

# **NOAA West Watch**

# Reporting Regional Environmental Conditions & Impacts in the West

October 20, 2020







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- NOAA West Watch webinars are run by the Western Regional Climate Center, in partnership with the NOAA Western Regional Collaboration Team (NOAA West) with standing contributions from the three Integrated Ocean Observing System Regional Associations.
- Project Goals:
  - Serve as forum for bringing together NOAA staff and partners from across the agency and region to share information about regional scale environmental observations and impacts on human systems.
  - Help facilitate interdisciplinary connections and the exchange of information among agency staff and partners on regional climatic and oceanic conditions, particularly departures from normal.

These webinars are not formal public releases of data.



- The Western Regional Climate Center has agreed to provide funding to support continued quarterly webinars in 2020 and will be reassessed again at the end of the year.
- Request: If you find these webinars helpful, or if you have ideas of in-region entities that may be open to taking on this webinar please let me know: (mcevoyd@dri.edu).

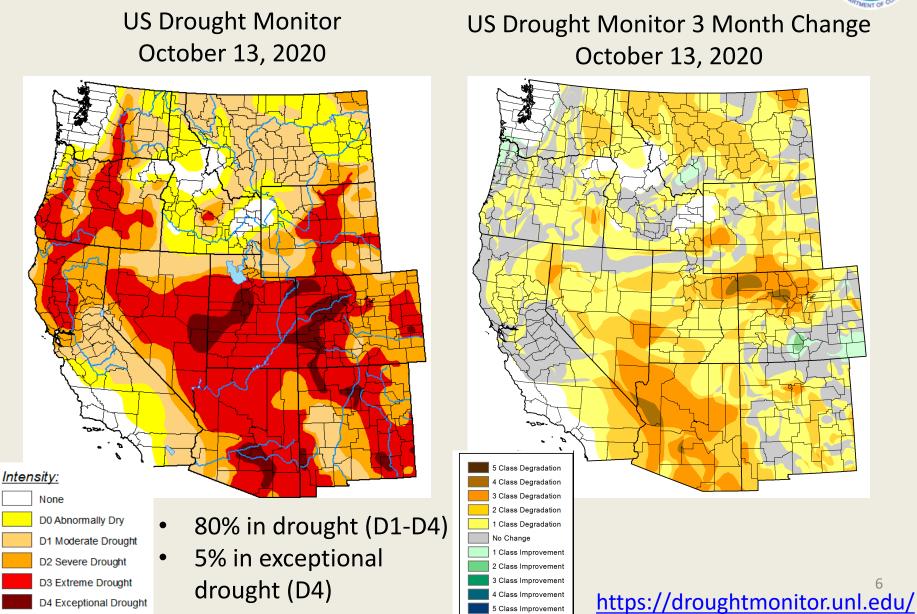
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## Widespread Western US Drought





## **Current Large Wildfires**





*Climate* plays a big role in setting up seasonal wildfire danger

Weather events (e.g., lightning, downslope winds) can start fires and drive fire behavior

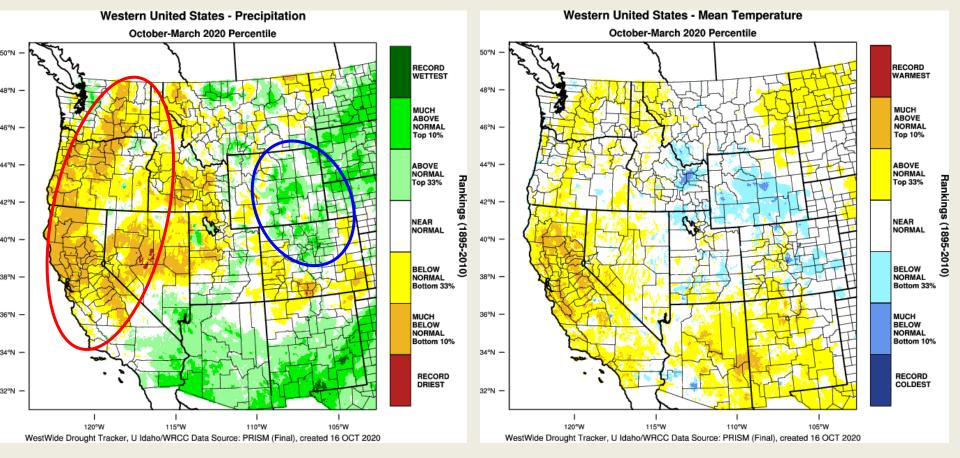
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## Wildfire Setup, Climate: Antecedent Conditions



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### Mean Temperature Percentile October 2019-March 2020

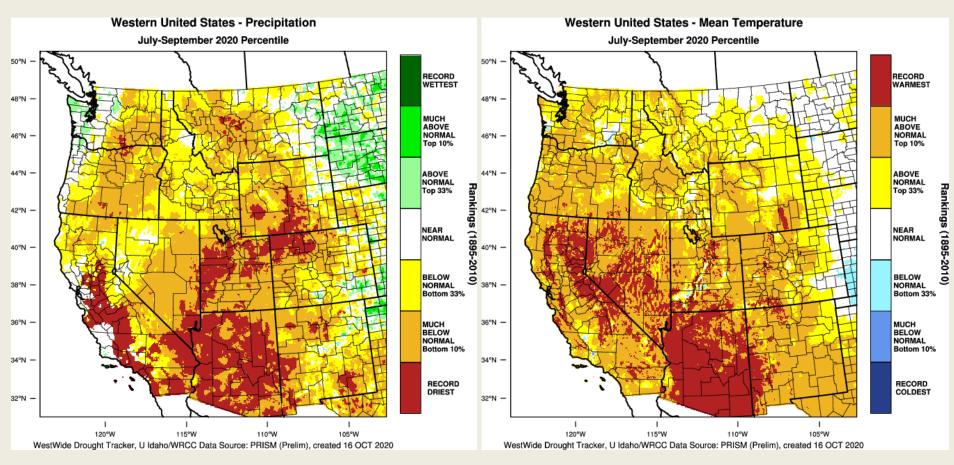


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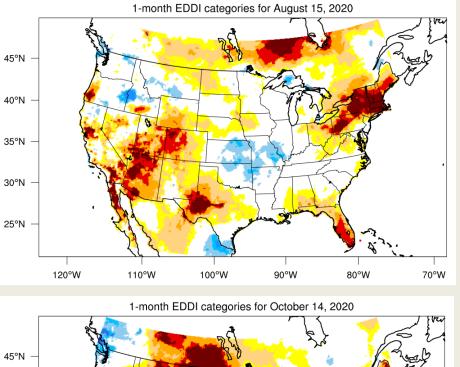
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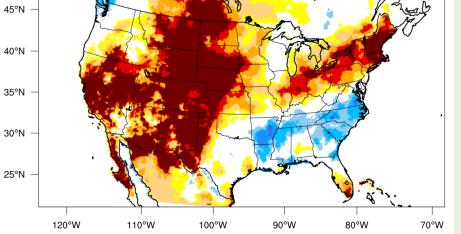
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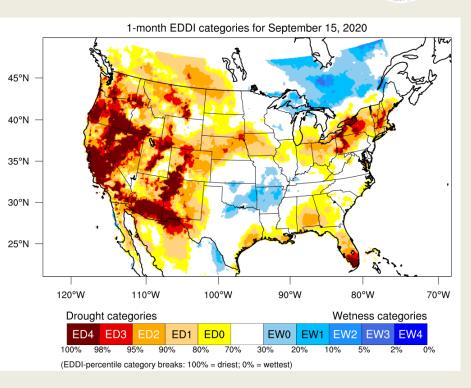


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## Wildfire Setup, Climate: Evaporative Demand Drought Index



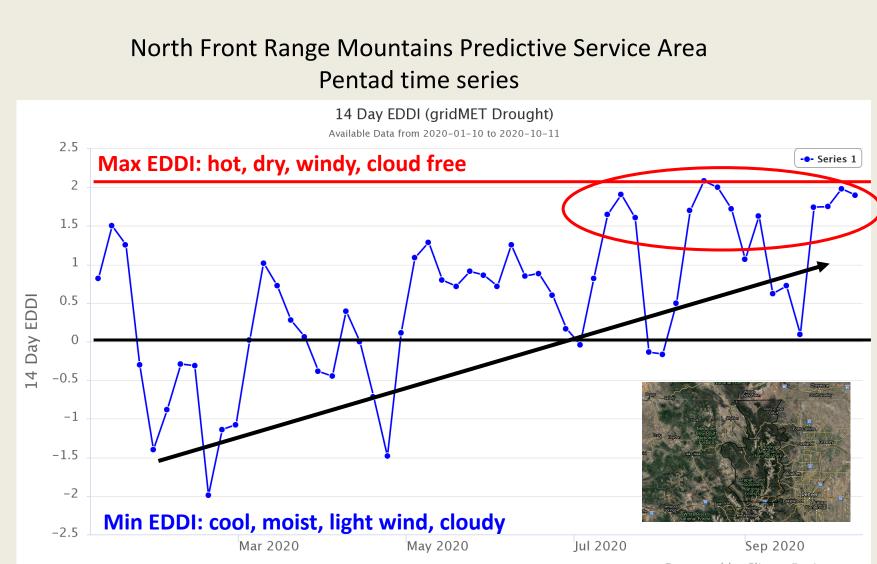




- EDDI inputs: temperature, wind, humidity, solar radiation
- Vapor pressure deficit part of EDDI calculations
- Atmospheric Thirst

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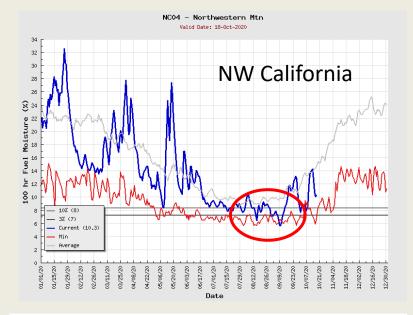
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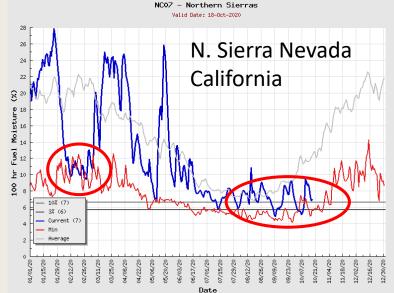


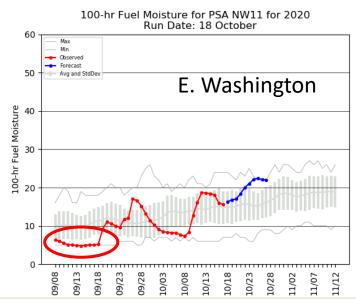
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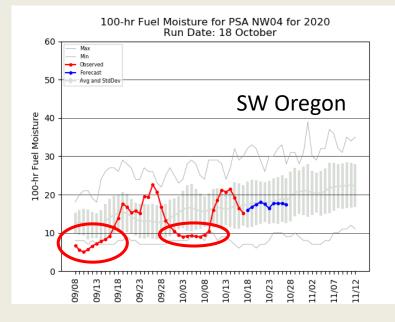
## Wildfire Setup: Fuel Moisture











## **California Lightning Siege: August 14-16**



Mitchell's Cove, Santa Cruz, CA



Photo: Shmuel Thaler/Santa Cruz Sentinel

August 24, 2020

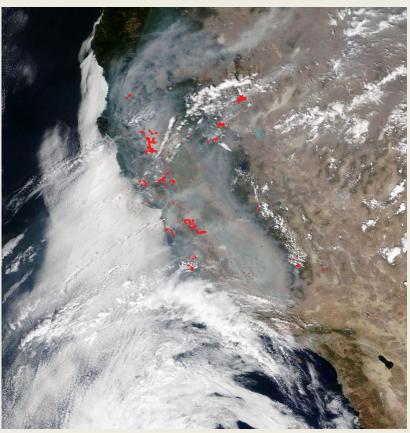


Image: NASA Worldview

- 8,532 lightning strikes
- 362 ignitions
- August Complex starts: now California's large fire



Nationwide through 10/19: Fires:

- **2020:** 46,148
- 2010-2019 average: 50,532

### Acres burned:

- **2020**: **8,404,047**
- 2010-2019 average: 6,340,457 Source: NIFC

### States with records set in 2020 for largest wildfire: California, Colorado, Washington

### California:

#### Number of Fires and Acres:

Interval	Fires	Acres
January 1, 2020 through October 11, 2020	6,899	1.435,639
January 1, 2019 through October 11, 2019	4,668	52,695
5-Year Average (same interval)	5,035	396,491
2020 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	8,486	4,105,786

## **California Top 20 Largest Wildfires**



#### **Top 20 Largest California Wildfires**

FIRE NAME (CA	AUSE) DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1 AUGUST COMPLEX (Under Int	vestigation)* August 202	20 Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Tehama, Glenn, Lake, & Colusa	1,029,697	935	1
2 MENDOCINO COMPLEX (Under Investigation)	July 2018	Colusa, Lake, Mendocino & Glenn	459,123	280	1
3 SCU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Under Investigation)*	August 202	20 Stanislaus, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, & San Joaquin	396,624	222	0
4 LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Under Investigation)*	August 202	Sonoma, Lake, Napa, Yolo & Soland	363,220	1,491	6
5 CREEK FIRE (Under Investigat	ion)* September 2	020 Fresno & Madera	344,042	856	0
6 NORTH COMPLEX (Under Inve	estigation)* August 202	Butte, Plumas & Yuba	318,930	2,352	15
7 THOMAS (Powerlines)	December 2	017 Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
8 CEDAR (Human Related)	October 20	03 San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
9 RUSH (Lightning)	August 20	12 Lassen	271,911 CA / 43,666 NV	0	0
10 RIM (Human Related)	August 20	13 Tuolumne	257,314	112	0
11 ZACA (Human Related)	July 2007	Santa Barbara	240,207	1	0
12 CARR (Human Related)	July 2018	Shasta County & Trinity	229,651	1,614	8
13 MATILIJA (Undetermined)	September 1	932 Ventura	220,000	0	0
14 WITCH (Powerlines)	October 20	07 San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
15 KLAMATH THEATER COMPL	LEX (Lightning) June 200	3 Siskiyou	192,038	0	2
16 MARBLE CONE (Lightning)	July 1977	Y Monterey	177,866	0	0
17 LAGUNA (Powerlines)	September 1	970 San Diego	175,425	382	5
18 SQF COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 202	20 Tulare	167,913	228	0
<b>19 BASIN COMPLEX</b> (Lightning)	June 200	3 Monterey	162,818	58	0
20 DAY FIRE (Human Related)	September 2	006 Ventura	162,702	11	0



Тор 20	) Most Destructi	ve California Wildfire	S		
FIRE NAME (CAUSE)	DATE	COUNTY	ACRES	STRUCTURES	DEATHS
1 CAMP FIRE (Powerlines)	November 2018	Butte	153,336	18,804	85
2 TUBBS (Electrical)	October 2017	Napa & Sonoma	36,807	5,636	22
3 TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (Rekindle)	October 1991	Alameda	1,600	2,900	25
4 CEDAR (Human Related)	October 2003	San Diego	273,246	2,820	15
5 NORTH COMPLEX (Under Investigation)*	August, 2020	Butte, Plumas, & Yuba	318,930	2,352	15
6 VALLEY (Electrical)	September 2015	Lake, Napa & Sonoma	76,067	1,955	4
7 WITCH (Powerlines)	October 2007	San Diego	197,990	1,650	2
8 WOOLSEY (Under Investigation)	November 2018	Ventura	96,949	1,643	3
9 CARR (Human Related)	July 2018	Shasta County, Trinity	229,651	1,614	8
<b>10</b> GLASS FIRE (Under Investigation)*	September 2020	Napa & Sonoma	67,484	1,520	0
11 LNU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Under Investigation)*	August 2020	Lake, Napa, Sonoma, Yolo & Solano	363,220	1,491	6
12 CZU LIGHTNING COMPLEX (Lightning)	August 2020	Santa Cruz, San Mateo	86,509	1,490	1
13 NUNS (Powerline)	October 2017	Sonoma	54,382	1,355	3
14 THOMAS (Powerline)	December 2017	Ventura & Santa Barbara	281,893	1,063	2
15 OLD (Human Related)	October 2003	San Bernardino	91,281	1,003	6
16 JONES (Undetermined)	October 1999	Shasta	26,200	954	1
17 AUGUST COMPLEX (Under Investigation)*	September 2015	Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Tehama, Glenn, Lake, & Colusa	1,029,697	935	1
18 BUTTE (Powerlines)	September 2015	Amador & Calaveras	70,868	921	2
<b>19</b> CREEK FIRE (Under Investigation)*	September 2020	Fresno & Madera	344,042	856	0
20 ATLAS (Powerline)	October 2017	Napa & Solano	51,624	783	6

## **Colorado's Largest Wildfires**



Year +	Size	•	Name +
2020	203,253 acres (82,254 ha) <sup>[46]</sup>		Cameron Peak Fire
2020	139,007 acres (56,254 ha)		Pine Gulch fire
2002	137,760 acres (55,750 ha)		Hayman Fire
2013	110,405 acres (44,679 ha) <sup>[32][33][34][35]</sup>		West Fork Fire Complex
2018	108,045 Acres		Spring Creek Fire
2012	87,284 acres (35,323 ha)		High Park Fire
2002	71,739 acres (29,032 ha)		Missionary Ridge Fire
2018	54,129 Acres		416 & Burro Fire Complex
2008	46,612 acres (18,863 ha)		Bridger fire
2011	46,257 acres (18,720 ha)		Bear Springs Complex fire
2012	45,000 acres (18,000 ha) <sup>[26]</sup>		Last Chance fire
2018	42,795 acres (17,319 ha)		MM 117 fire
2016	38,380 acres (15,530 ha)		Beaver Creek fire
2018	36,520 acres (14,780 ha)		Bull Draw fire
2018	33,609 acres (13,601 ha)		Badger Hole fire
2017	32,564 acres (13,178 ha)		Logan fire
2020	32,431 acres (13,124 ha)		Grizzly Creek fire

### Cameron Peak Fire, Friday, October 16, 2020



Photo: Bethany Baker/The Coloradoan

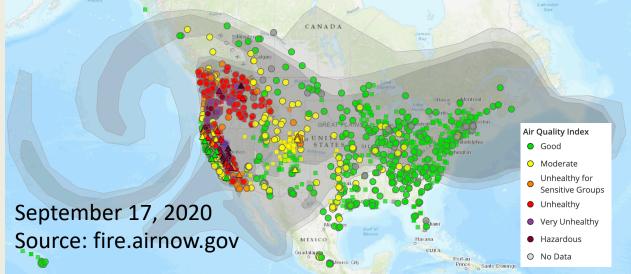
## **Smoke Impacts**



### August 20, 2020







## Creek Fire, California, September 5, 2020

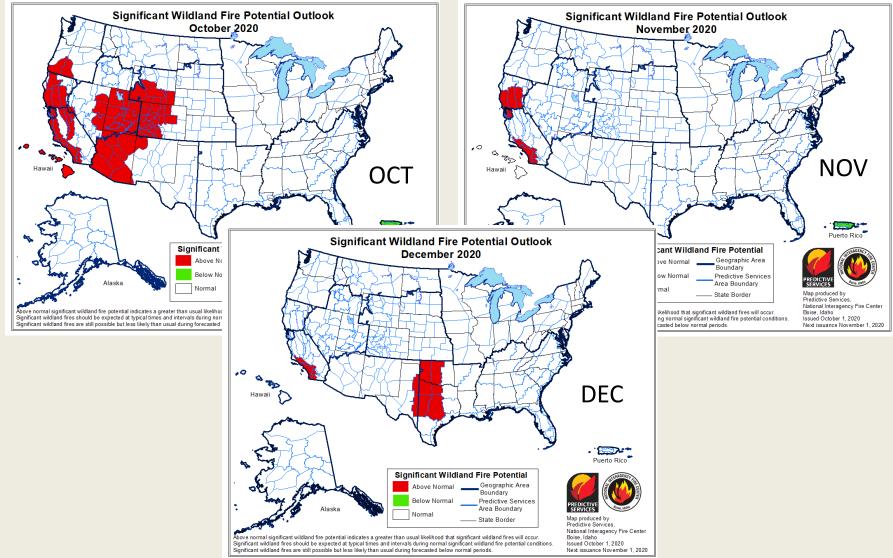




Photo: Ryan Waugh, Incident Management Team

## **Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook**





https://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm



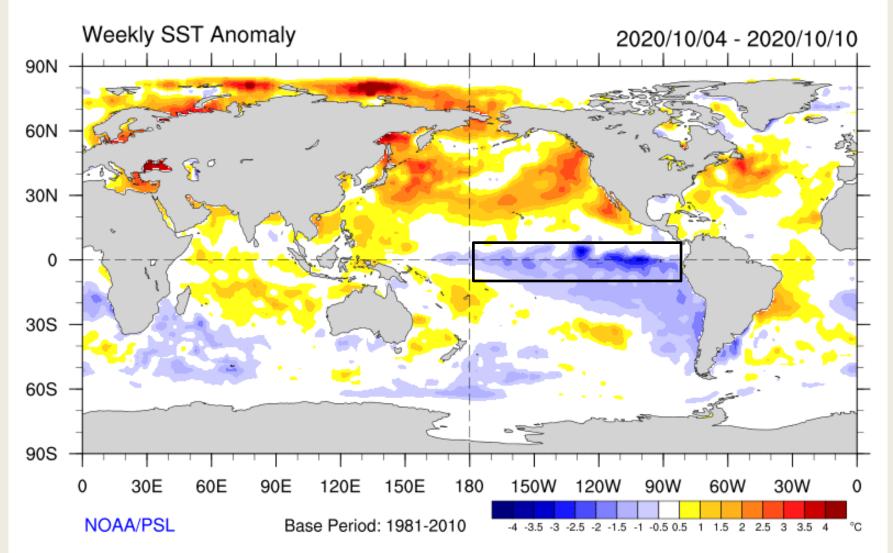
### ENSO Alert System Status: La Niña Advisory

- La Niña conditions are present.\*
- Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are below average from the westcentral to eastern Pacific Ocean.
- The tropical atmospheric circulation is consistent with La Niña.
- La Niña is likely to continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2020-21 (~85% chance) and into spring 2021 (~60% chance during February-April).\*

Credit: CPC

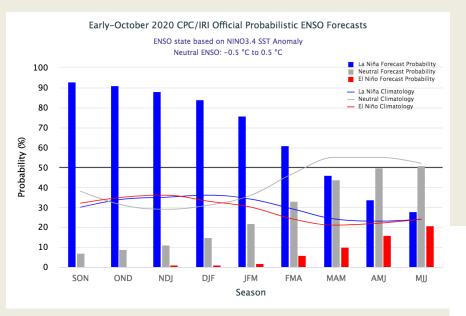
\* Note: These statements are updated once a month (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) in association with the ENSO Diagnostics Discussion, which can be found here:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\_monitoring/enso\_advisory/.



## **ENSO Forecasts**

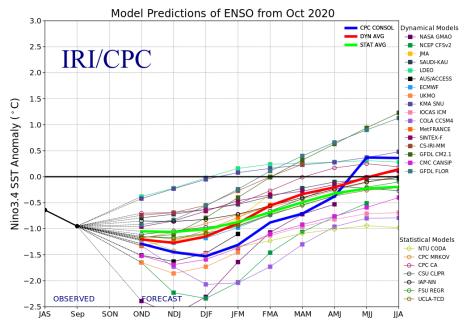




CPC/IRI El Nino forecast:

NMME models + other dynamical models + statistical models

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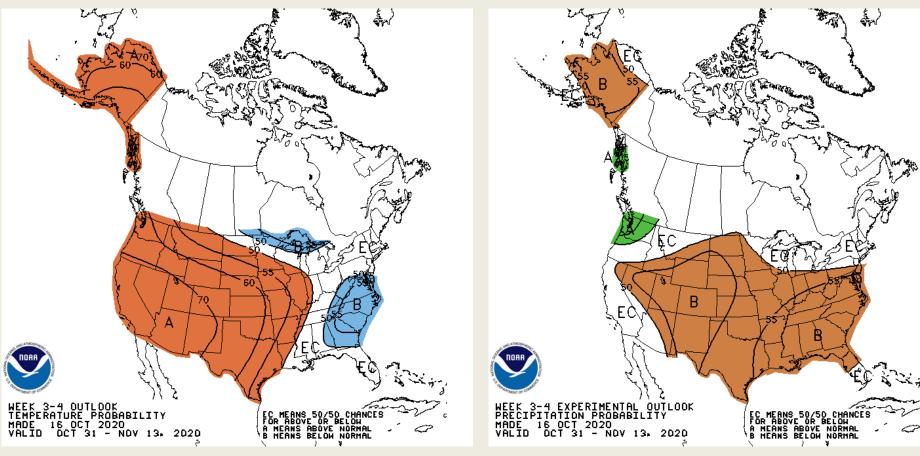


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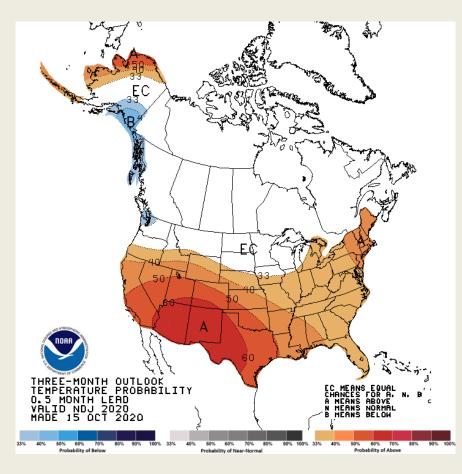
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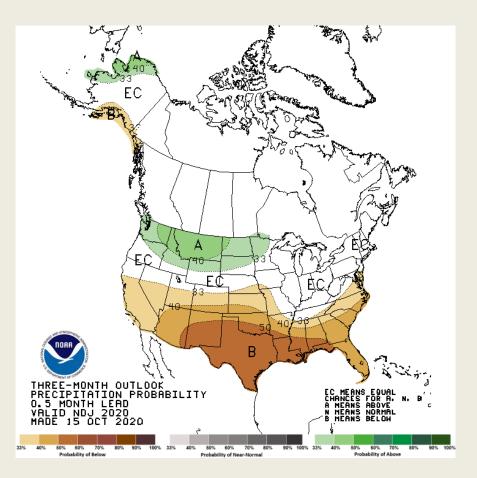
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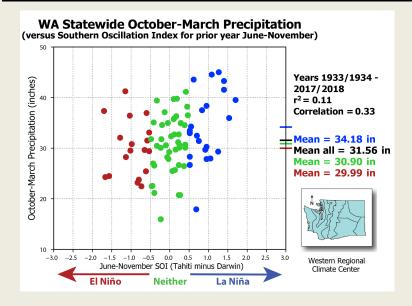


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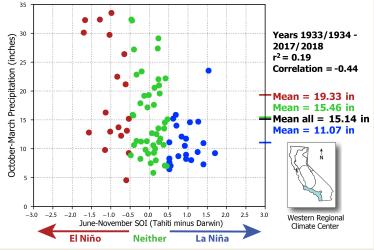


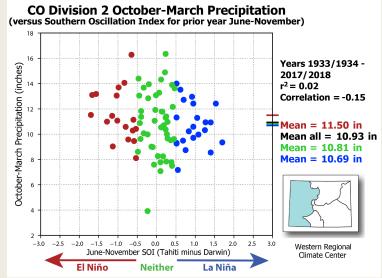
## Is La Nina a good predictor of precipitation?



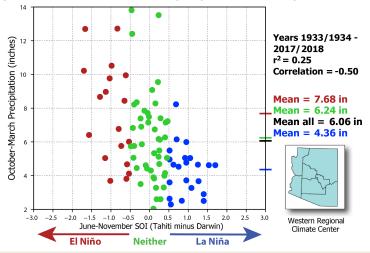


#### CA Division 6 October-March Precipitation (versus Southern Oscillation Index for prior year June-November)



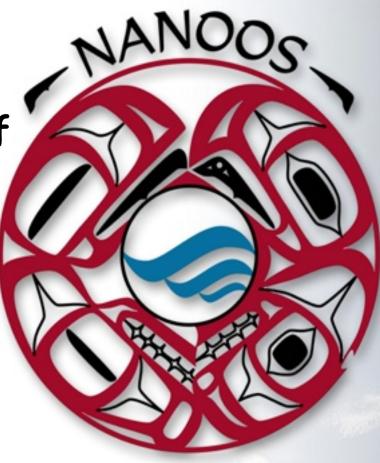


AZ Statewide October-March Precipitation (versus Southern Oscillation Index for prior year June-November)



https://wrcc.dri.edu/Climate/soi\_precip.php

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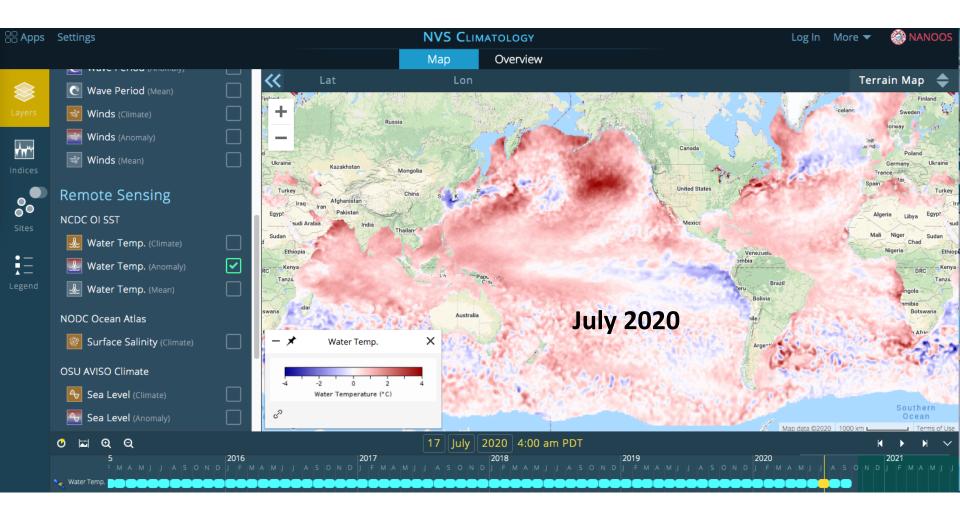
Jan Newton, NANOOS Executive Director

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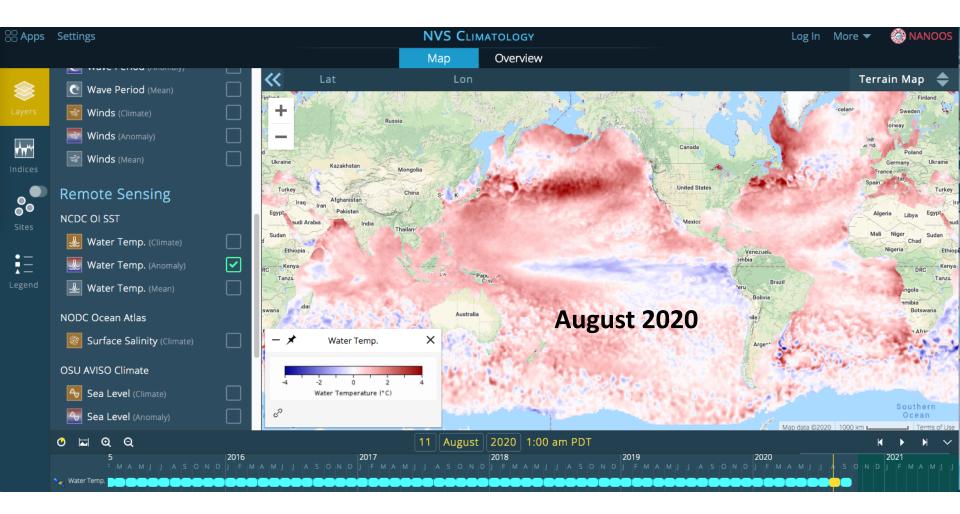
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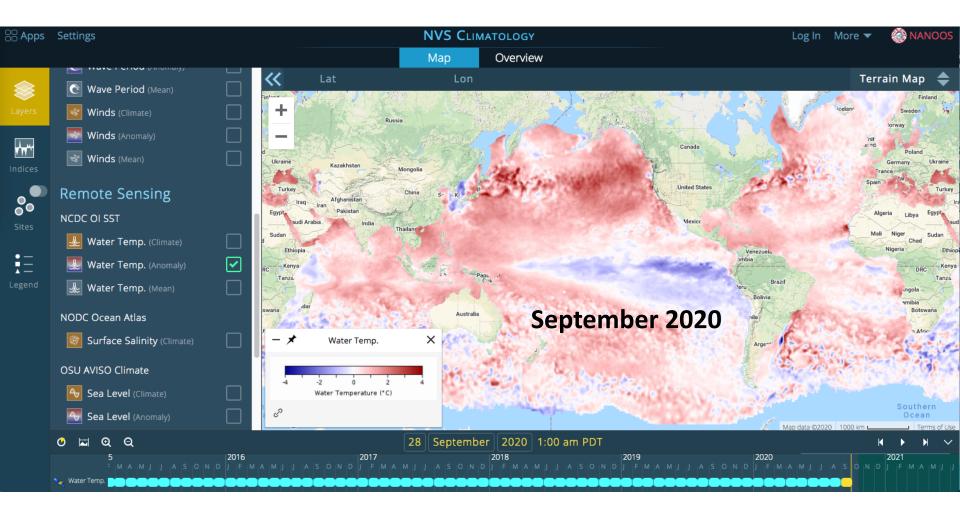
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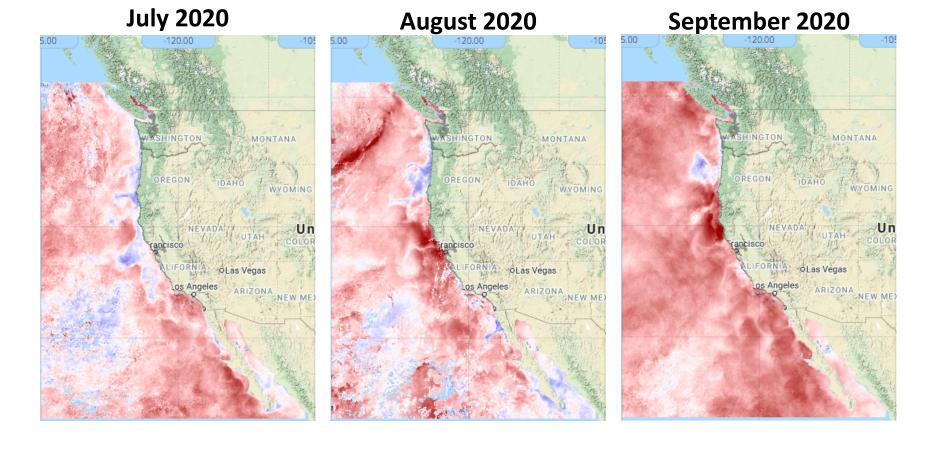


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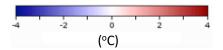
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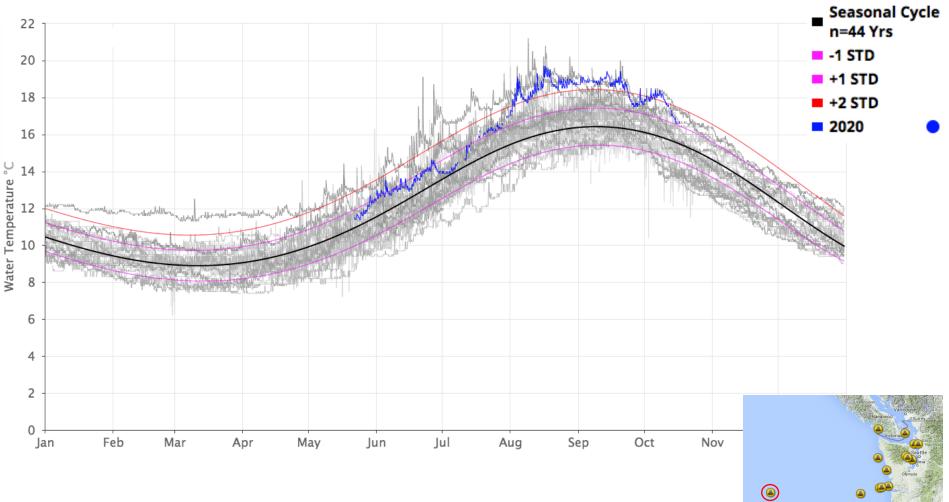


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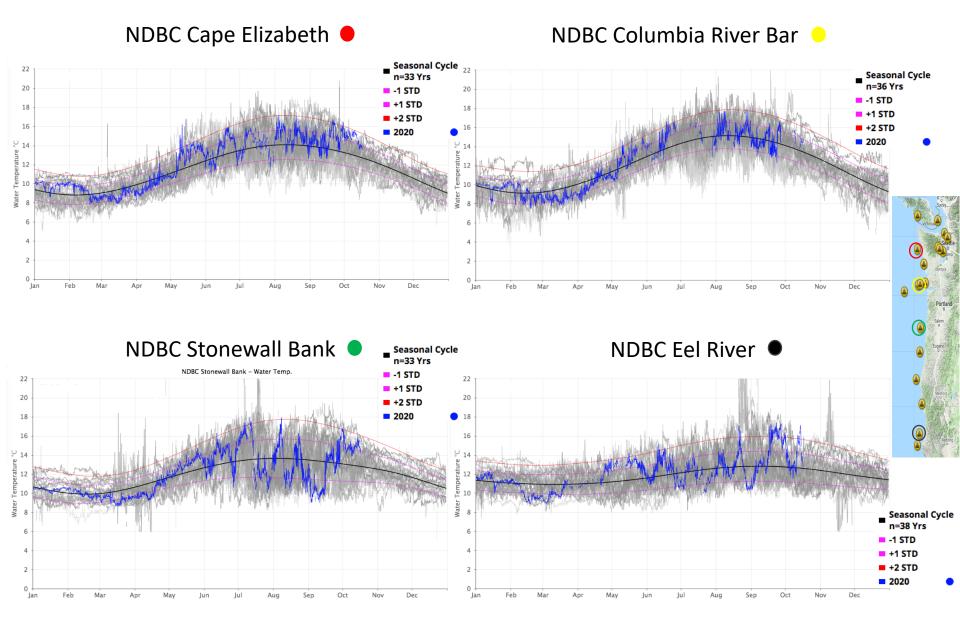




#### NDBC Washington



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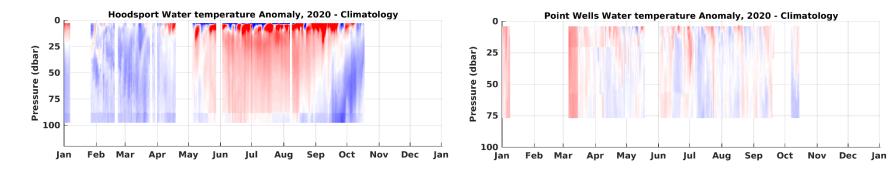
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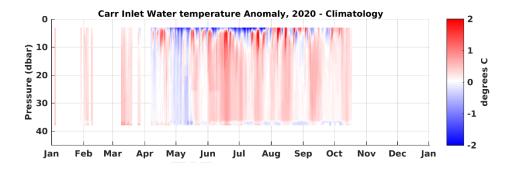
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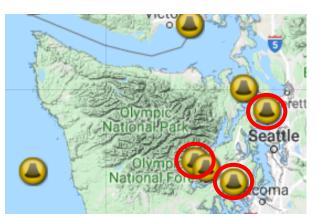
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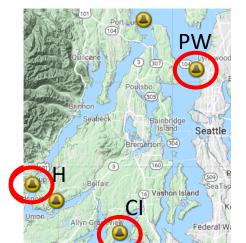
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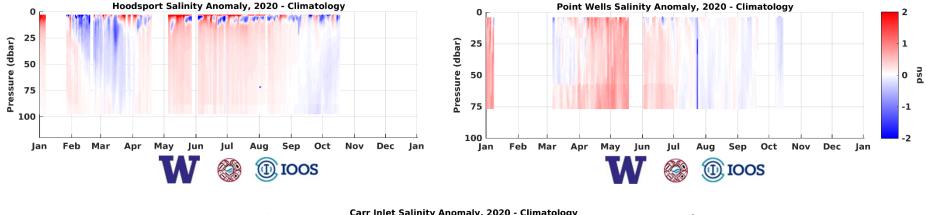


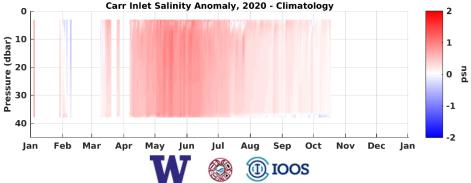


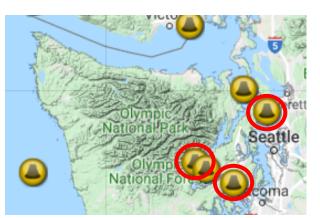


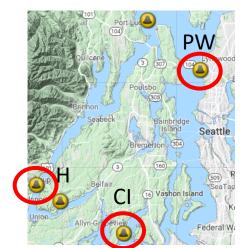


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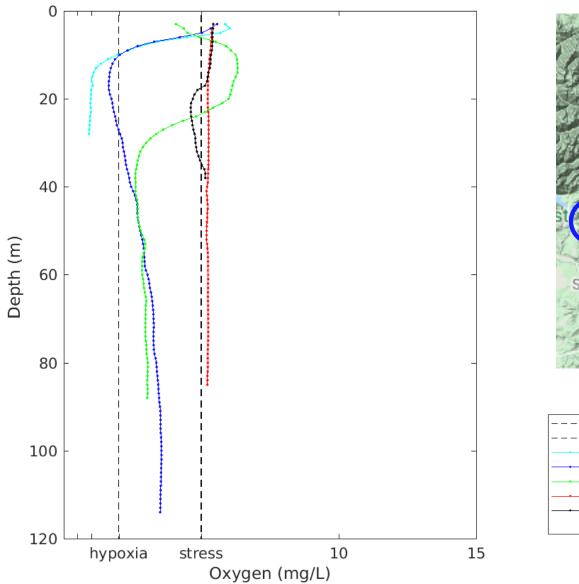


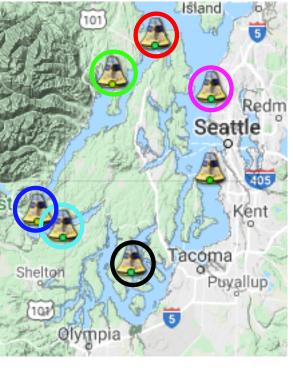






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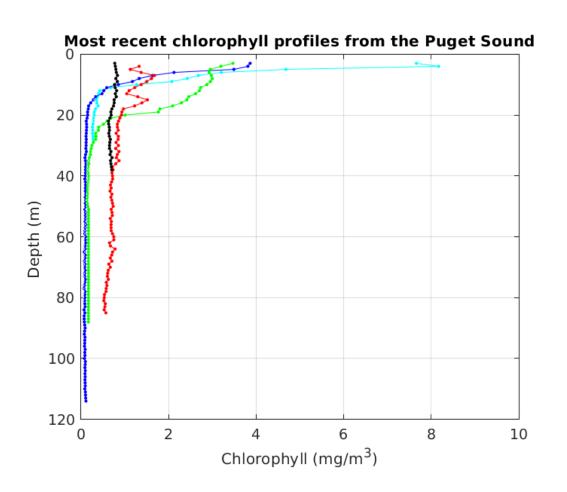


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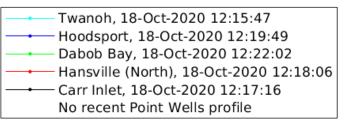


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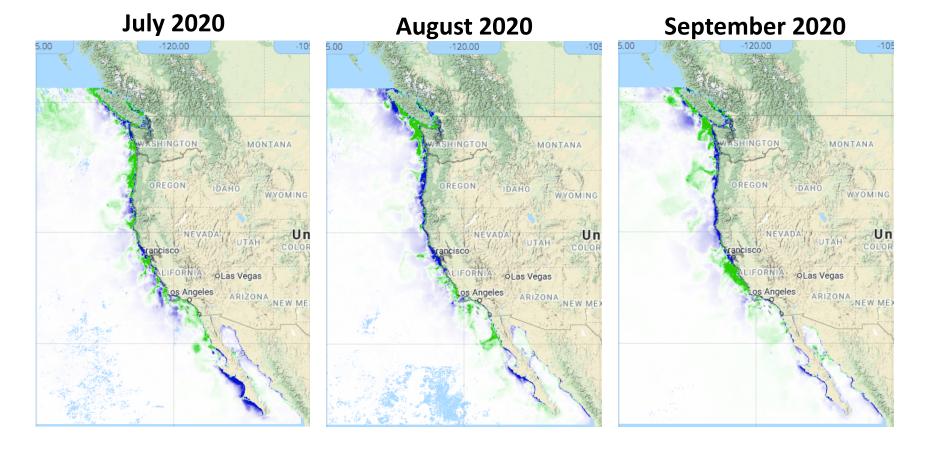




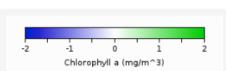


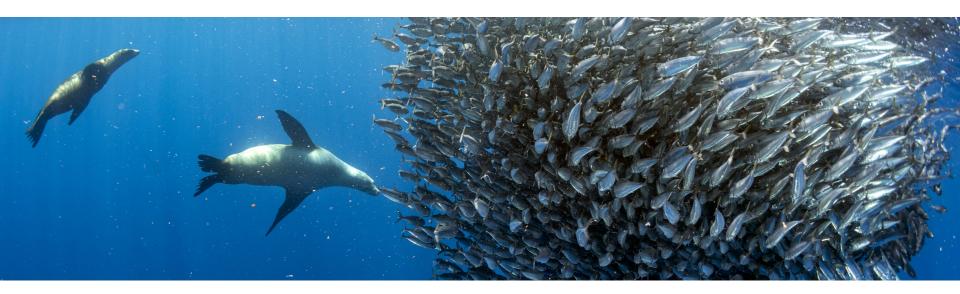
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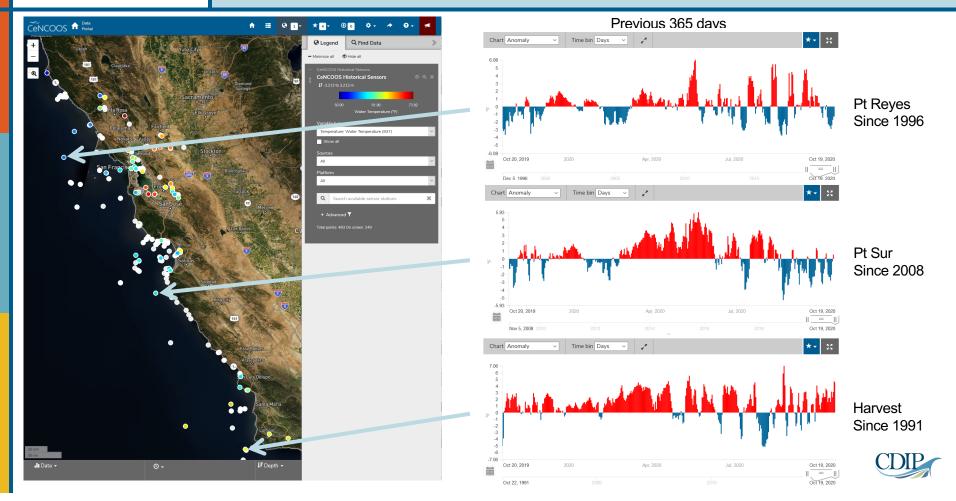
#### CeNCOOS West Watch Update

Henry Ruhl, Oct 20 2020



#### **Offshore CDIP Station Variations**

CENTRAL & NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM





## Trinidad Head Glider Line – Temp

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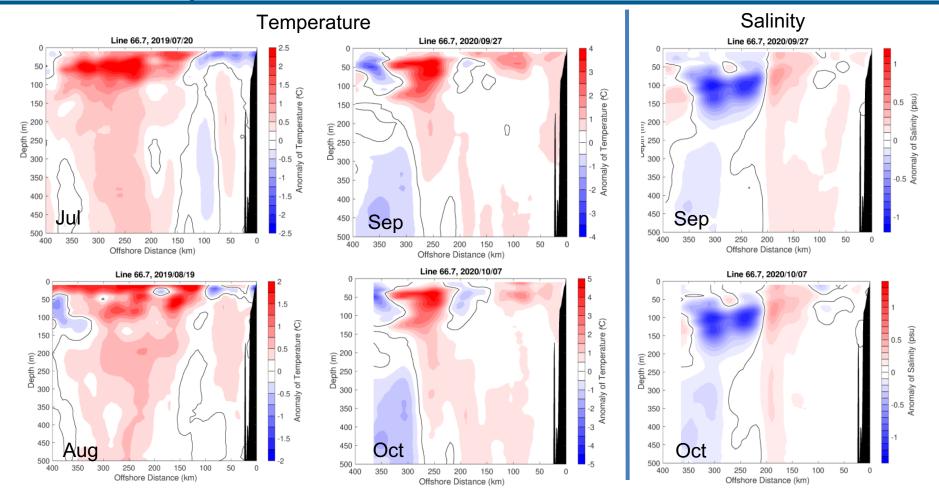


### Trinidad Head Glider Line – Chl-a Fluorescence

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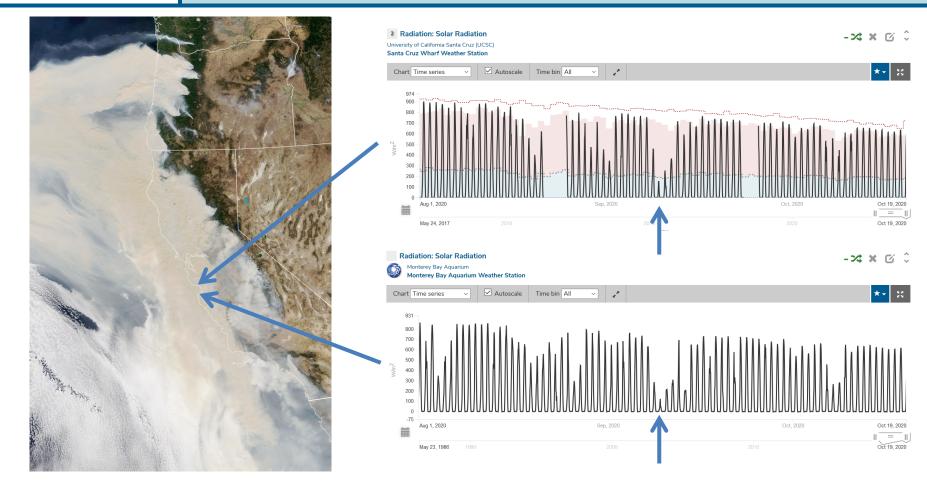


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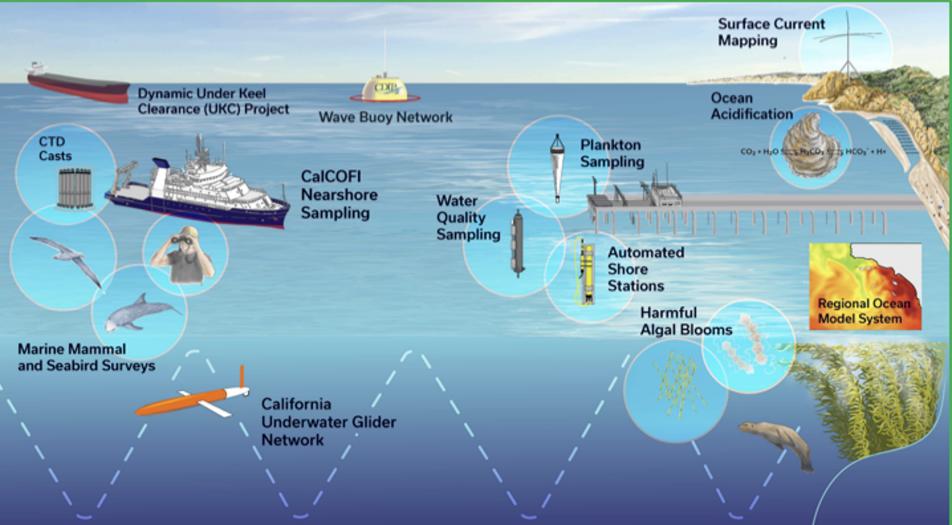


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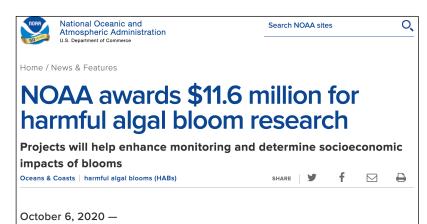


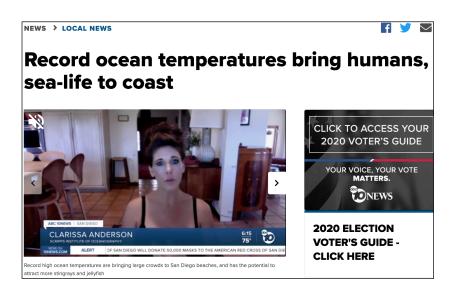


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# Jul-Oct Updates

- 5 year proposal to IOOS in progress
  - 50 EOI's received between SCCOOS and CeNCOOS
- NOAA HAB award
  - SCCOOS, Axiom, WHOI, UCSC, CeNCOOS
  - FY20 Funding: \$399,998
  - Total Funding: \$1,193,561
- Record SST measurements

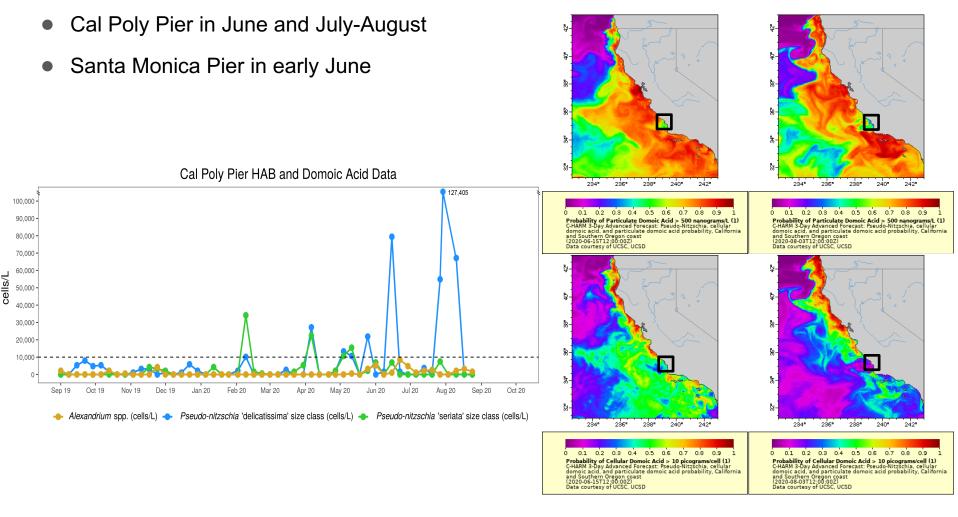




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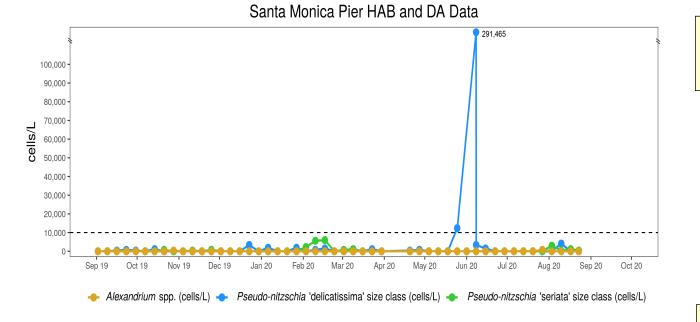
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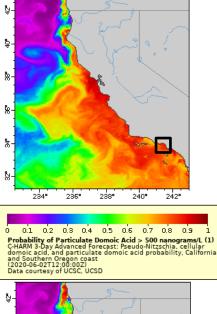


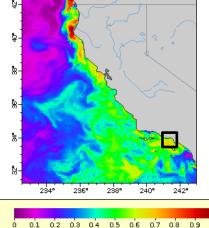
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- Cal Poly Pier in June and July-August
- Santa Monica Pier in early June



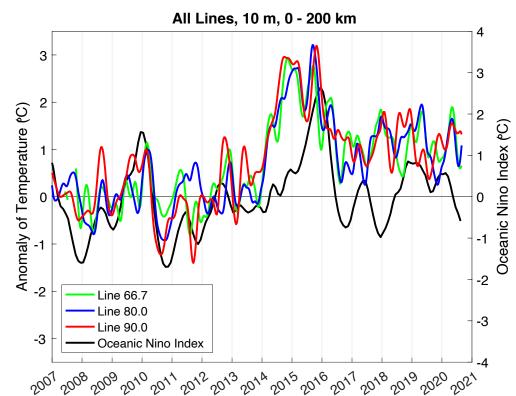




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# Glider update

- Region remains anomalously warm, on trend since 2014.
- La Nina conditions continue building at the equator, which would normally lead to cooling off CA.
- Cooling appears to be occurring at depth, but temps aren't expected to be as cold as they would have been before 2014.

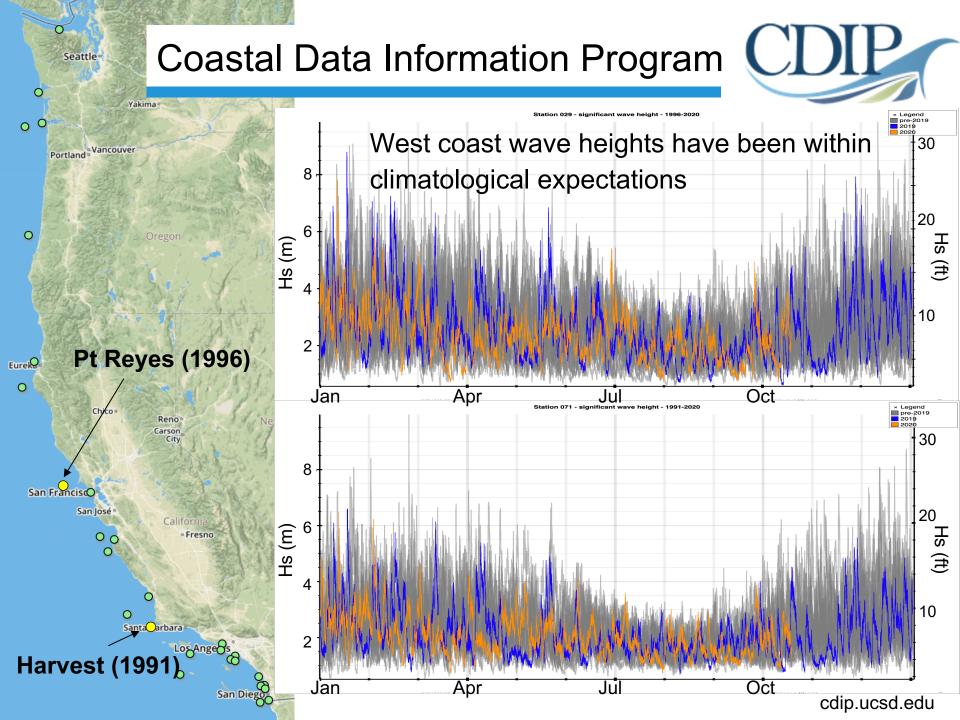


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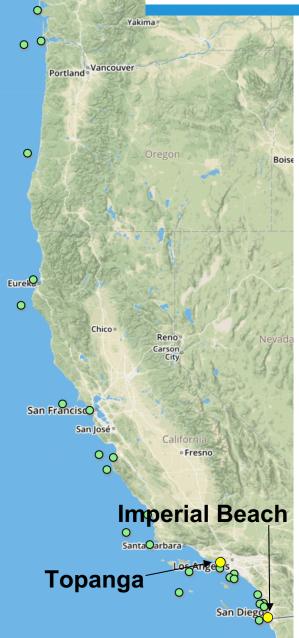
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# **Coastal Data Information Program**





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Seattle

CDIP 103 Topanga Nearshore, CA

- "New" station
- 4<sup>th</sup> generation Datawell Waverider
- Wave data + surface current, SST, air temp
- In support of CA State Parks funded coastal inundation research

#### CDIP 155 Imperial Beach Nearshore, CA

- Redeployed
- Wave data + SST, air temp

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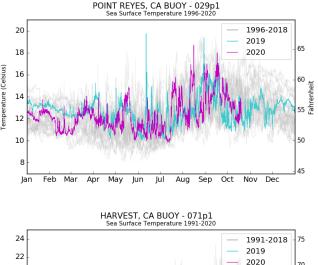
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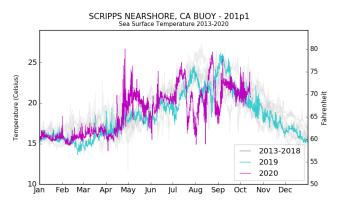
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# • Next webinar: Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

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