

FECN19 CWIS 011800
THIRTY-DAY ICE OUTLOOK FOR THE GREAT LAKES ISSUED BY ENVIRONMENT
CANADA ON 1 MAY 2026 FOR MAY.

THESE ARE THE LAST FORECASTS FOR THE SEASON

Lake Superior

Average air temperatures were below normal during April over Lake Superior. Temperatures are expected to be below normal in May.

Thunder Bay.

May 1-3:

- 1-3 tenths rotten very thick lake ice except 7-8 tenths rotten very thick lake ice near the shore in the northeastern section.

May 4-7:

- Open water except 1-3 tenths rotten very thick lake ice in the northeastern section.

May 8-15:

- Open water.

May 16-31:

- Ice free.

Nipigon and Black Bays.

May 1-5:

- Consolidated very thick lake ice.

May 6-10:

- 7-8 tenths rotten very thick lake ice except consolidated very thick lake ice along parts of the shore.

May 11-15:

- Open water except consolidated rotten very thick lake ice in northern Black Bay and western Nipigon Bay.

May 16-21:

- Open water except 7-8 tenths rotten very thick lake ice in northern Black Bay and western Nipigon Bay.

May 22-25:

- Open water except 1-3 tenths rotten very thick lake ice in northern Black Bay and western Nipigon Bay.

May 26-30:

- Open water.

May 30-31:

- Ice free.

From Grand Marais Minnesota to the entrance to Nipigon Bay.

May 1-15:

- Open water.

May 16-31:

- Ice free.

From Grand Marais to Duluth.

May 1-31:

-Ice free.

Southern Lake Superior west of Keweenaw Peninsula.

May 1-9:

- Open water.

May 10-31:

- Ice free.

Southern Lake Superior east of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

May 1-9:

- Open water.

May 10-31:

- Ice free.

Whitefish Bay.

May 1-7:

- Open water except 1-3 tenths rotten very thick lake ice in the eastern section.

May 8-15:

- Open water.

May 16-31:

- Ice free.

**From Whitefish Bay northwards to Michipicoten Bay
From Michipicoten Bay to the entrance to Nipigon Bay
Elsewhere in Lake Superior.**

May 1-31:

- Ice free.

Lake Michigan

Average air temperatures were near normal during April over Lake Michigan. Temperatures are expected to be below normal in May.

Green Bay

Northeastern Lake Michigan

Elsewhere in Lake Michigan.

May 1-31:

- Ice free.

Lake Huron and Georgian Bay

Average air temperatures were near normal during April over Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Temperatures are expected to be below normal in May.

North Channel.

May 1-5:

- 4-6 tenths rotten thick lake ice except 9-9+ rotten thick lake ice along parts of the shore.

May 6-9:

- Open water except 4-6 rotten thick lake ice in a few bays.

May 10-15:

- Open water.

May 16-31:

- Ice free.

St Mary's River.

May 1-7:

- Open water.

May 8-31:

- Ice free.

South of Manitoulin Island westward to north-western Lake Huron North-western Lake Huron near the Straits of Mackinac.

May 1-5:

- Open water.

May 6-31:

- Ice free.

From north-western Lake Huron to Saginaw Bay Saginaw Bay

The southern and eastern shore of Lake Huron.

May 1-31:

- Ice free.

Georgian Bay.

May 1-7:

- Ice free except open water along the northern shore.

May 8-31:

- Ice free.

Elsewhere in Lake Huron.

May 1-31:

- Ice free.

Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair

Average air temperatures were above normal during April over Lake Erie and Lake St Clair. Temperatures are expected to be below normal in May.

Lake St Clair and the Western Basin

The rest of Lake Erie.

May 1-31:

- Ice free.

Lake Ontario

Average air temperatures were near normal during April over Lake Ontario. Temperatures are expected to be below normal in May.

Northeastern Lake Ontario

Bay of Quinte

St Lawrence River

Elsewhere in Lake Ontario.

May 1-31:

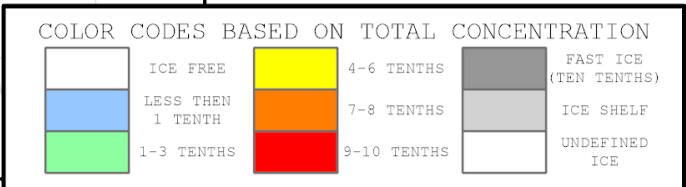
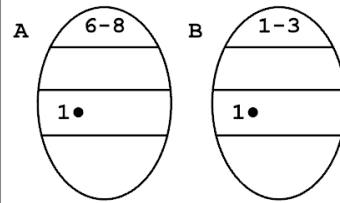
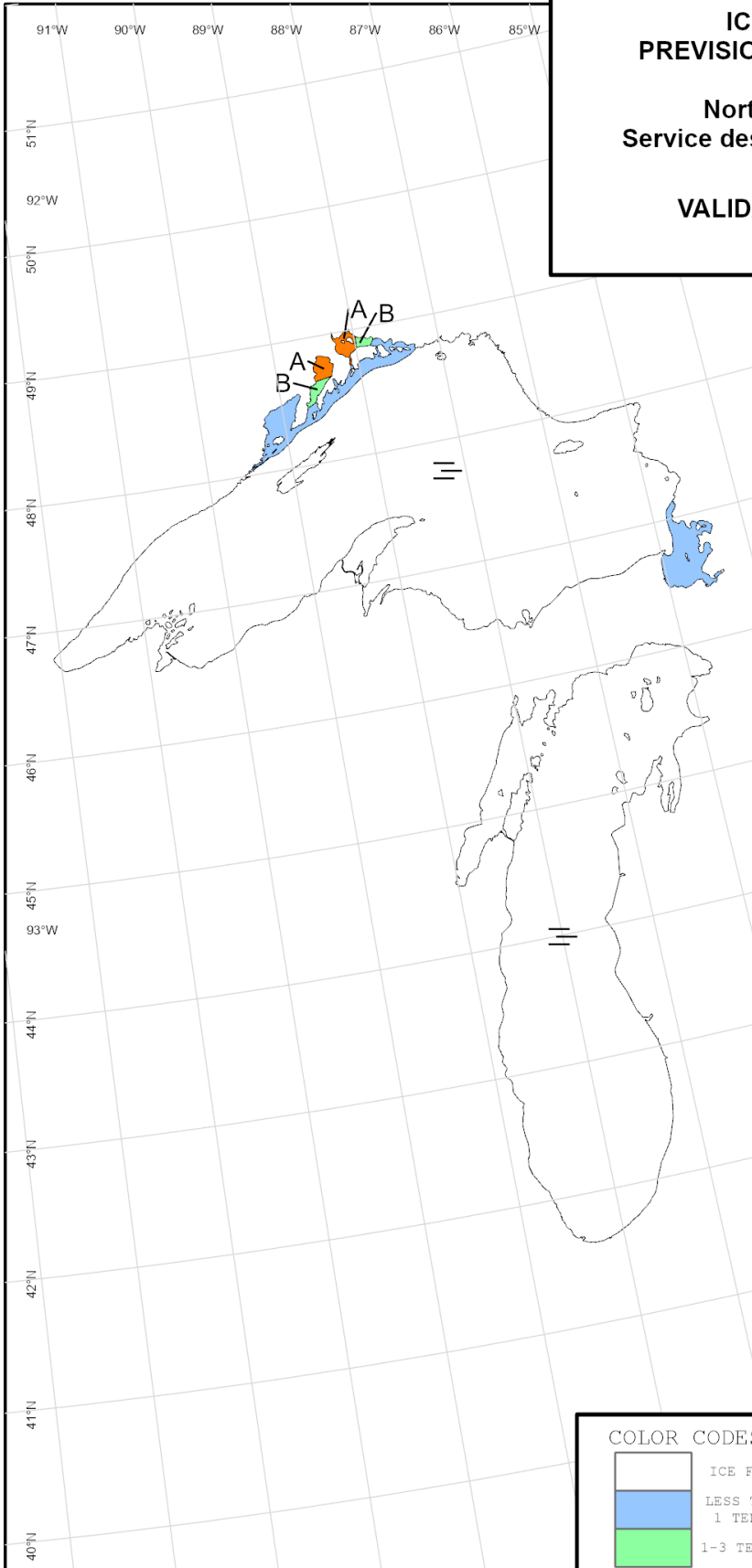
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PREVISIONS DES GLACES - 15 JOURS**

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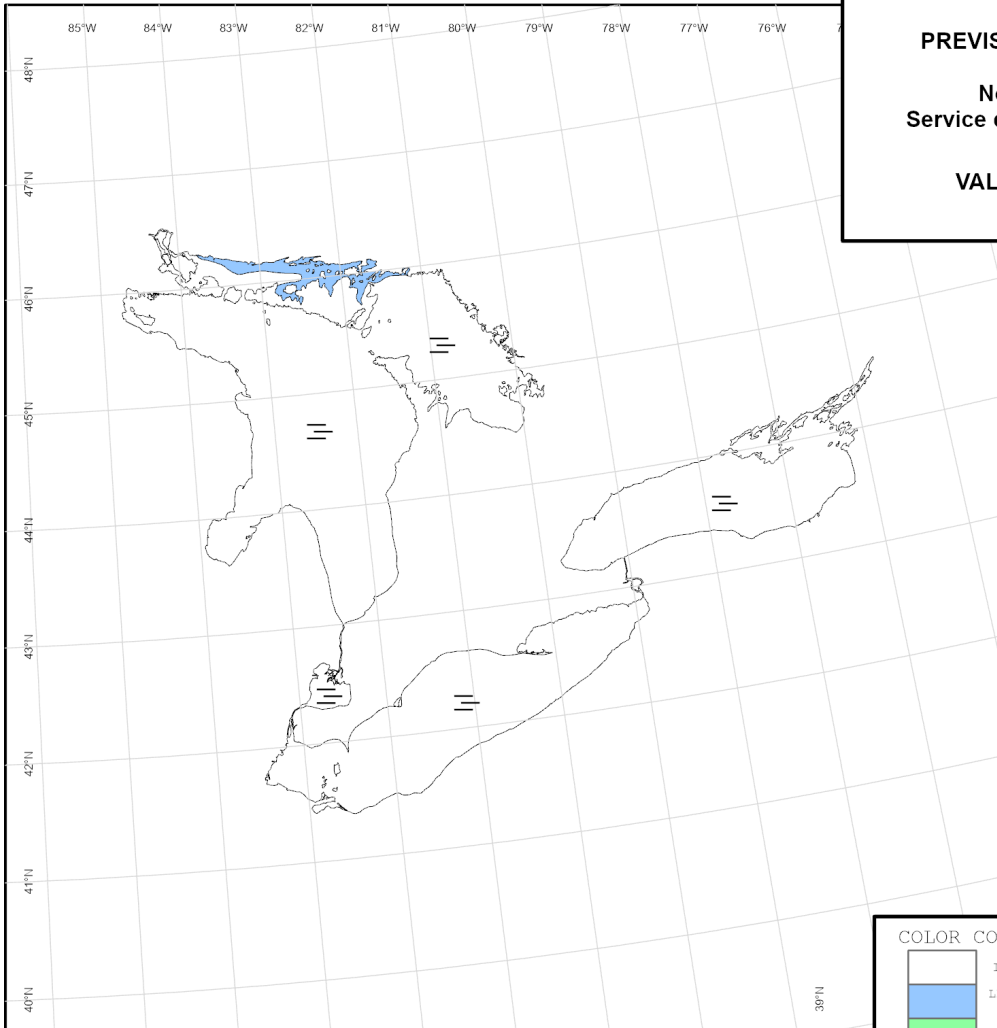
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





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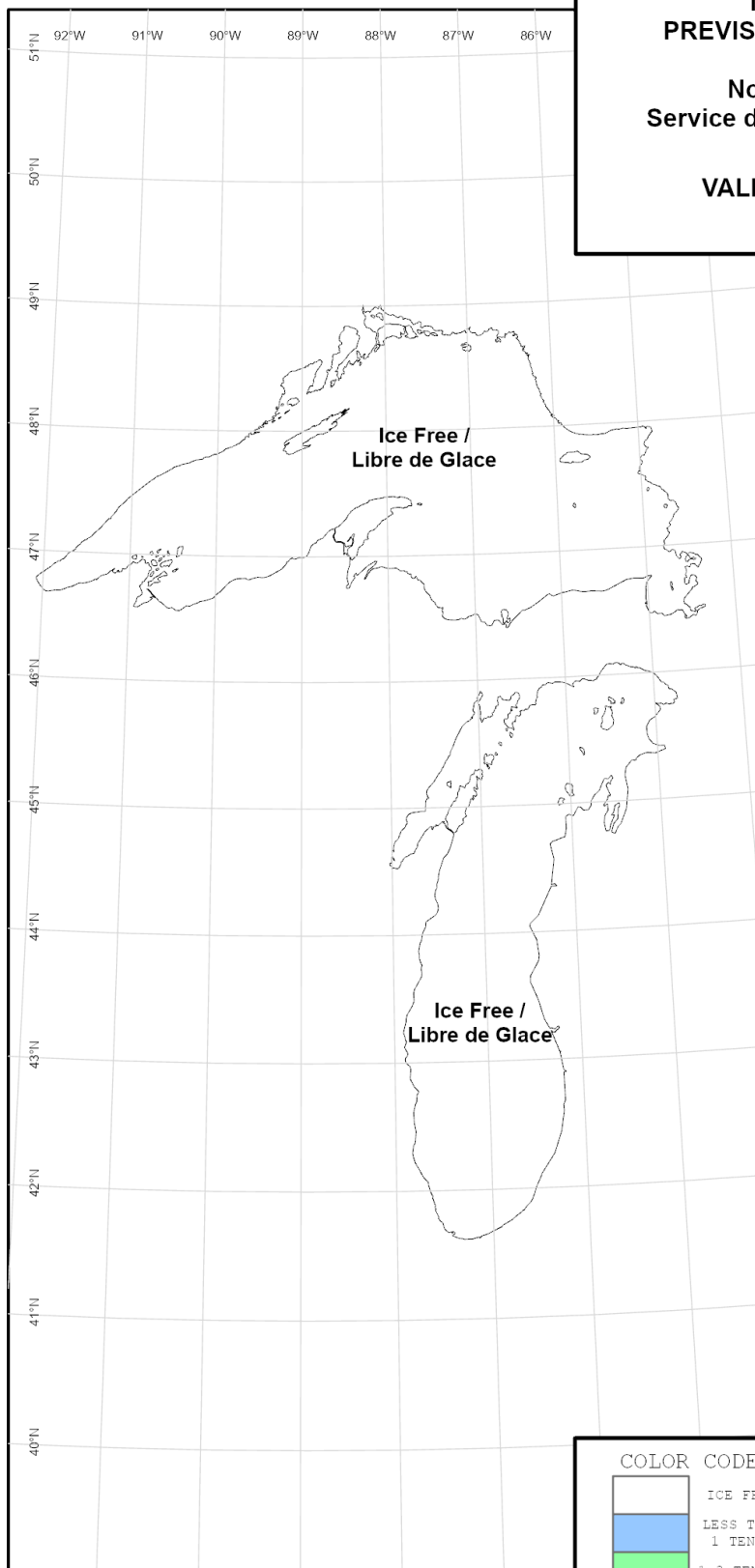
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






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	LESS THEN 1 TENTH		7-8 TENTHS		ICE SHELF
	1-3 TENTHS		9-10 TENTHS		UNDEFINED ICE

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