

September 2012 Regional Outlook

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June Report based on May Data

SHIPPING ROUTE: Arctic Bridge & Hudson Bay

Sea Ice Parameter: July ice concentration anomalies

Methods/Techniques: Canonical correlation analysis with three predictors: 1. North Atlantic Fall SST, 2. Northern hemisphere Fall z500 and 3. Regional (Hudson Bay) Fall SAT. For more information please see: Tivy, A., S. E.L. Howell, B. Alt, J. Yackel and T. Carrieres (2011). *Origins and levels of seasonal forecast skill for sea ice in Hudson Bay using Canonical Correlation Analysis. Journal of Climate. doi:10.1175/2010JCLI3527.1*

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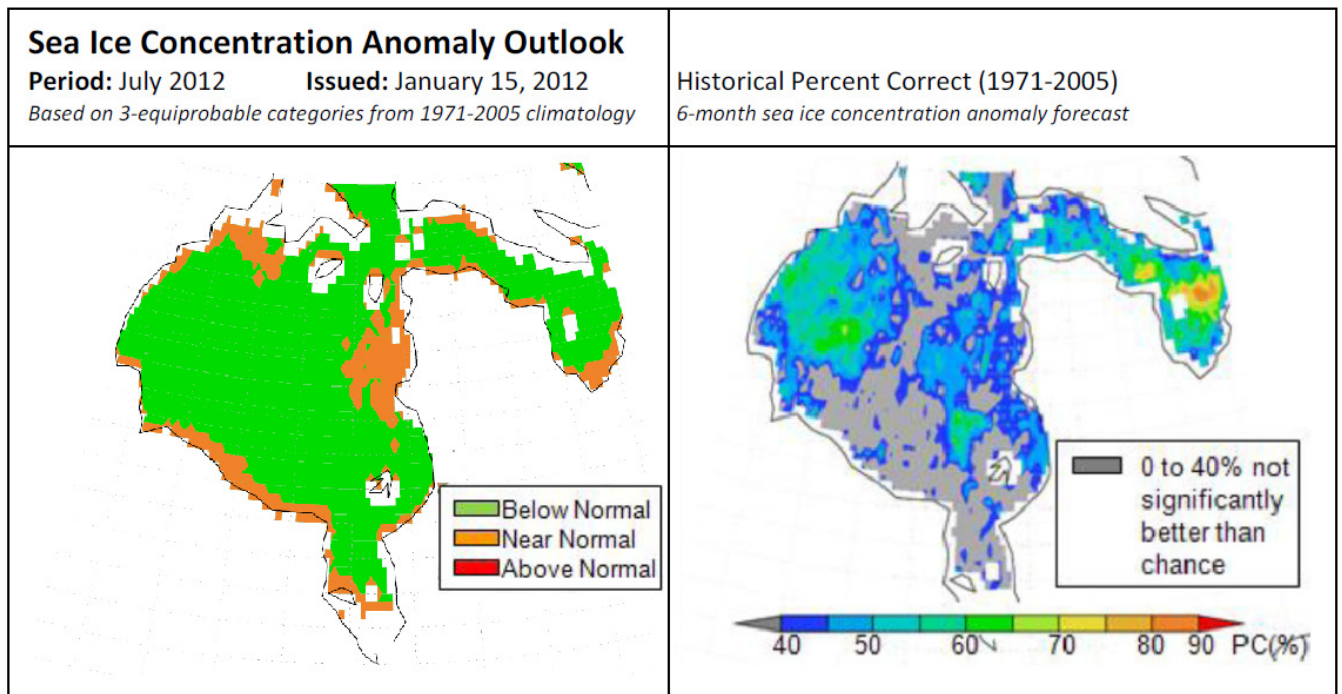


Figure 1. Sea ice concentration anomaly outlook for July 2012 in Hudson Bay

REGION: Beaufort Sea

Sea Ice Parameter: September ice concentration anomalies

Methods/Techniques: Canonical correlation analysis with one predictor: Fall (Oct-Nov-Dec) Surface Air Temperature over the Beaufort Sea (60-90N, 150-250W). The methodology follows: *Tivy, A., S. E.L. Howell, B. Alt, J. Yackel and T. Carrieres (2011). Origins and levels of seasonal forecast skill for sea ice in Hudson Bay using Canonical Correlation Analysis. Journal of Climate. doi:10.1175/2010JCLI3527.1*

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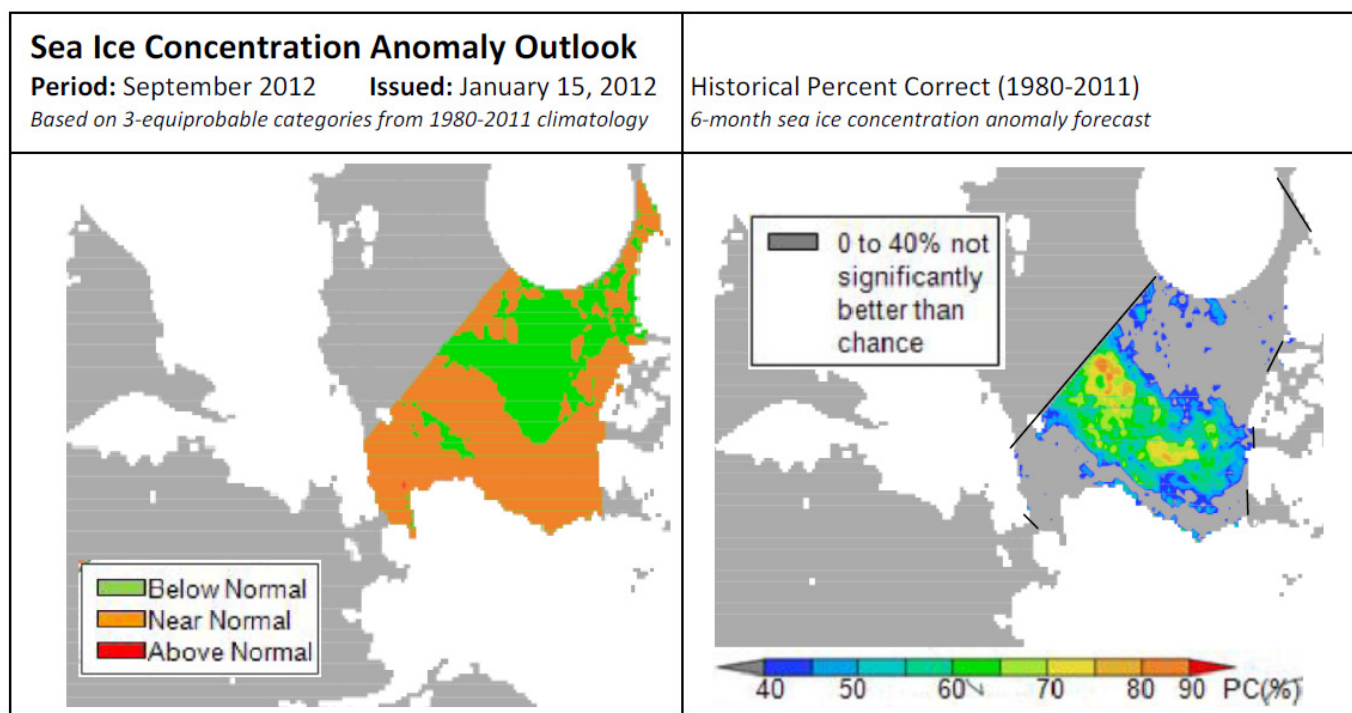


Figure 2. Sea ice concentration anomaly outlook for September 2012 in the Beaufort/Chukchi Seas