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Scottish Water's Planning, Preparation and Response to the 2018 Drought



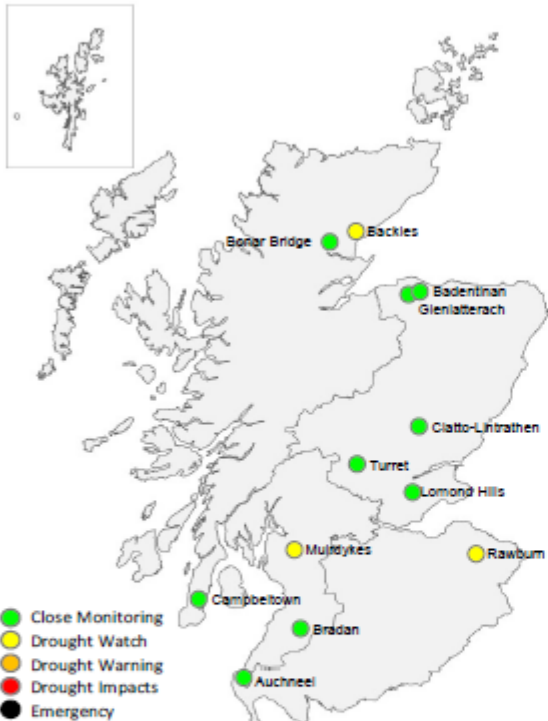
Water Resource Management - Planning



Water Update

09 November 2018

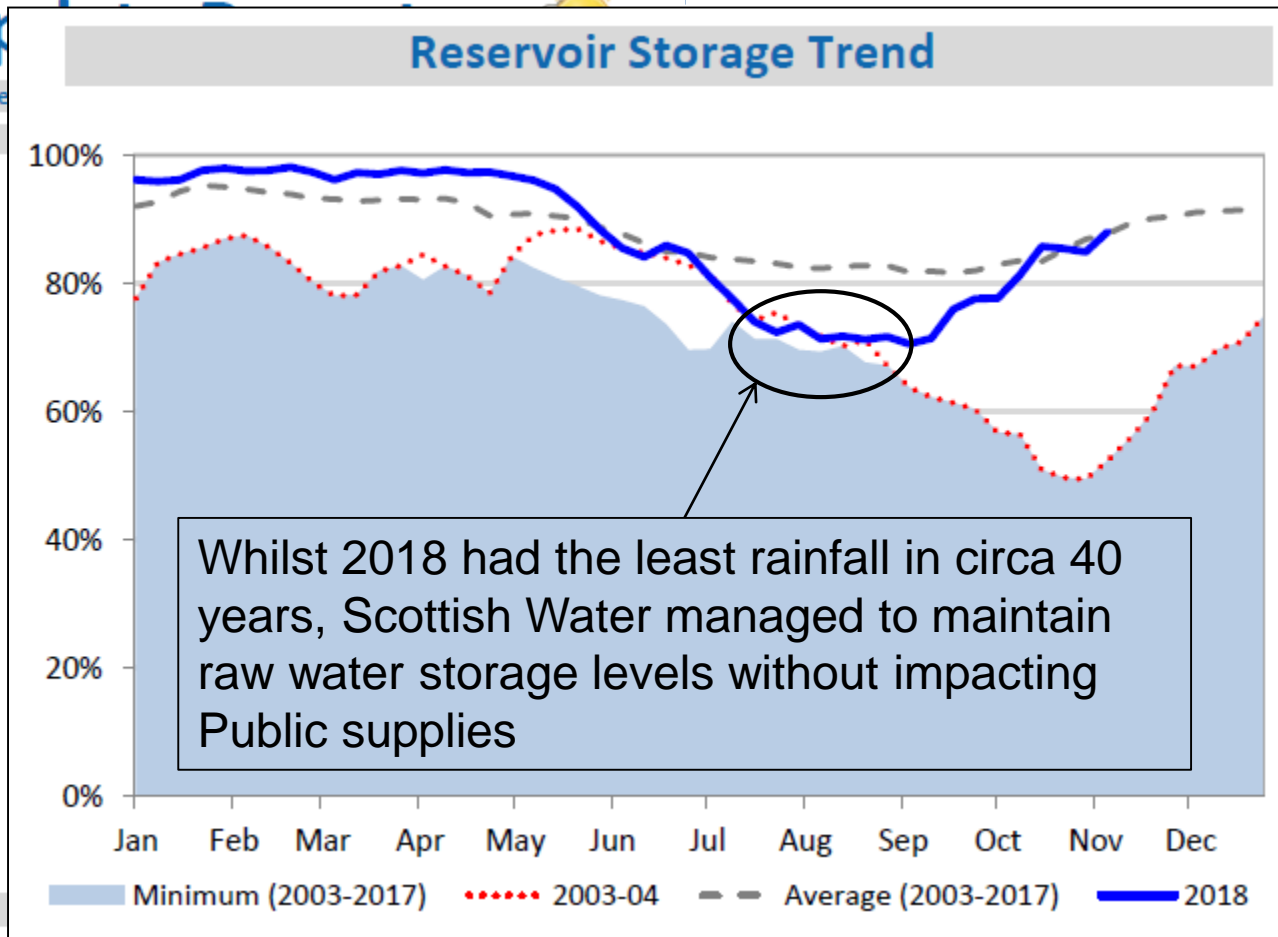
Drought Trigger Status



National Summary

Total reservoir storage is currently 88% (up 3% from last week). The total number of WRZs in trigger this week remains at 12 (the same as last week), however Campbeltown and Clatto-Lintrathen have improved from Drought Watch to Close Monitoring.

Reported Drought Triggers	
Drought Impacts	None
Drought Warning	None
Drought Watch	
Backies	Backies remains just in Drought Watch this week with combined usable storage at 78% (up 2% from last week). The abstraction blend has been optimised to maximise Loch Horn refill.
Muirdykes	Muirdykes remains just in Drought Watch this week with usable storage in Barcraigs reservoir at 67% (up 3% from last week). The





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Water Resource Management - Resilience



Continuous Monitoring of Raw water sources and weather forecasts



Proactive Management of Raw water sources and engagement with SEPA



Water Efficiency measures and educating Customers



Focus on reducing leakage losses in the network and increasing Resilience within the Water network



Working with industry to reduce future water demand



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Some rivers in the North East have reached the lowest on record

A small icon of a gauge with a needle pointing to the lowest mark on the scale.

We've had the driest June & July since



3,000+ licences to abstract water

700+ for irrigation



In Aberdeenshire some groundwater levels are the lowest for at least 10 years



soil moisture levels are the lowest since 1978

Take steps now to manage your water use

The River Spey has the lowest water levels since



Many river sites are recording levels we only expect 1 year in 5

www.sepa.org.uk/water-scarcity

If you have any questions or problems get in touch with your local SEPA office. We're here to help.



Water Resource Management -Response



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Private Water Supplies-Response

- Scottish Government directed Local Authorities and Scottish Water to support PWS owners

- Scottish Water Response:-

- Investigating temporary connections
- Bulk Bottled Water Deliveries to LA's (400 Pallets)
- Portable Water tanks (Over 100 tanks)
- Tankering water into PWS tanks



- Challenges with PWS:-

- PWS are generally in remote locations that are hard/costly to service from the public system
- Opportunity to continue to improve user behaviours – Using Water Wisely/Water efficiency
- Research and Innovation required to help resolve issues in the long term
- Limited options to resolve issues without investing large amounts of money



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Future challenges

Temperatures are set to rise across the country this century
Change in mean summer temperature since 1990, based on a medium emissions scenario (°C)

2.5°C and below 2.6 - 3.5 3.6 - 4.5 4.6 - 6 6.1 and over

2020s

2050s

2080s

North Scotland and Northern Ireland will warm the least, but still by 3.4 and 3.5 degrees by 2050

Already the South has seen warming of 2.7 degrees over the last half century

The South East will see 6.5 degrees of warming by 2080

Relative to the 1961-90 baseline. Based on a 90% probability forecast

SOURCE: MET OFFICE

1981-2000

2050s

Organic Soils
Very droughty
Moderately droughty
Slightly droughty
Non droughty

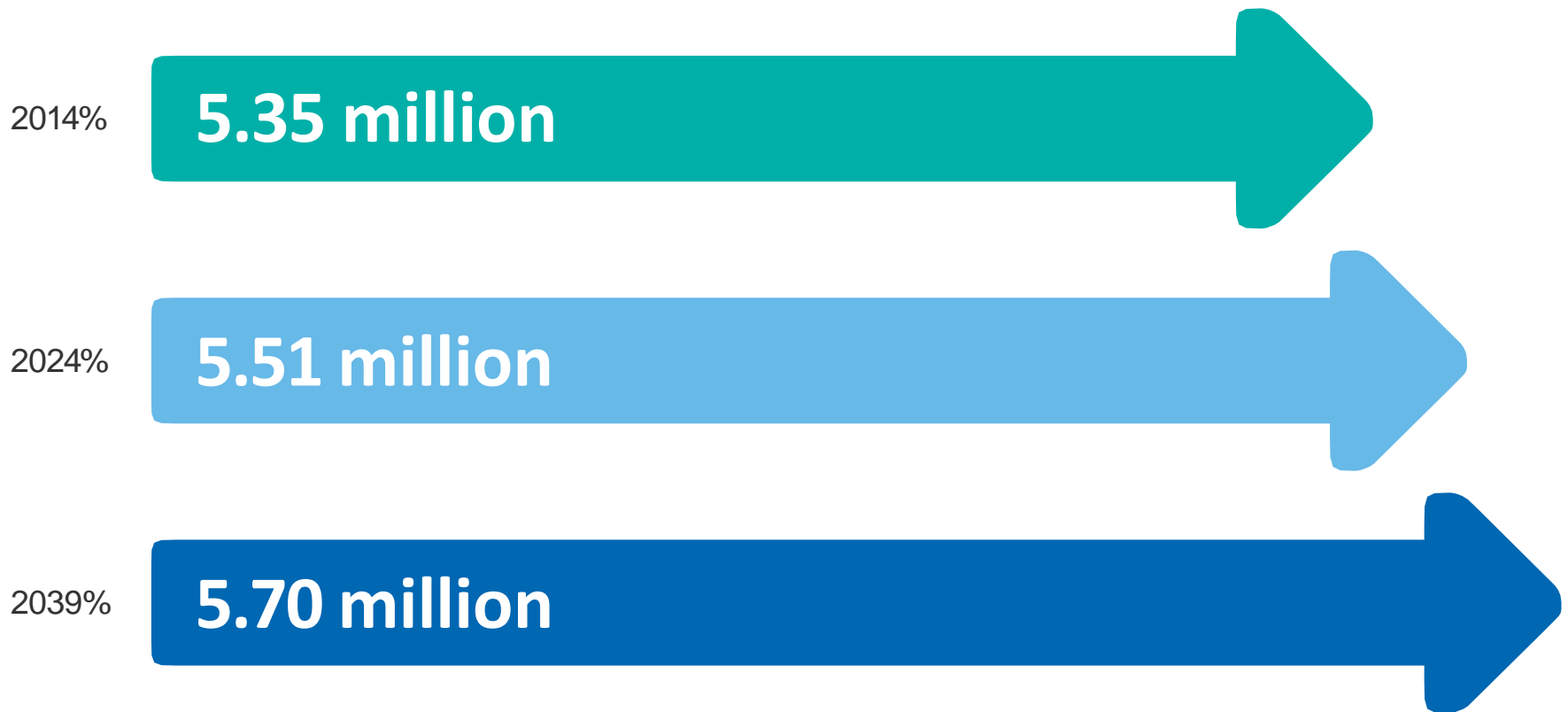


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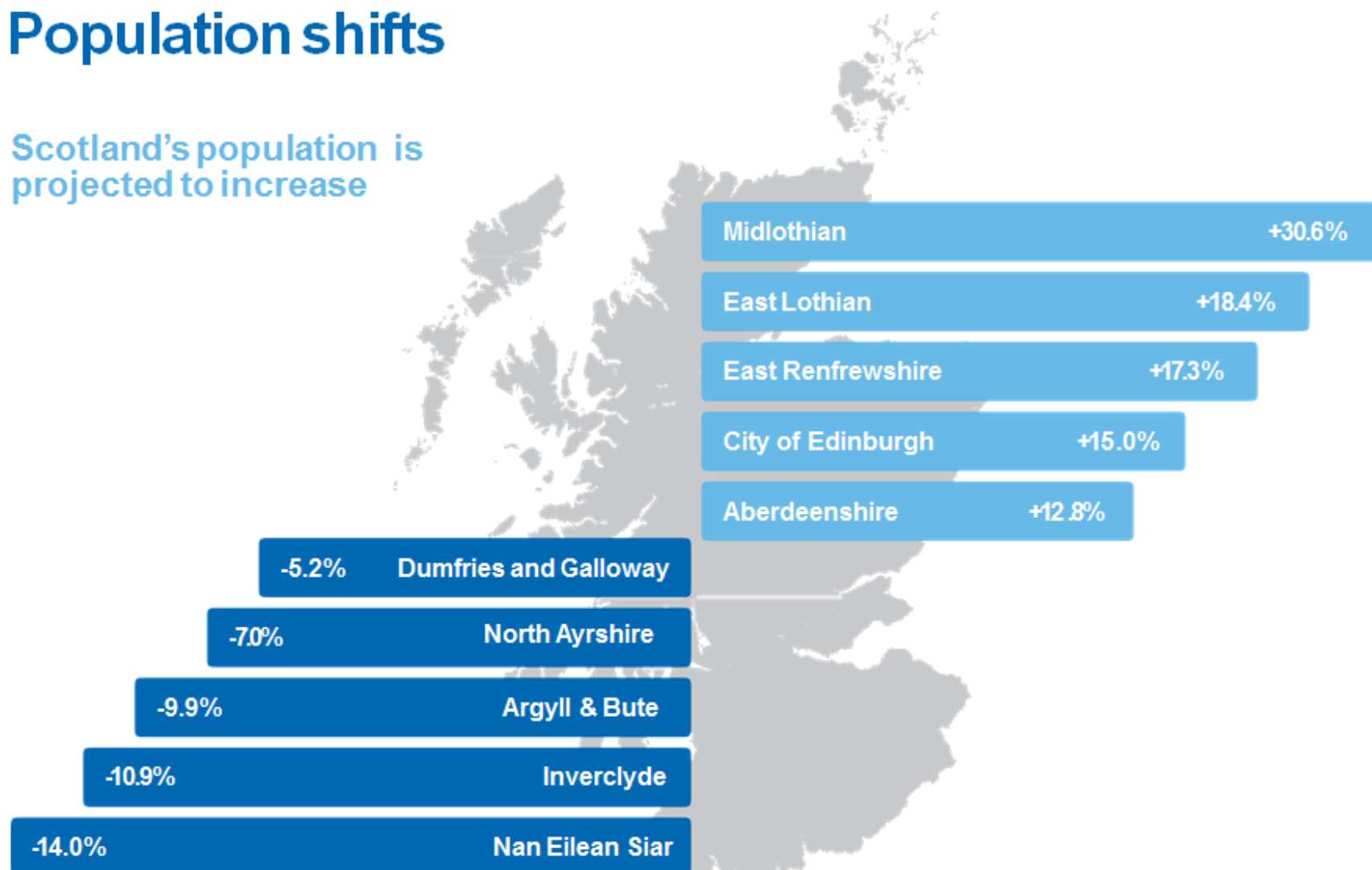
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National Records of Scotland Population Projections for Scottish Areas (2016-based) <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-projections/sub-national-population-projections/2016-based/list-of-tables> Last updated: 28 March 2018

Key Points

- Climate change mitigation must be a priority for the sector
- Whilst 2018 was very challenging there was very little impact on SW Customers
- The challenge looks set to become more difficult
- The way this drought was managed is not a sustainable way to manage water resources
- What more can be done to support PWS owners?
- What more can be done to change consumer behaviours?



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Use Water Wisely



Tip 1

Use a watering can instead of a hose in the garden.



Tip 2

Use a bucket and sponge to wash the car instead of a hose.



Tip 3

Only use washing machines or dishwashers fully loaded.



Tip 4

Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and shaving.



Tip 5

Take a shorter shower instead of a bath.



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