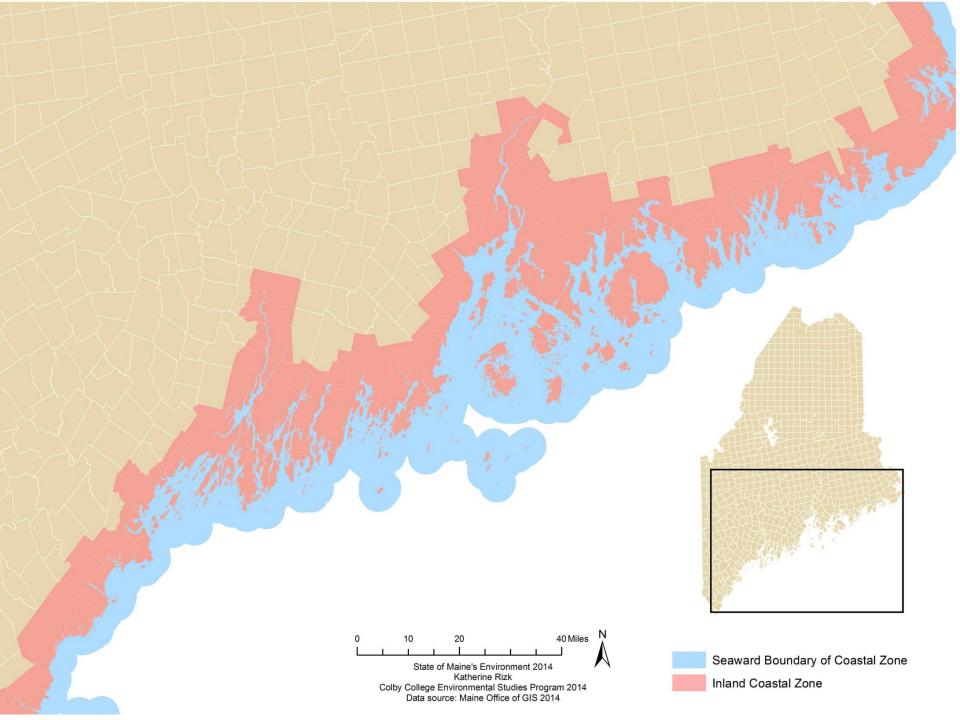
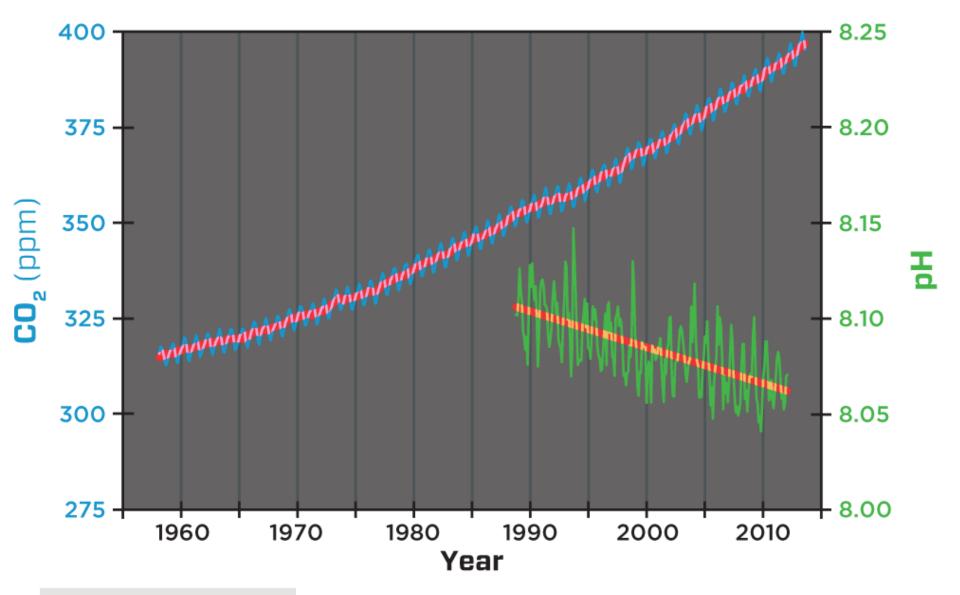
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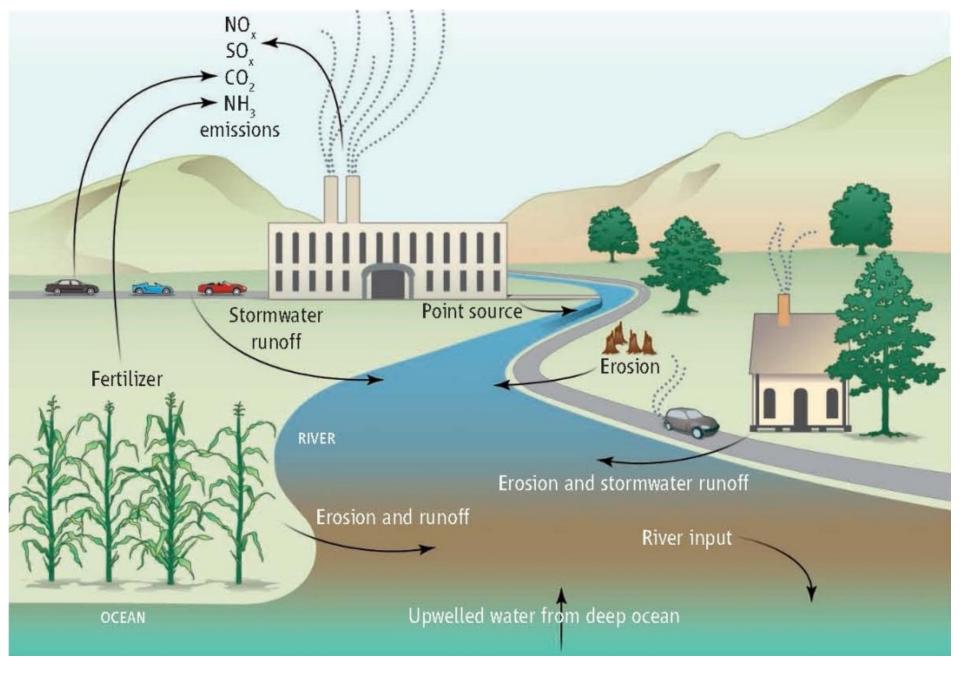




Visualising Ocean Acidification

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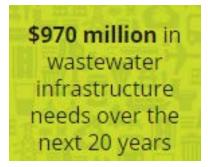


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#### 2016 Maine Infrastructure Report Card





Maine communities face challenges with their aging collection systems, particularly systems that get overwhelmed with stormwater and lead to combined sewer overflow (CSO). According to the Maine 2012 Clean Water Needs Survey, CSO abatement represents the largest obligation of Maine's estimated \$1 billion wastewater infrastructure need. Most communities do not have user rates and fees that are adequate to self-fund their capital needs causing reliance on federal and state loan and grant funding that historically have not been adequate to cover the known needs in the state. This adversely affects public health and the environment. Wastewater infrastructure has two primary categories: collection systems, which collect waste from homes and businesses and transfer it to the second category, the treatment facility. Maine has 162 publicly owned treatment facilities – some facilities have had little or no major upgrades.



# Phytoremediation potential of kelp and eelgrass

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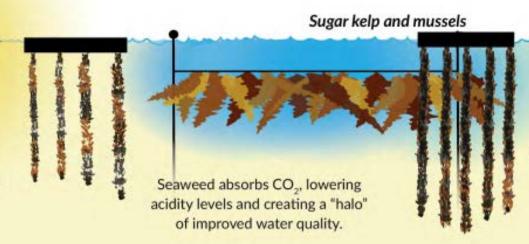


# "Phytoremediation" as an adaptation strategy

Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, nutrient runoff, and more acidic fresh water raise acidity levels in the ocean.

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More acidic ocean water is damaging to shell-forming organisms, threatening shellfisheries.



Sell seaweed and shellfish for a win-win.

Improved water quality may mean increased shellfish production and higher profits.

IN ADDITION to sugar kelp and mussels (above), two other natural pairings will be studied for potential benefits (at right).

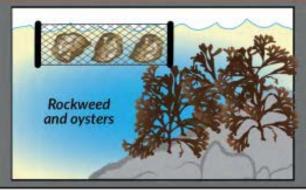
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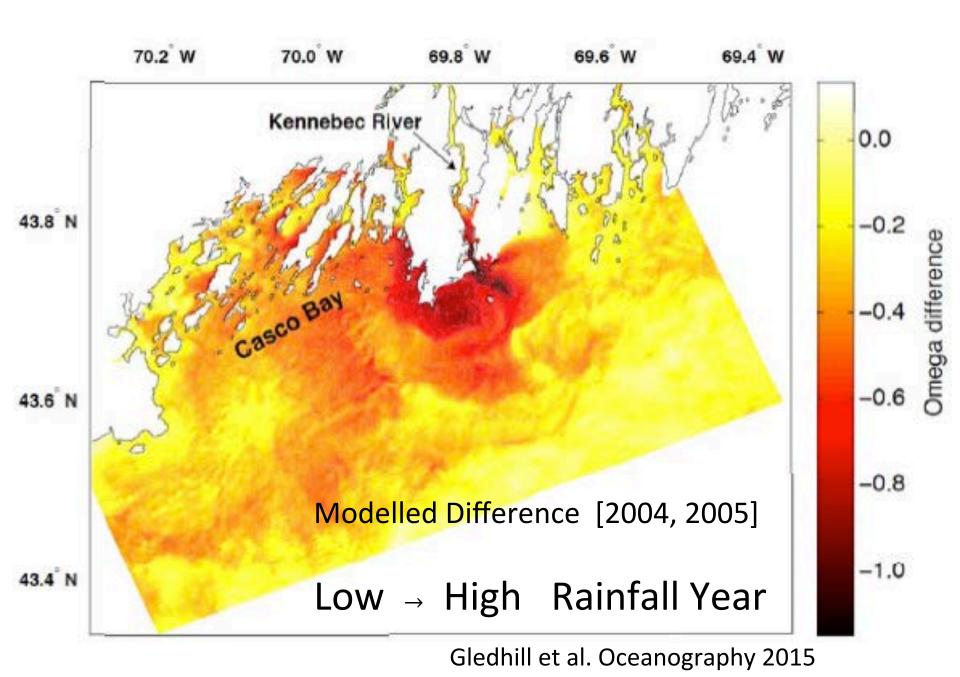
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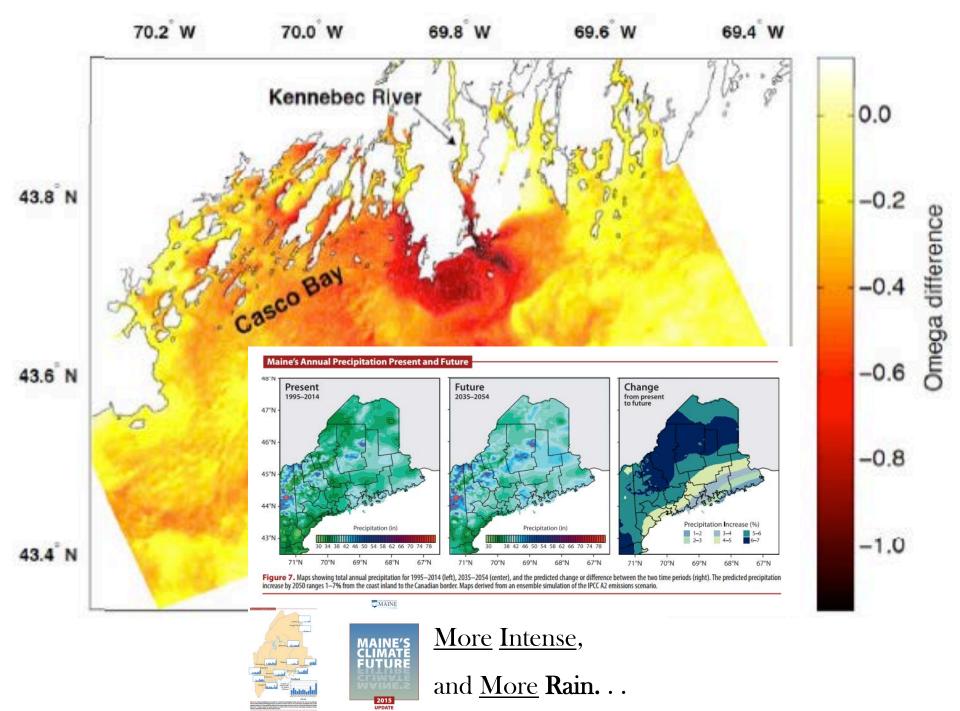
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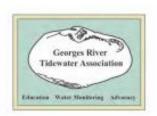


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### Maine Coastal Observing Alliance











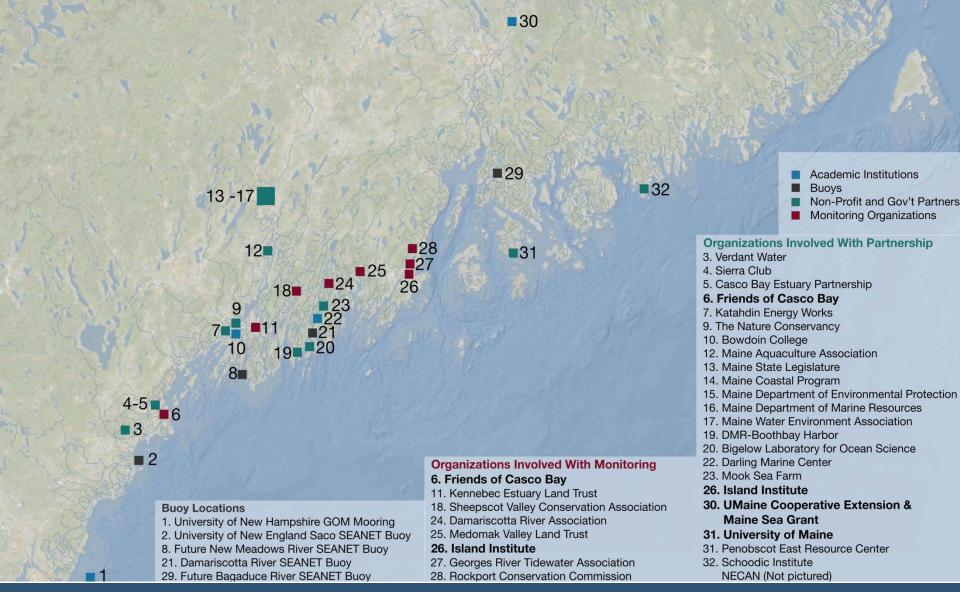






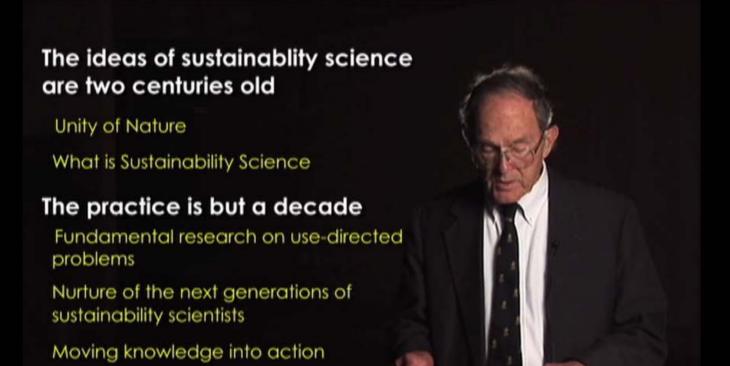






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## The Great Acceleration





Figure 4. Lynn Bannister (I) and Bob Kennedy (r); of RCC sampling in Rockport Harbor.

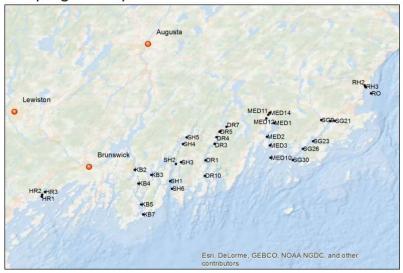
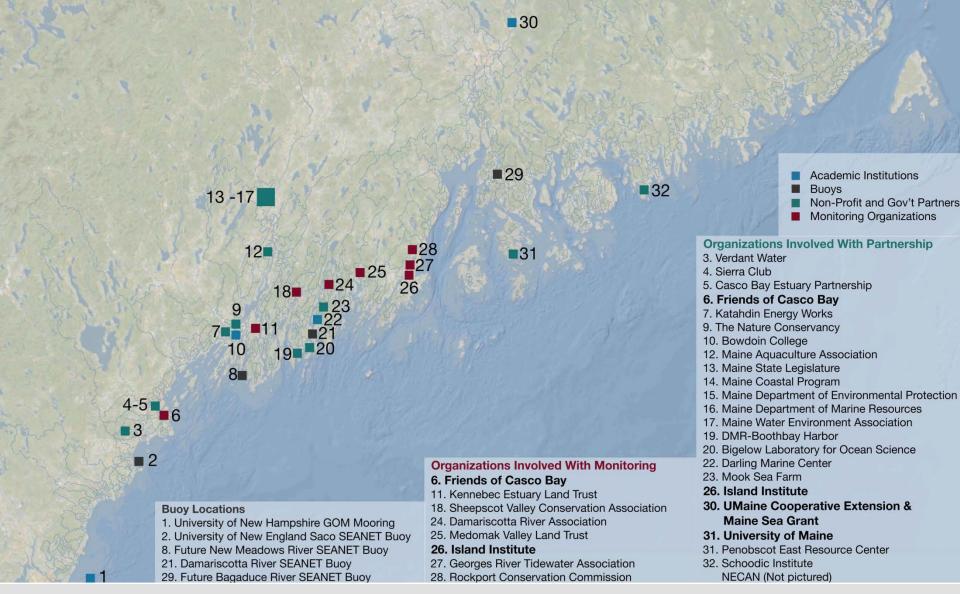


Figure 12. 2014 MCOA sampling stations. HR – Harraseeket , KB – Kennebec, SH – Sheepscot, DR – Damariscotta, MED – Medomak, SG – Saint George, RH – Rockport Harbor.



Figure 5. MCOA technician, Celeste Mosher sampling in the Sheepscot Estuary with the Manta 2. Photo courtesy of SVCA.



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Figure 6. Rockport Harbor Master Abbie Leonard (I) and Lynn Bannister (r) in Penobscot Bay. Photo courtesy of Bob Kennedy (RCC).



Figure 7. Celeste Mosher taking measurements in the Kennebec estuary. Photo courtesy of KELT.



## Workshops

### **Training Programs**

#### Tailored for:

- Maine
- southern Massachusetts
- Connecticut

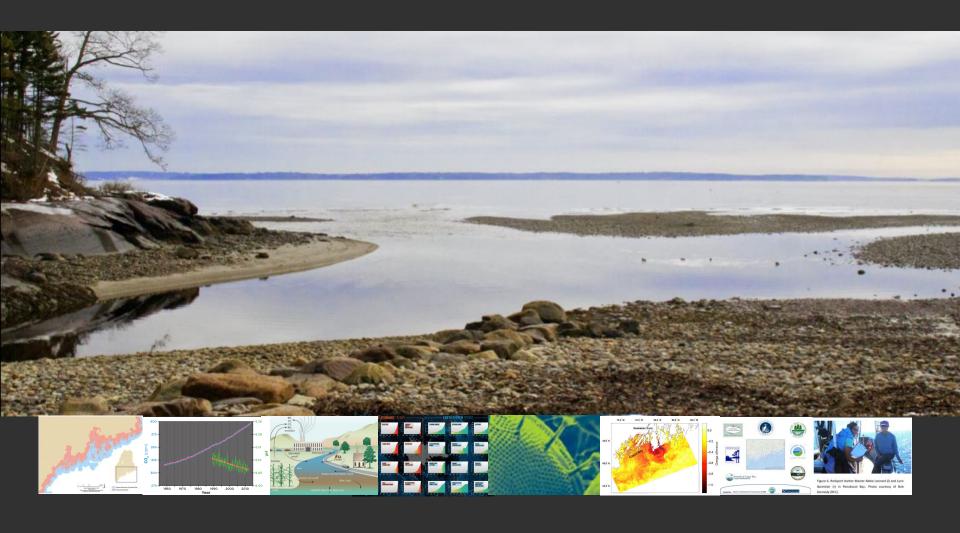




"The best way to predict the future is to invent it."

—Alan Kay,
Palo Alto Research Center meeting, 1971

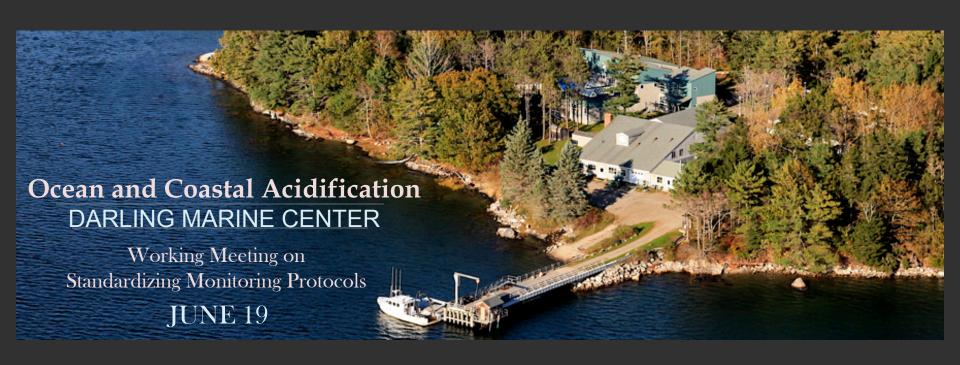
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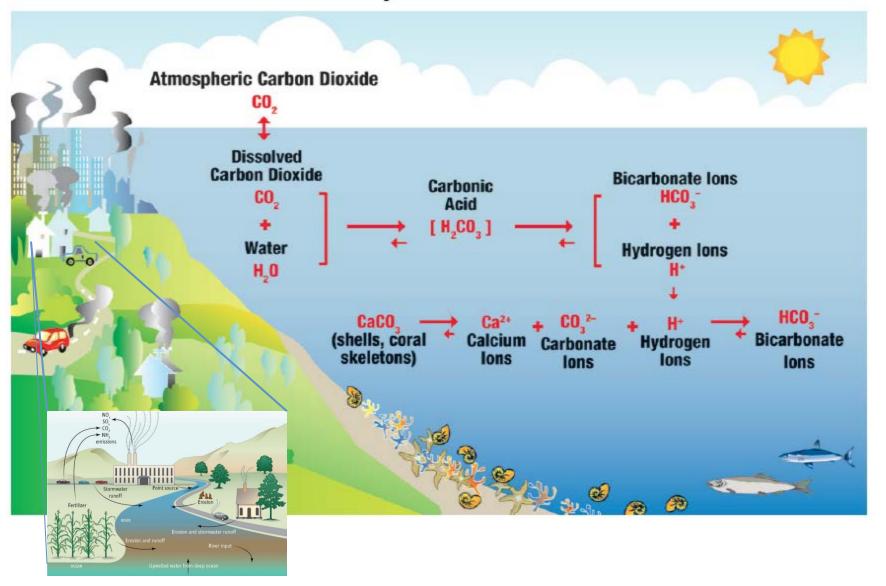


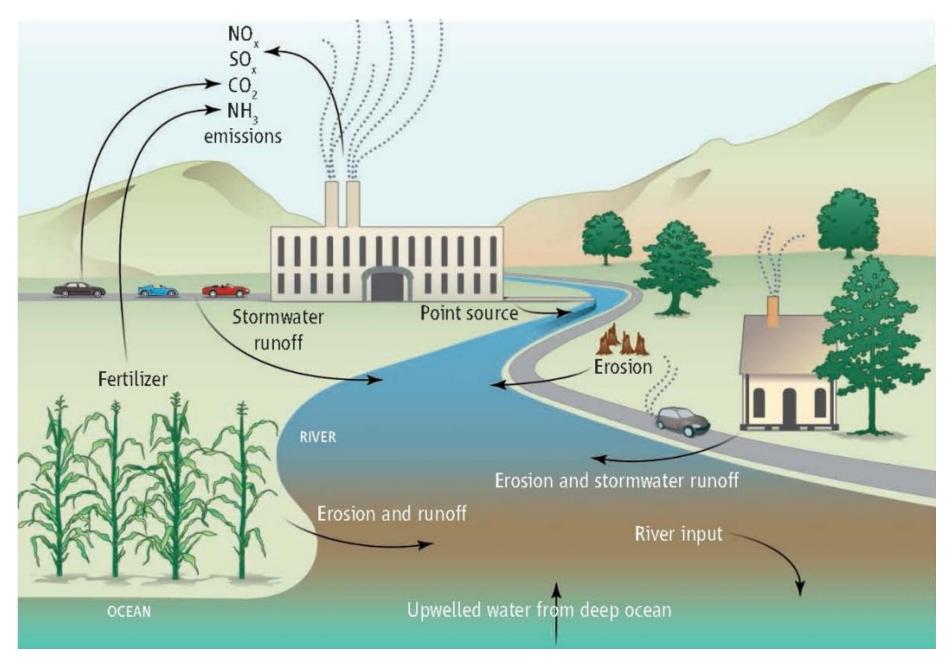
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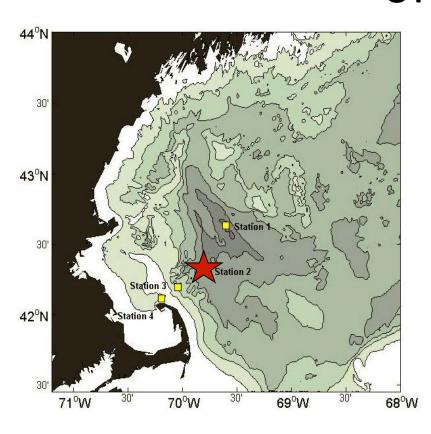
#### The Chemistry of Ocean Acidification





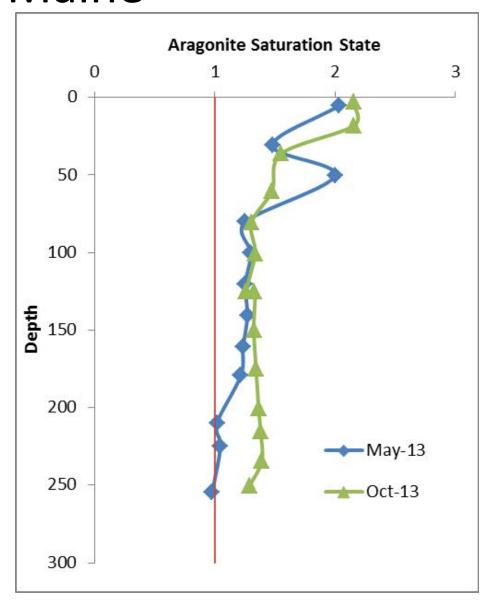
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# Seasonally Corrosive Waters in Deep Gulf of Maine



Figures: Wang & Lawson, in prep.

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#### **Gulf of Maine Sea Surface Temperature**

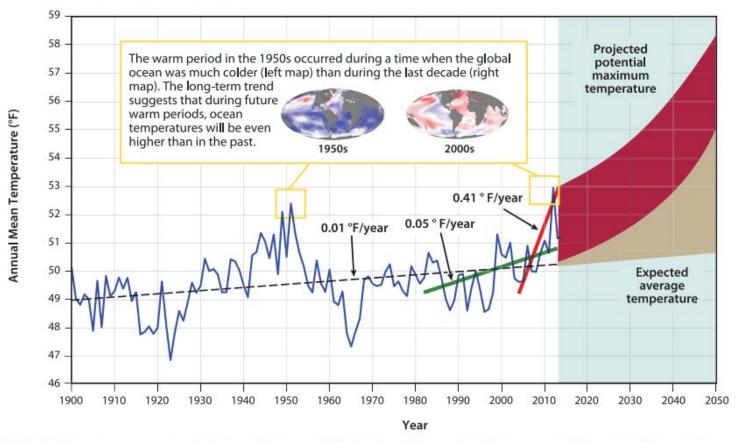


Figure 12. Mean sea surface temperature in the Gulf of Maine from 1900 to 2014 (blue), based on Extended Reconstructed Sea Surface Temperature (ERSST) version 3b data provided by the NOAA/OAR/Earth System Research Laboratory Physical Sciences Division, Boulder, CO (esrl.noaa.gov/psd/). The temperature trend over the entire record is 0.01 °F per year (black line). The rate accelerated to 0.05 °F per year after 1982 (green line) and was 0.41 °F per year from 2004–2013 (red line), based on NOAA Optimum Interpolation ¼ degree daily sea surface temperature analysis (ncdc.noaa.gov/sst/). Climate models provide a range of estimates of future mean temperatures (red and tan area), with the range driven by the uncertainty in how much carbon dioxide and methane will be added to the atmosphere.<sup>2</sup>







#### **Maine's Annual Precipitation Present and Future**

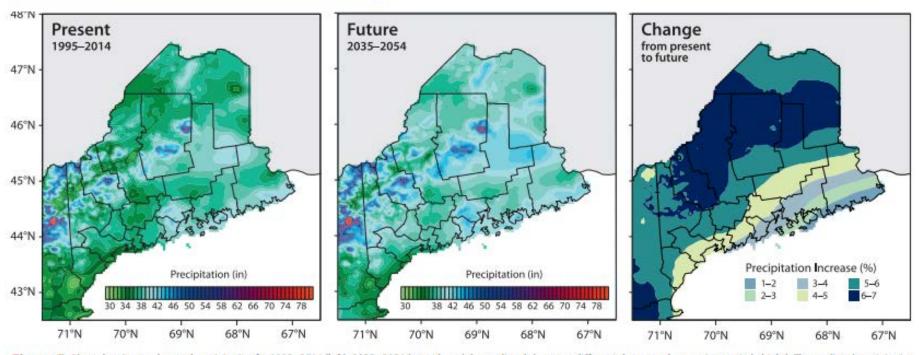
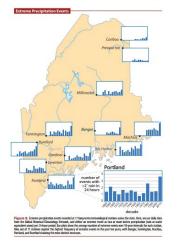
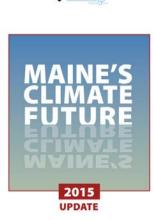


Figure 7. Maps showing total annual precipitation for 1995—2014 (left), 2035—2054 (center), and the predicted change or difference between the two time periods (right). The predicted precipitation increase by 2050 ranges 1—7% from the coast inland to the Canadian border. Maps derived from an ensemble simulation of the IPCC A2 emissions scenario.





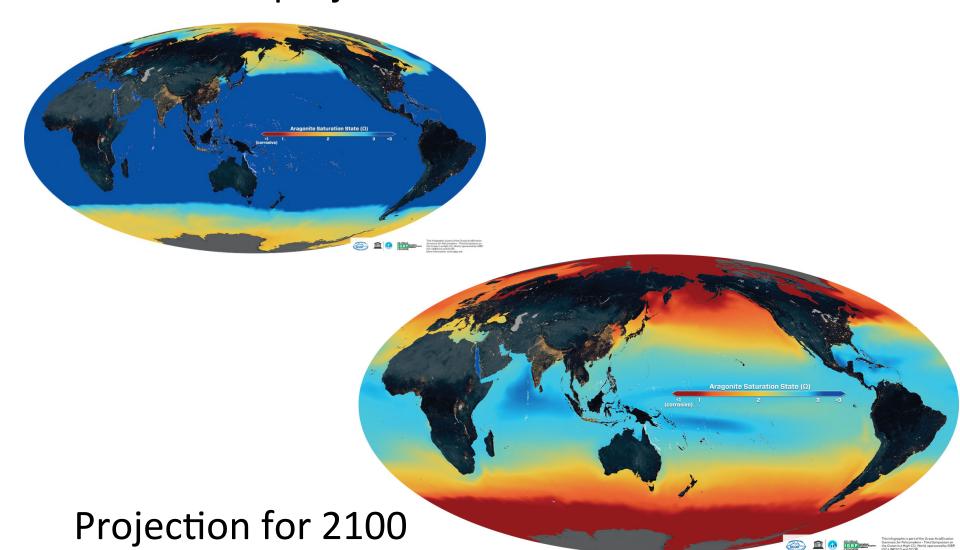
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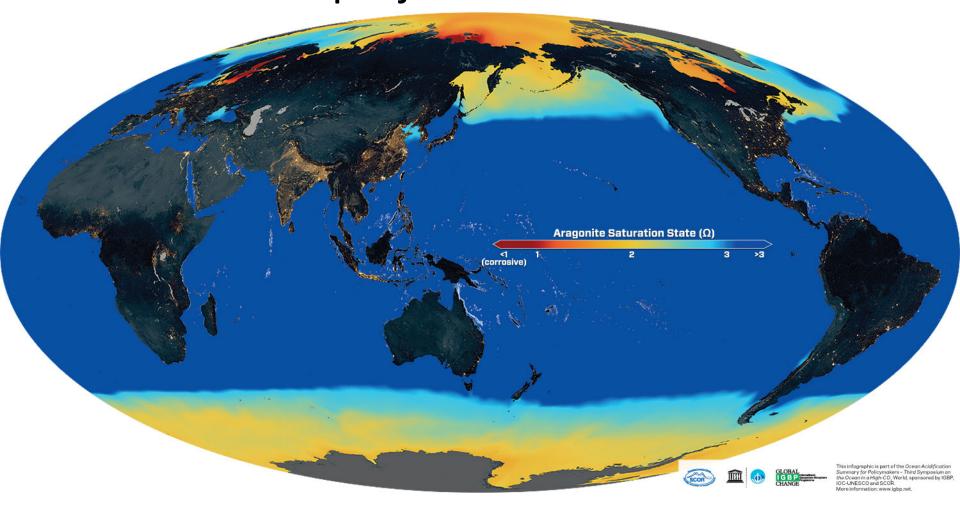
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### Pre-industrial projection



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## Projection for 2100

