# Accounting for Climate Change Impacts in the Design of Resource Road Crossings

Scaling IDF curves to account for climate change in resource road stream crossings: An approach for estimating future extreme rainfall (Webinar #8)



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# Discussion panel - climate modeling experts

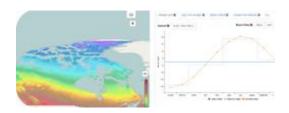
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# Small stream crossings and climate change

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### **Opportunities for Questions/Comments**

- During presentations and panel discussion:
  - Chat box we will check it as we go + collect for Q&A
  - Polls a few will be popping up!
    - Appear in chat box (and also pop-up for desktop app)
    - Most will be for designers of remote, small stream crossings
    - Recorded IDs are anonymous
- Will be opportunities to speak during Q&A (raise hand, unmute)

#### **Webinar Outline**

- (5 mins) Webinar series context
  - What is a climate tool?
- (30 min) Temperature scaling method
  - theory, example calculation, considerations
- (10 min) Small stream crossing context
  - situating temperature scaling: one of 3 approaches that use climate tool(s) to account for climate change impacts on a Q100 flood
- (25 min) Panel discussion followed by Q&A





#### ClimateBC\_Map







#### Publicly available climate tools

- interactive maps that show or use –
  climate index grid outputs from
  standardized global climate model (GCM)
  projections of carbon emissions scenarios
- used to calculate % change to the (independently calculated) historical Q100



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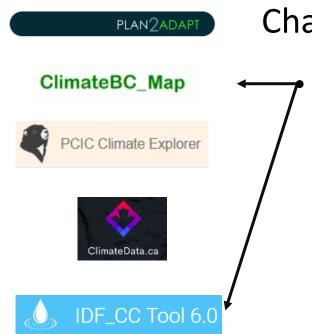
- Climate index grids: statistical summaries e.g.
  - daily maximum precipitation in the fall season
  - annual average temperature
  - 5-day daily antecedent rain >15mm

#### Future periods:

30-year windows up to 2100

#### Resolution:

 highest temporal resolution in publicly available data for BC are daily ~56 km2 grids



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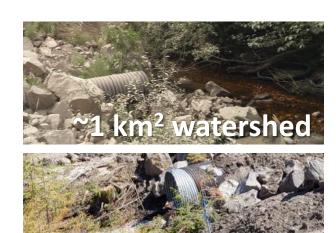






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new IDF curve-based method recommended by Environment and Climate Change Canada that uses temperature scaling





#### Spatial scale:

- 1 km<sup>2</sup> to 100-300 km<sup>2</sup>

#### Temporal scale:

TOC is minutes to hours













Assuming that historical Q100 is defined by storm...

 $\sim 5 - 25 \text{ km}^2$ : transition zone







#### **Designs by Foresters/Engineers**

• <2000mm CSP, <6 m<sup>3</sup>/s Q100

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#### **Designs by Engineers**

major crossings







#### Rational method

precipitation-based historical Q100

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#### **Regional method**

flow-based historical Q100

# First webinar (February 2020)





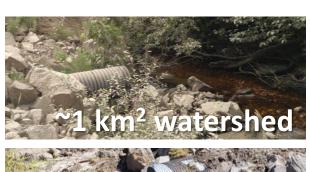


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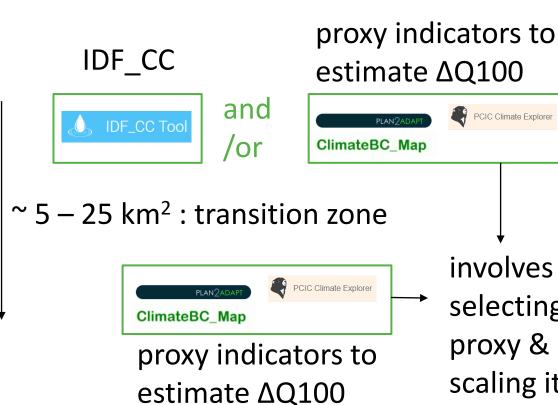
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PCIC Climate Explorer

involves

selecting

proxy &

scaling it

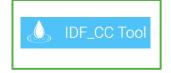
# Eighth webinar (March 2022)







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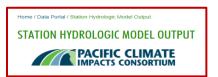
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or

temperature scaling



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use hydrologic projections



proxy indicators to estimate  $\Delta Q100$ 

#### << Poll

# **Eighth webinar (March 2022)**







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#### Using a climate tool involves 5 steps:

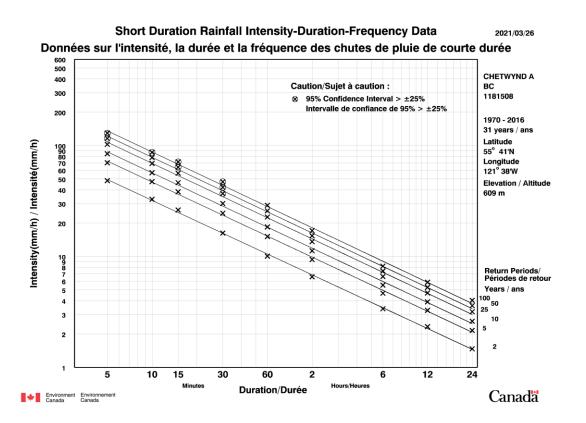
- 1. Define climate change input parameters / be aware of pre-defined options
- 2. Define the location of interest
- 3. Define the projection calculation by selecting either:
  - a) a return period defining an IDF curve (if using IDF curve approach),
  - b) the annual avg. temp. projection grid (if using temperature scaling approach), or
  - c) a climate index grid proxy (if using scaled proxy climate index approach)
- 4. Calculate and/or interpret the percent change of the design flood
- 5. Compare results between approaches and/or climate tools

Using a climate tool to get an output ~1-2mins (repeated when doing a sensitivity analysis)

# **Discussion panel**

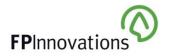


#### IDF curve on climatedata.ca



# Q & A









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