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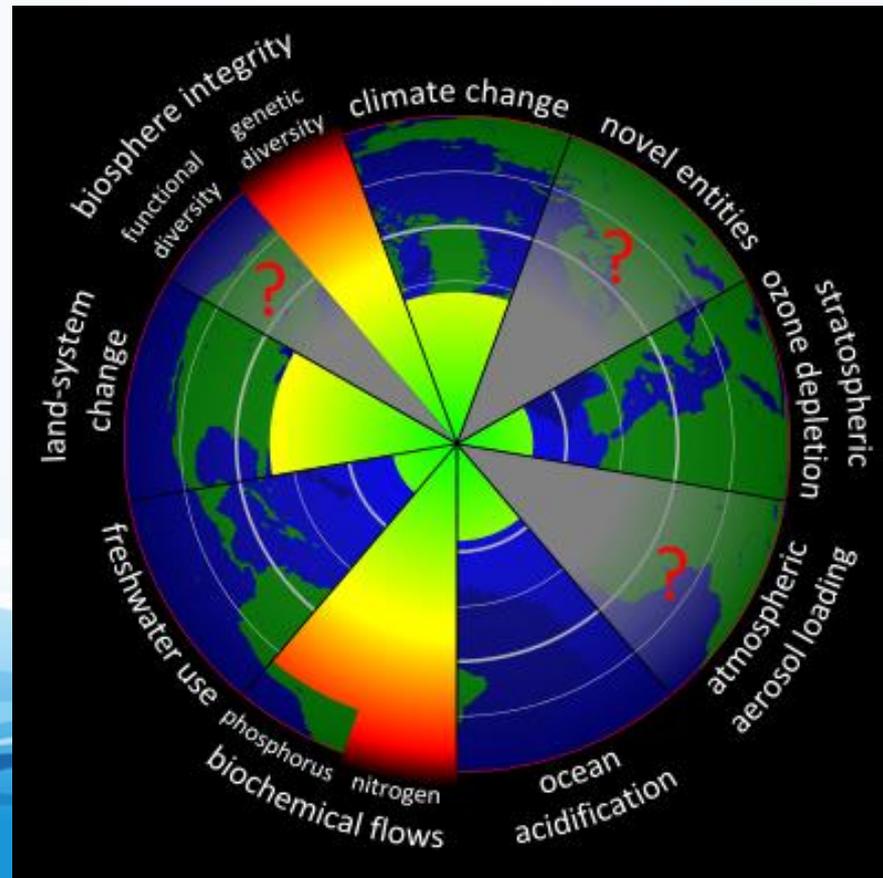


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# Follow the Water: Earth system boundaries





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# *Follow the Water: Earth system function*





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# *Follow the Water: The Atmospheric Ocean*





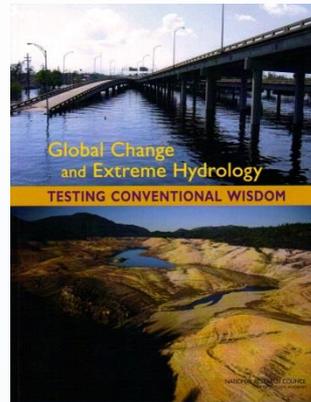
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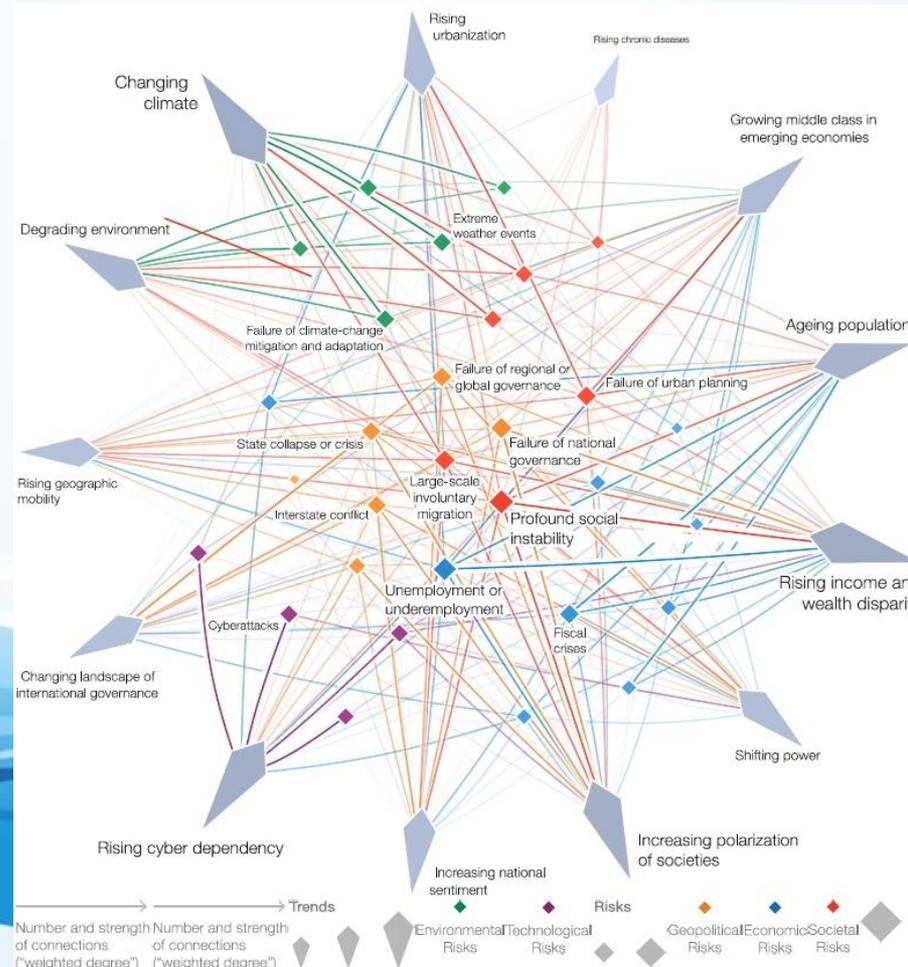
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***"Continuing to use the assumption of stationarity in designing water management systems is, in fact, no longer practical or even defensible."***



# Follow the Water: The World Economic Forum





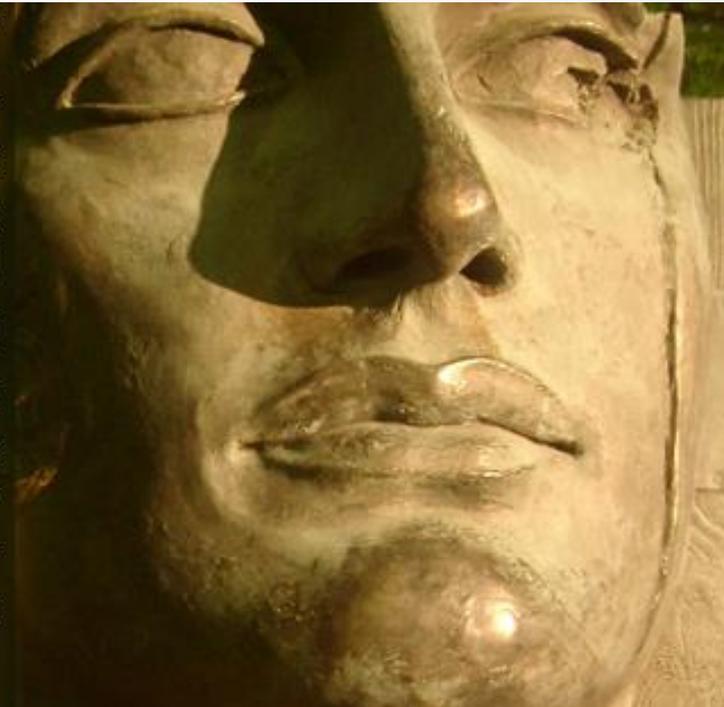
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## *Follow the Water: A new geological era?*

The 'Anthropocene' [or human-centered] geological epoch may be characterized by the collapse of natural systems' built-in resilience strategies, meaning human beings will take on even greater **responsibility** for environmental disruption and/or wellbeing...





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# *Follow the Water: Extinction is forever.*





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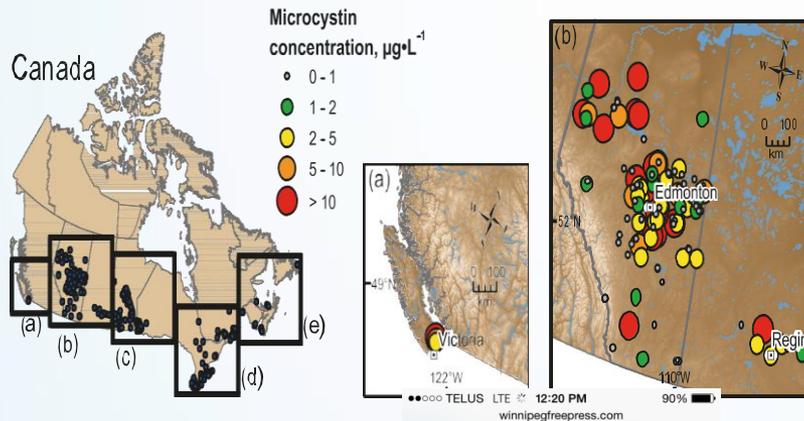
## *Follow the Water:*

### Worldwide Distribution of Population Growth





# Water & Climate Security: Eutrophication of Canadian Lakes & Waters



**Winnipeg Free Press**

**Local**  
**Watchdog urges consumers not to buy fish from Manitoba's largest lakes**  
Threat of the highest scale

By: Bartley Kives  
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## *Follow the Water: Externalities:*

*a cost or benefit that affects a party that did not  
choose to incur that cost or benefit.*





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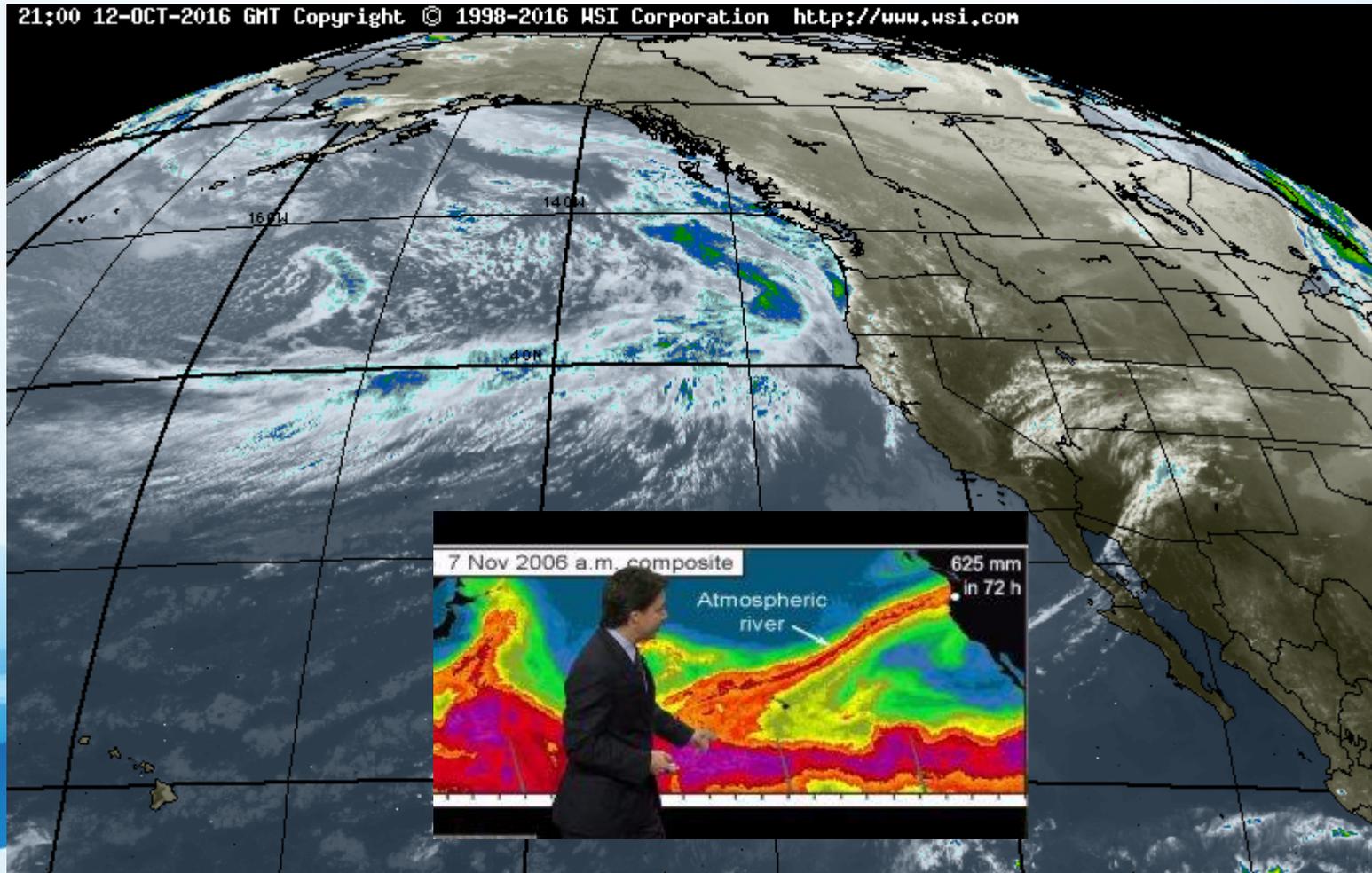


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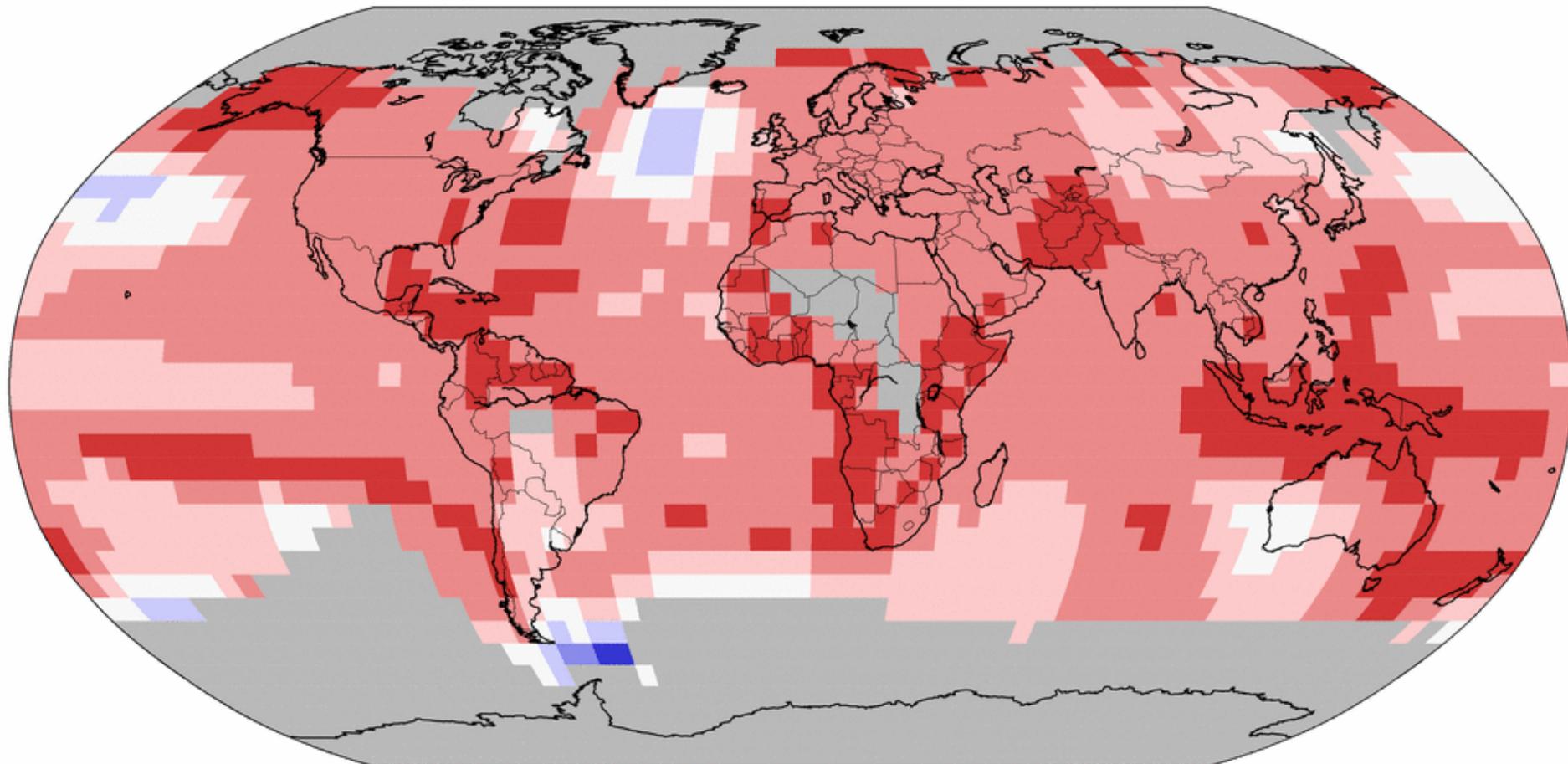
# Atmospheric Rivers



# Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jan–Dec 2016

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0



  
**Record  
Coldest**

  
**Much  
Cooler than  
Average**

  
**Cooler than  
Average**

  
**Near  
Average**

  
**Warmer than  
Average**

  
**Much  
Warmer than  
Average**

  
**Record  
Warmest**

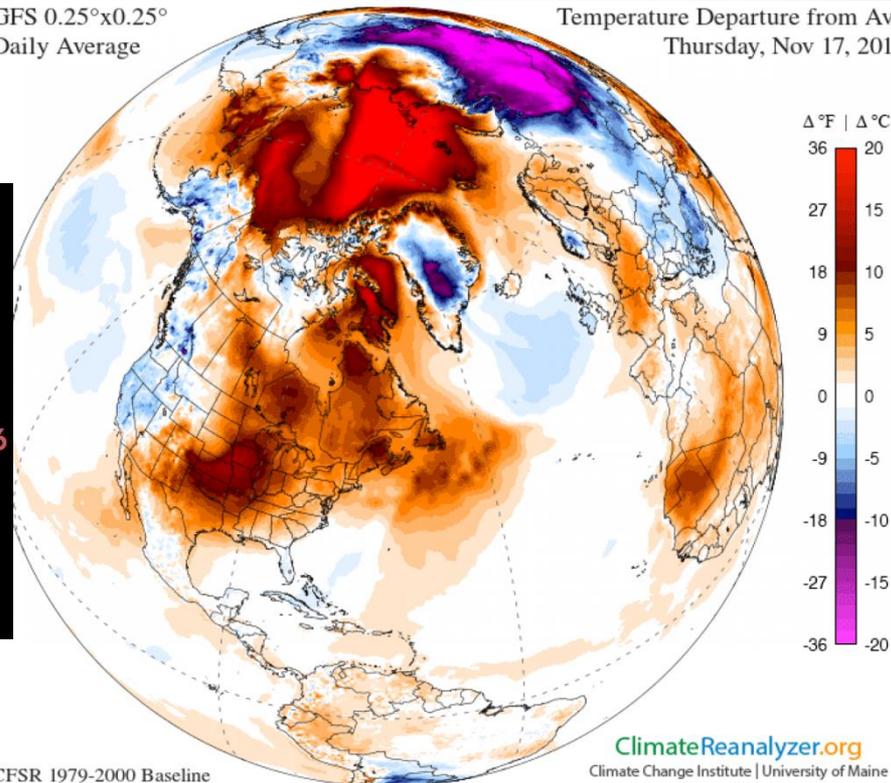
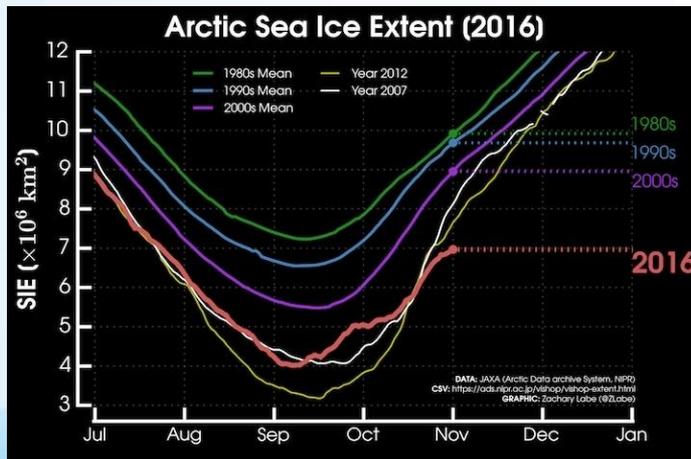




# Follow the Water: Arctic sea ice extent in 2016.

GFS 0.25°x0.25°  
Daily Average

Temperature Departure from Avg  
Thursday, Nov 17, 2016



CFSR 1979-2000 Baseline

World  
+ 0.55 °C

Northern Hemisphere  
+ 0.94 °C

Arctic  
+ 6.42 °C

Tropics  
+ 0.31 °C

Southern Hemisphere  
+ 0.15 °C

Antarctic  
+ 0.92 °C

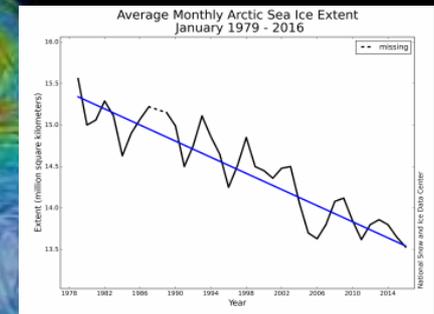
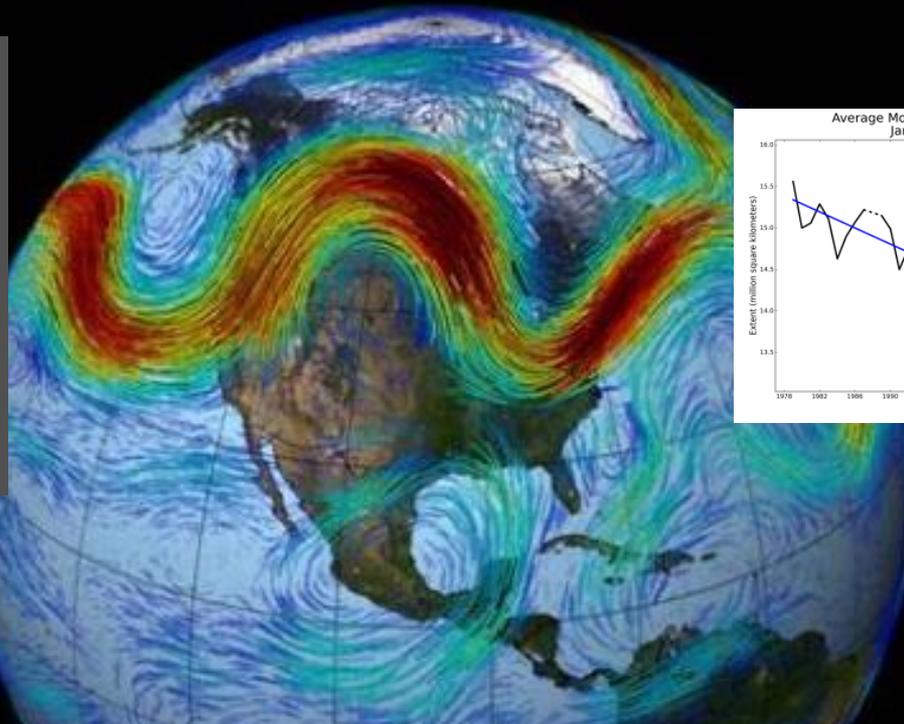
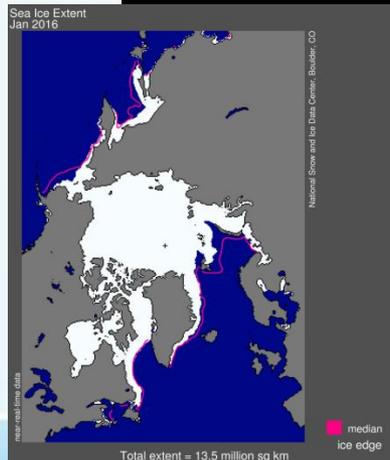


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# *What we know scientifically: The loss of Arctic sea ice appears to be causing the jet stream to meander.*





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# *Follow the Water: Carbon bubbles rise in an Alaskan lake.*

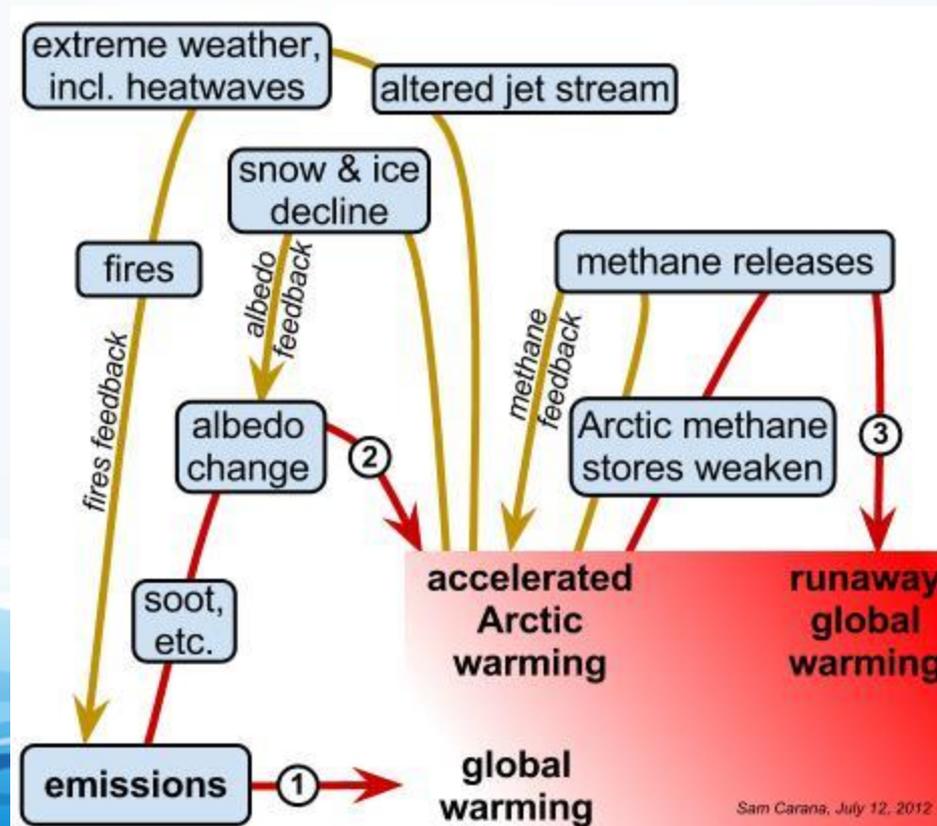


Chip Phillips  
Photography



# Follow the Water:

## Arctic climate warming feedbacks





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