Southeast Drought Workshop: Streams, forests and coastal ecosystems

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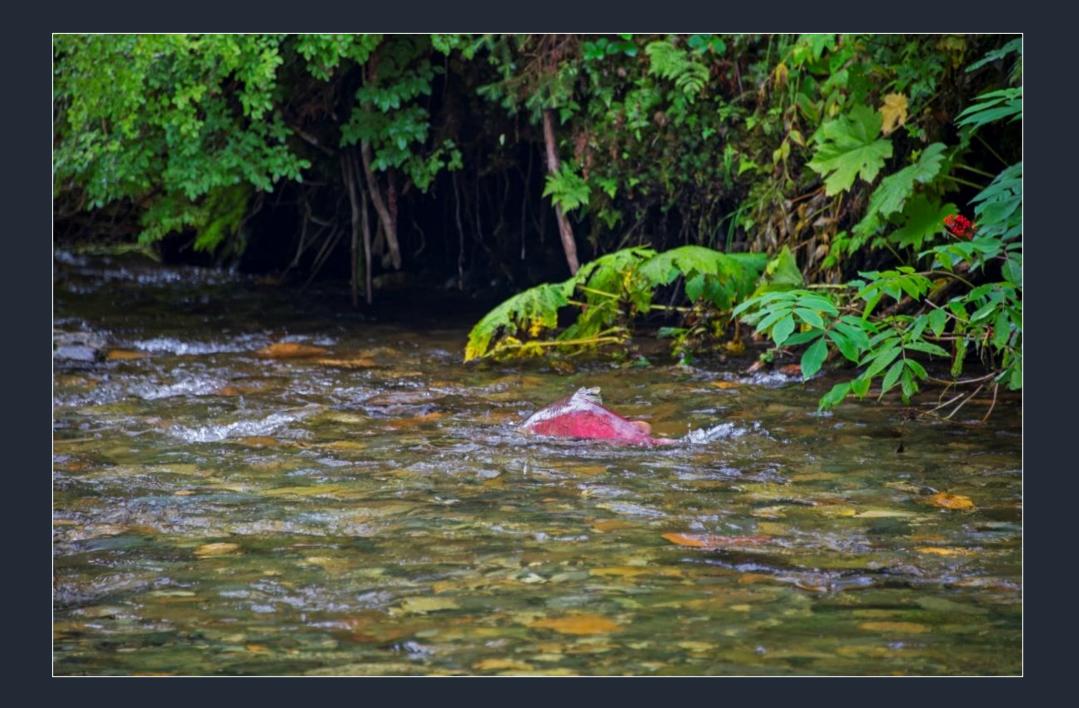


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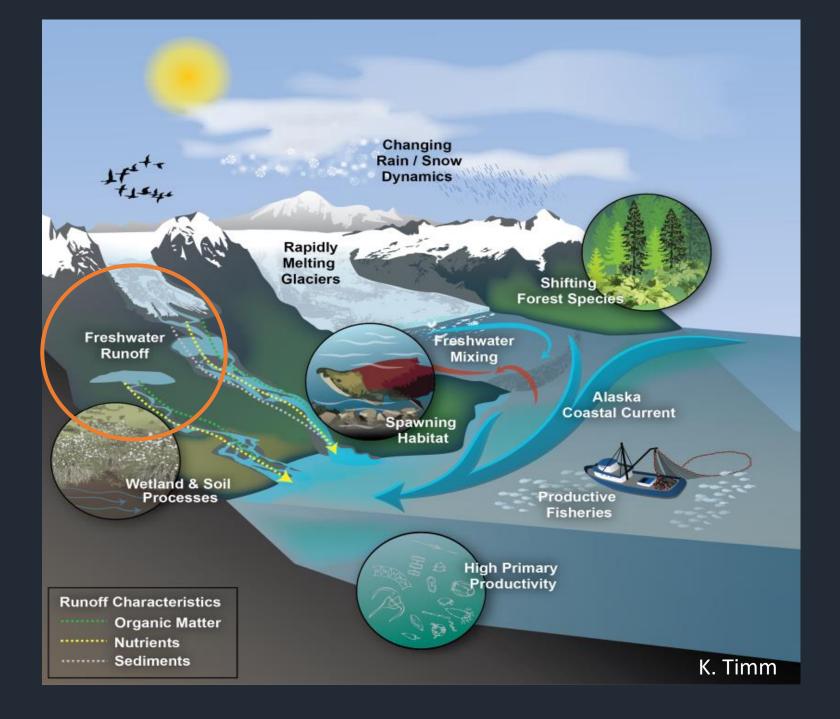


Long-term trends in precipitation regimes and temperatures

- less snow, more rain
- more precipitation falling in winter
- drier, hotter summers

And natural climate variability within and between years driven by large-scale climatic drivers in the North Pacific

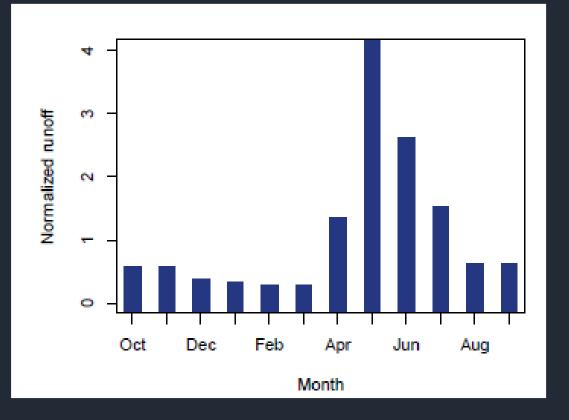
Are leading to drought conditions in both winter and summer with high spatial variability across SE AK

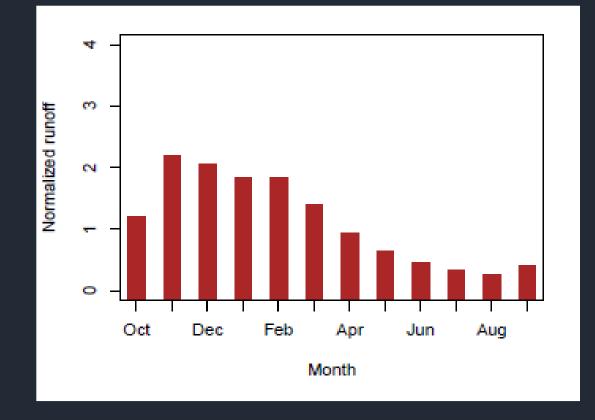


Idealized hydrographs

Snow-dominated

Rain-dominated

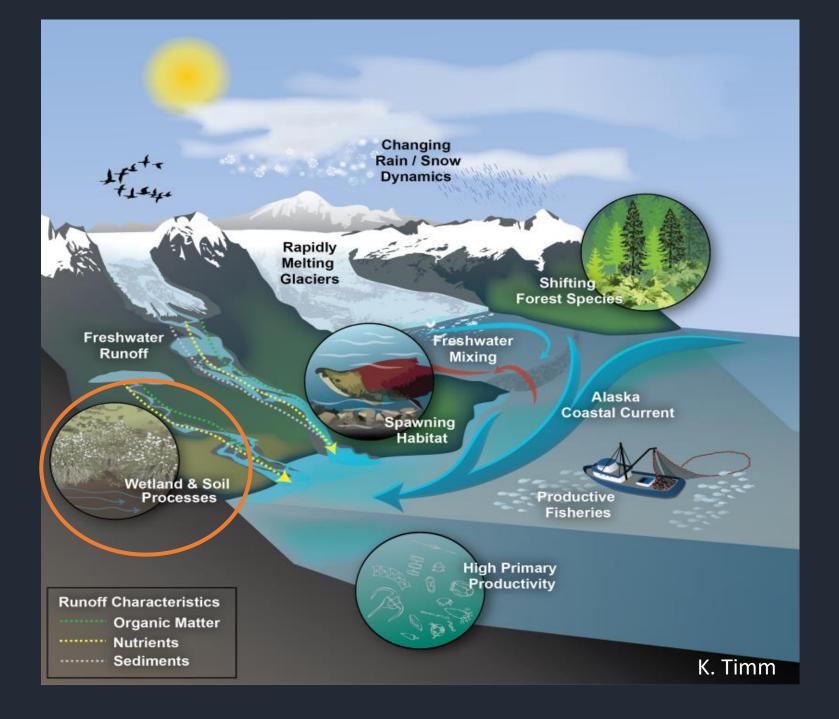




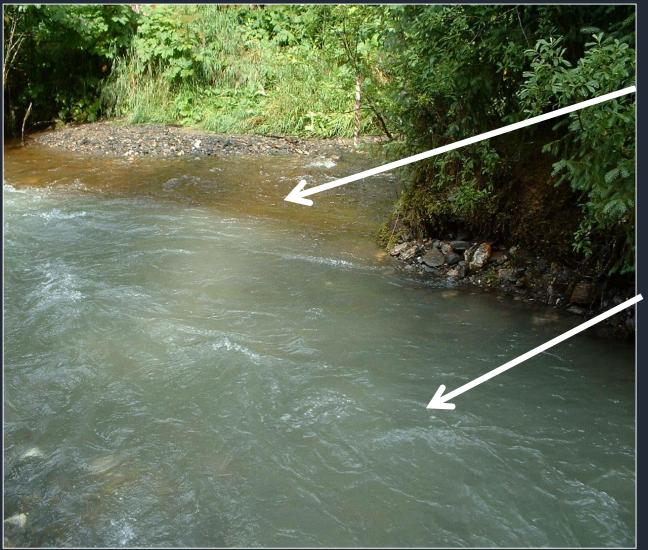


Stream flows and temperature affect salmon run timing, spawning success, and juvenile survival



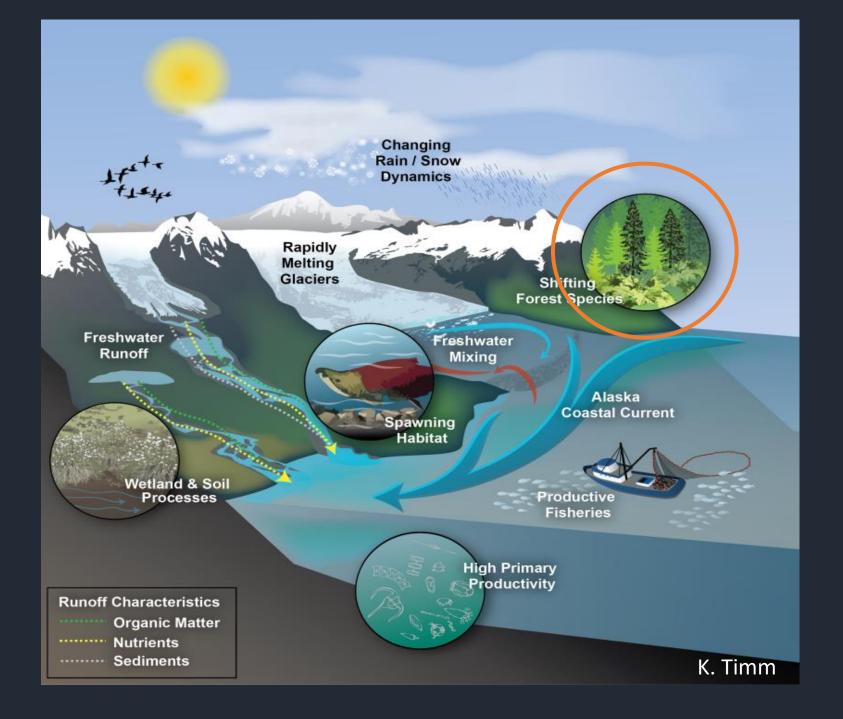


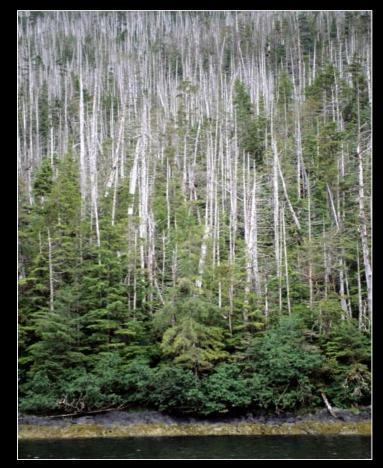
Stream chemistry changes following a storm event



Brownwater runoff from peatland

Cold, silty glacier stream





Yellow-cedar decline



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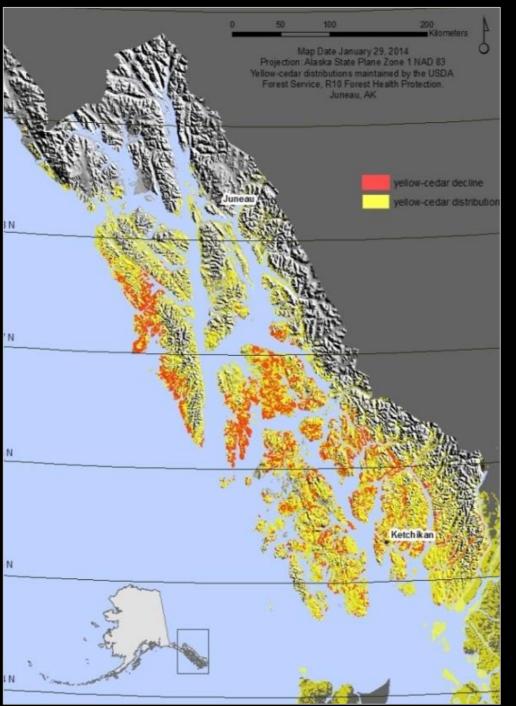
A Climate Adaptation Strategy for Conservation and Management of Yellow-Cedar in Alaska

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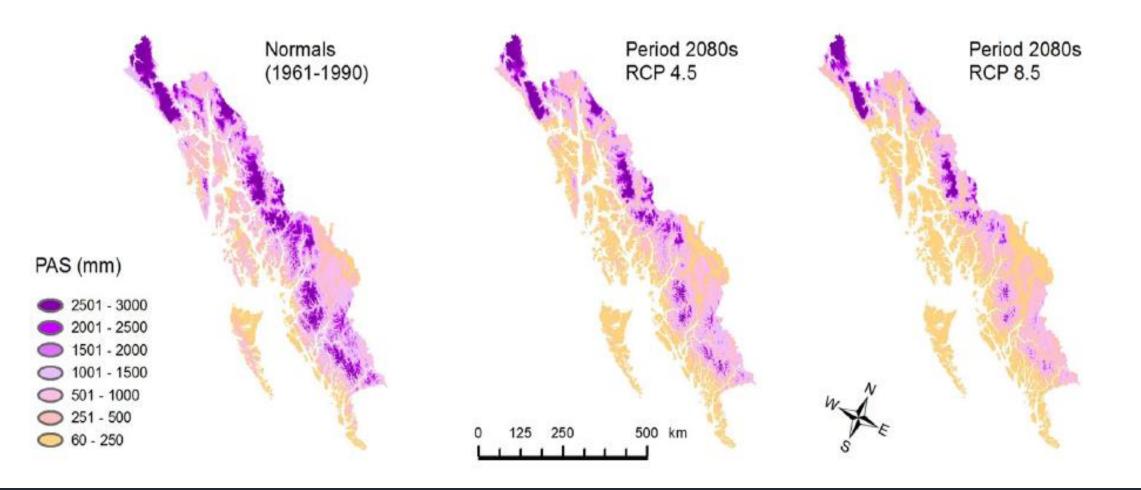


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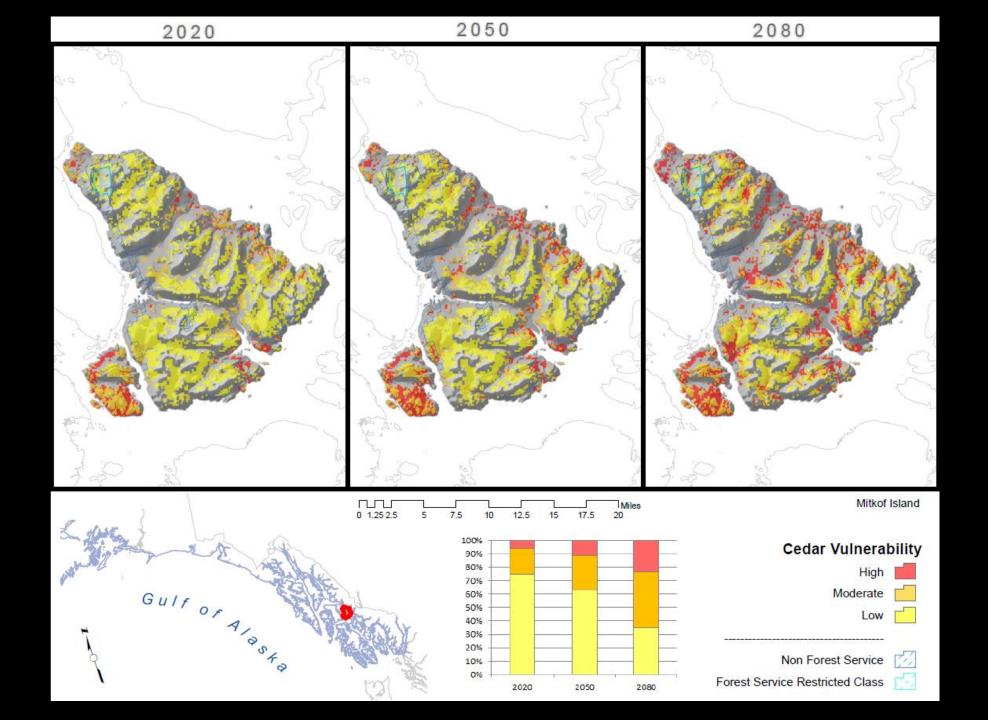
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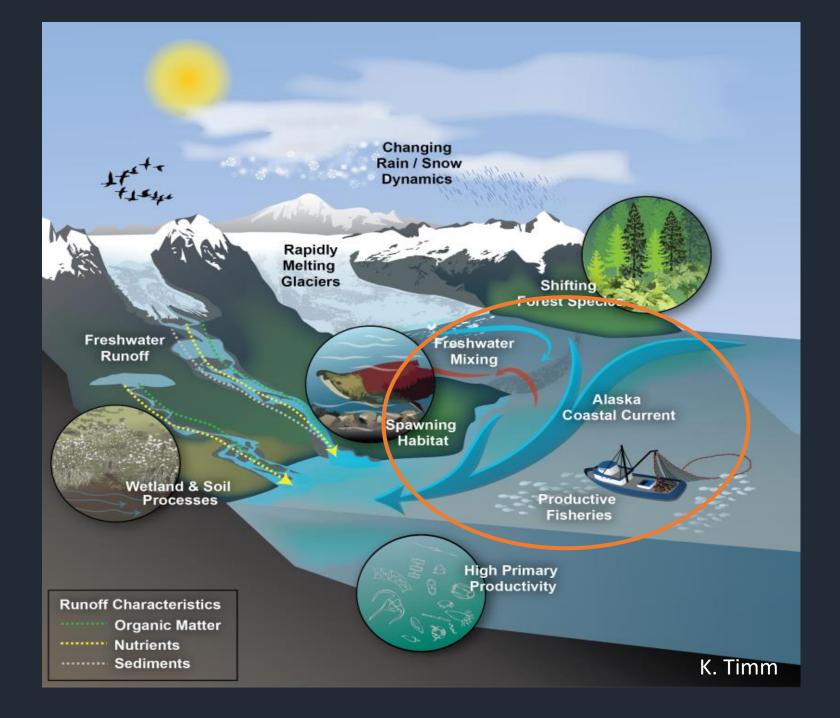






From Shanley et al., 2015, *Climatic Change*









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Harmful algal blooms correlated with

- sea surface temperature
- salinity
- freshwater discharge

