

INFORMATION BULLETIN AND WATER LEVEL FORECASTS ST. LAWRENCE SHIP CHANNEL

Forecasts as of :

4th January, 2024

Water levels should continue to fall in the short term. A decrease in water levels is also expected in the longer term, largely due to the management of upstream control structures, which will favour the formation of stable ice covers. Levels will rise again when ice conditions permit.

Forecasted water levels [m above CD]

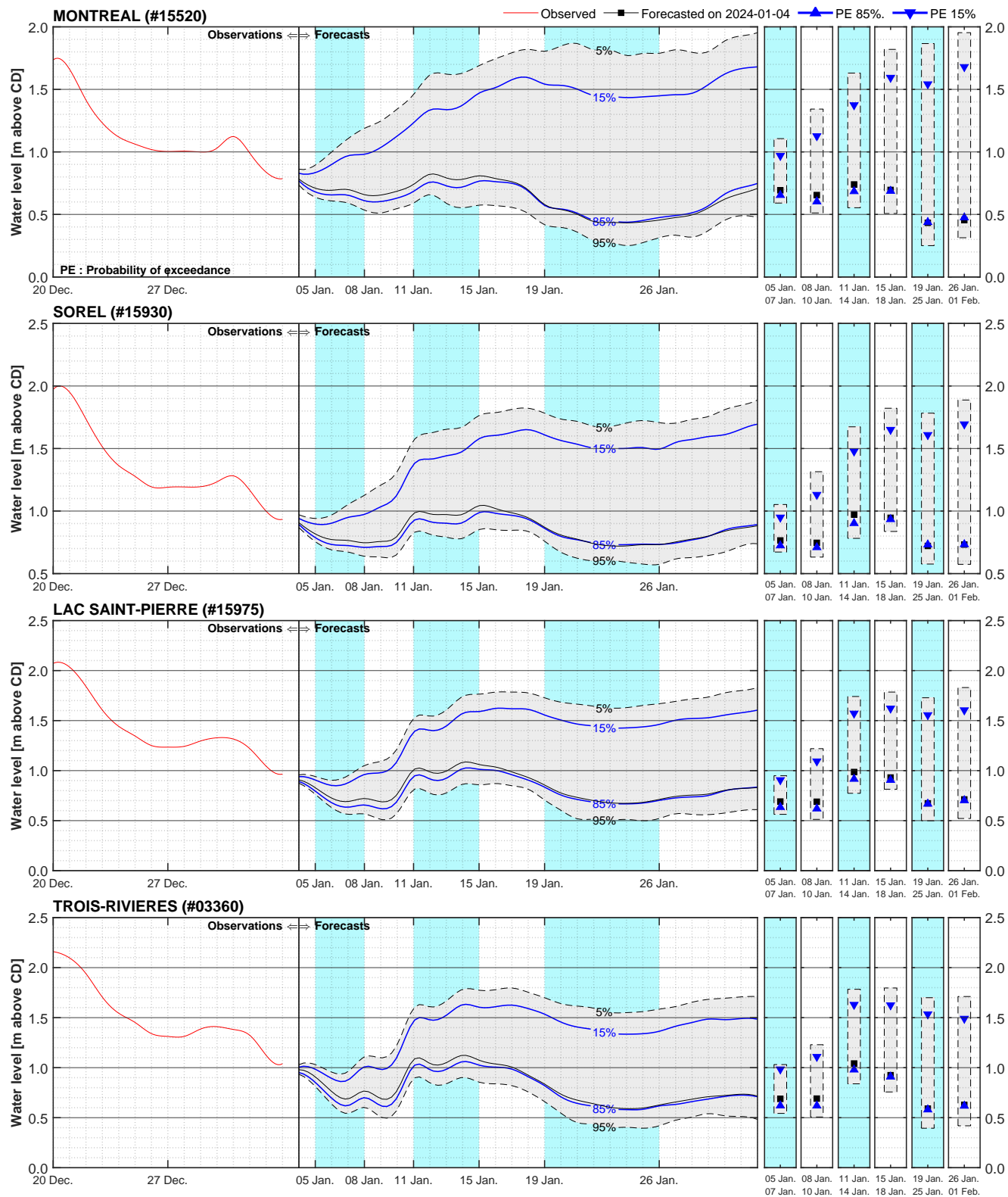
Stations	3 days	4 to 6 days	7 to 10 days	11 to 14 days	Week 3	Week 4
	(05/01-07/01)	(08/01-10/01)	(11/01-14/01)	(15/01-18/01)	(19/01-25/01)	(26/01-01/02)
Montreal #15520	▼ 0.97	1.13	1.37	1.59	1.54	1.68
	■ 0.69	0.66	0.74	0.70	0.43	0.46
	▲ 0.65	0.60	0.68	0.69	0.44	0.48
Sorel #15930	▼ 0.95	1.13	1.48	1.65	1.61	1.69
	■ 0.77	0.75	0.97	0.95	0.72	0.73
	▲ 0.72	0.71	0.90	0.93	0.73	0.73
Lac Saint-Pierre #15975	▼ 0.91	1.09	1.57	1.62	1.56	1.60
	■ 0.69	0.69	0.99	0.93	0.67	0.71
	▲ 0.63	0.62	0.92	0.91	0.67	0.70
Trois-Rivières #03360	▼ 0.98	1.11	1.63	1.63	1.53	1.49
	■ 0.69	0.69	1.04	0.92	0.59	0.63
	▲ 0.62	0.62	0.98	0.91	0.58	0.62

- ▼ Minimum water level forecast over the period for which there is a 15% probability of exceedance (PE 15 %).
- Modeled minimum water level forecast over the period without uncertainties.
- ▲ Minimum water level forecast over the period for which there is a 85% probability of exceedance (PE 85 %).
- Recommended value for planning purposes.

Notes :

1. The water levels associated with the probabilities of exceedance shown in the table are calculated from historical errors between forecasted and observed water levels. As a guide, there is a probability of about 15% that future water levels will be below the forecasted water levels for which there is a 85% probability of exceedance.
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5. It is the responsibility of the maritime industry to maintain a sufficient safety margin in relation to these forecasts.
6. The presence of ice could induce large variations in water levels. The water levels forecast in this bulletin do not take into account the potential variations resulting from the presence and possible management of this ice.

Observed and forecasted daily minimum water levels^a



^aWater level modeled from available hydro-meteorological data (observed and forecast).

Relevant current information

Lake Saint-Louis Outflows [m³/s]

	Current year	Historical mean ^b (1900-2020)
Last week	1010	
Current week	960	

Ottawa River at Carillon Dam Outflows [m³/s]

	Current year	Historical mean ^b (1963-2020)
Last week	2610	1921
Current week	2480	1860

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