## INFORMATION BULLETIN AND WATER LEVEL FORECASTS ST. LAWRENCE SHIP CHANNEL

Forecasts as of :

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024

Water levels are expected to fall in the very short term. Levels should then rise and stabilize in the medium term. A further decrease is expected in the long term, partly due to an anticipated reduction in flows at upstream control structures.

| 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                      |
|                                      | (23/01-25/01)                     | (26/01-28/01)               | (29/01-01/02)               | (02/02-05/02)               | (06/02-12/02)               | (13/02-19/02)               |
| <b>Montreal</b><br><u>#15520</u>     | ▼ 0.98<br>■ 0.61<br>▲ <b>0.58</b> | 1.34<br>0.72<br><b>0.67</b> | 1.45<br>0.81<br><b>0.75</b> | 1.66<br>0.74<br><b>0.71</b> | 1.81<br>0.73<br><b>0.73</b> | 1.83<br>0.73<br><b>0.77</b> |
| <b>Sorel</b><br>#15930               | ▼ 1.06<br>■ 0.71<br>▲ <b>0.68</b> | 1.38<br>0.89<br><b>0.85</b> | 1.54<br>1.03<br><b>0.97</b> | 1.57<br>0.86<br><b>0.85</b> | 1.79<br>0.85<br><b>0.84</b> | 1.86<br>0.86<br><b>0.87</b> |
| Lac Saint-Pierre<br>#15975           | ▼ 1.02<br>■ 0.64<br>▲ <b>0.60</b> | 1.36<br>0.87<br><b>0.81</b> | 1.52<br>1.03<br><b>0.96</b> | 1.47<br>0.78<br><b>0.75</b> | 1.79<br>0.77<br><b>0.75</b> | 1.84<br>0.78<br><b>0.79</b> |
| Trois-Rivières<br><u>#03360</u>      | ▼ 0.98<br>■ 0.60<br>▲ <b>0.54</b> | 1.40<br>0.83<br><b>0.77</b> | 1.50<br>0.96<br><b>0.89</b> | 1.40<br>0.64<br><b>0.62</b> | 1.71<br>0.62<br><b>0.61</b> | 1.74<br>0.63<br><b>0.62</b> |

▼ Minimum water level forecast over the period for which there is a 15% probability of exceedance (PE 15%).

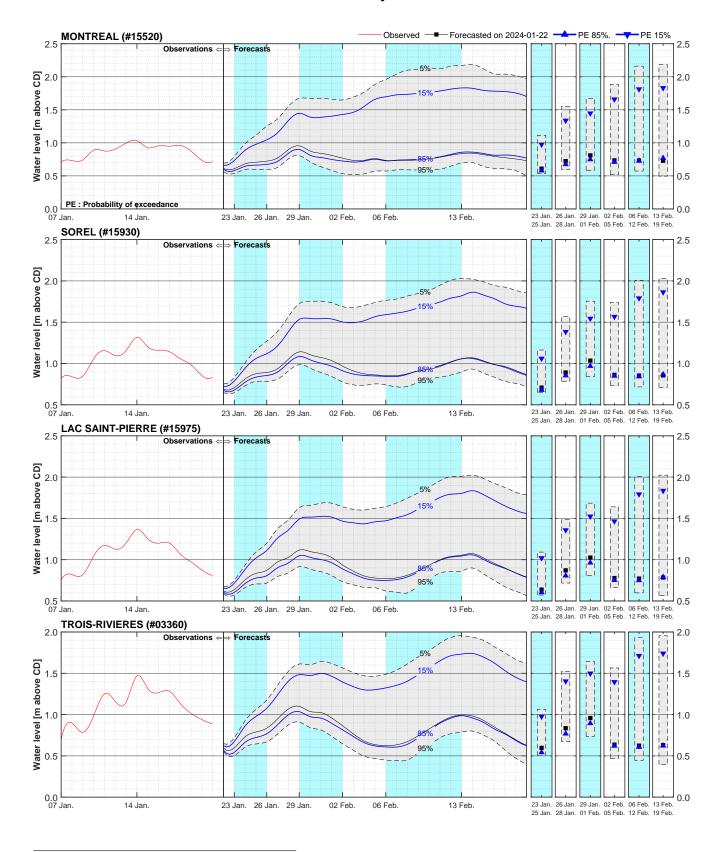
■ Modeled minimum water level forecast over the period without uncertainties.

▲ 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<sup>a</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Water level modeled from available hydro-meteorological data (observed and forecast).

## **Relevant current information**

| Lake Saint-Louis Outflows [m <sup>3</sup> /s] |              |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
|   | Current year | Historical mean <sup>b</sup> (1900-2020) |  |  |
| Last week                                     | 930          |  |  |  |
| Current week                                  | 1210         |  |  |  |

| Ottawa River at Carillon Dam Outflows [m <sup>3</sup> /s] |              |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
|   | Current year | Historical mean <sup>b</sup> (1963-2020) |  |  |
| Last week   | 2320         | 1943                                     |  |  |
| Current week  | 2650         | 1966                                     |  |  |

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