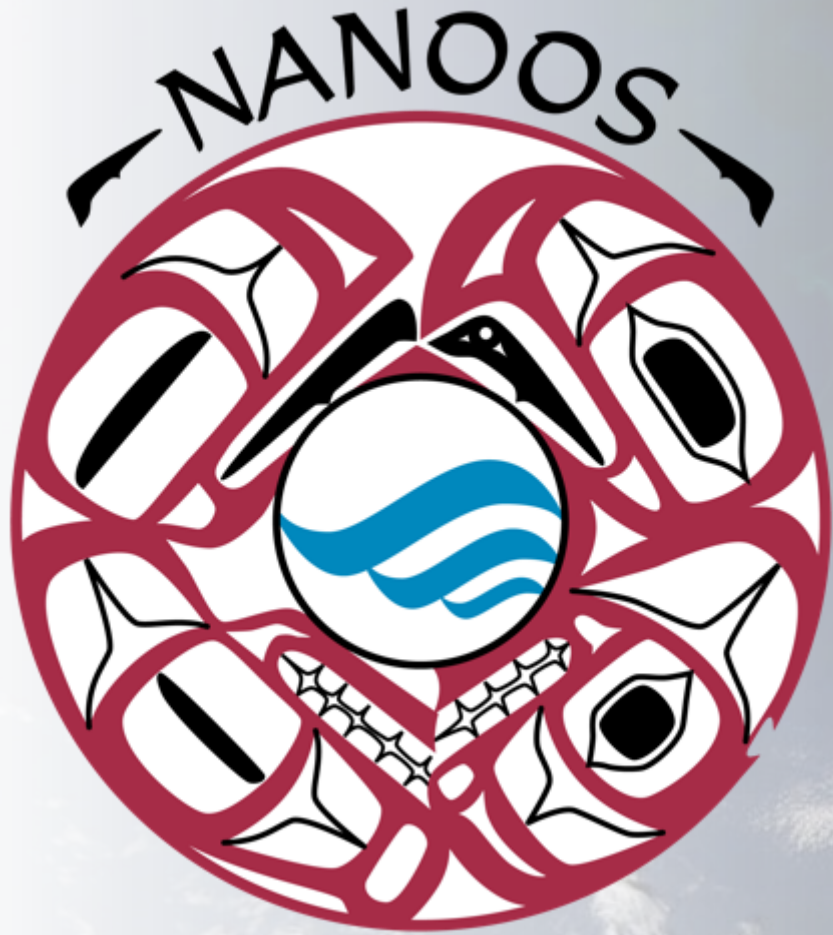




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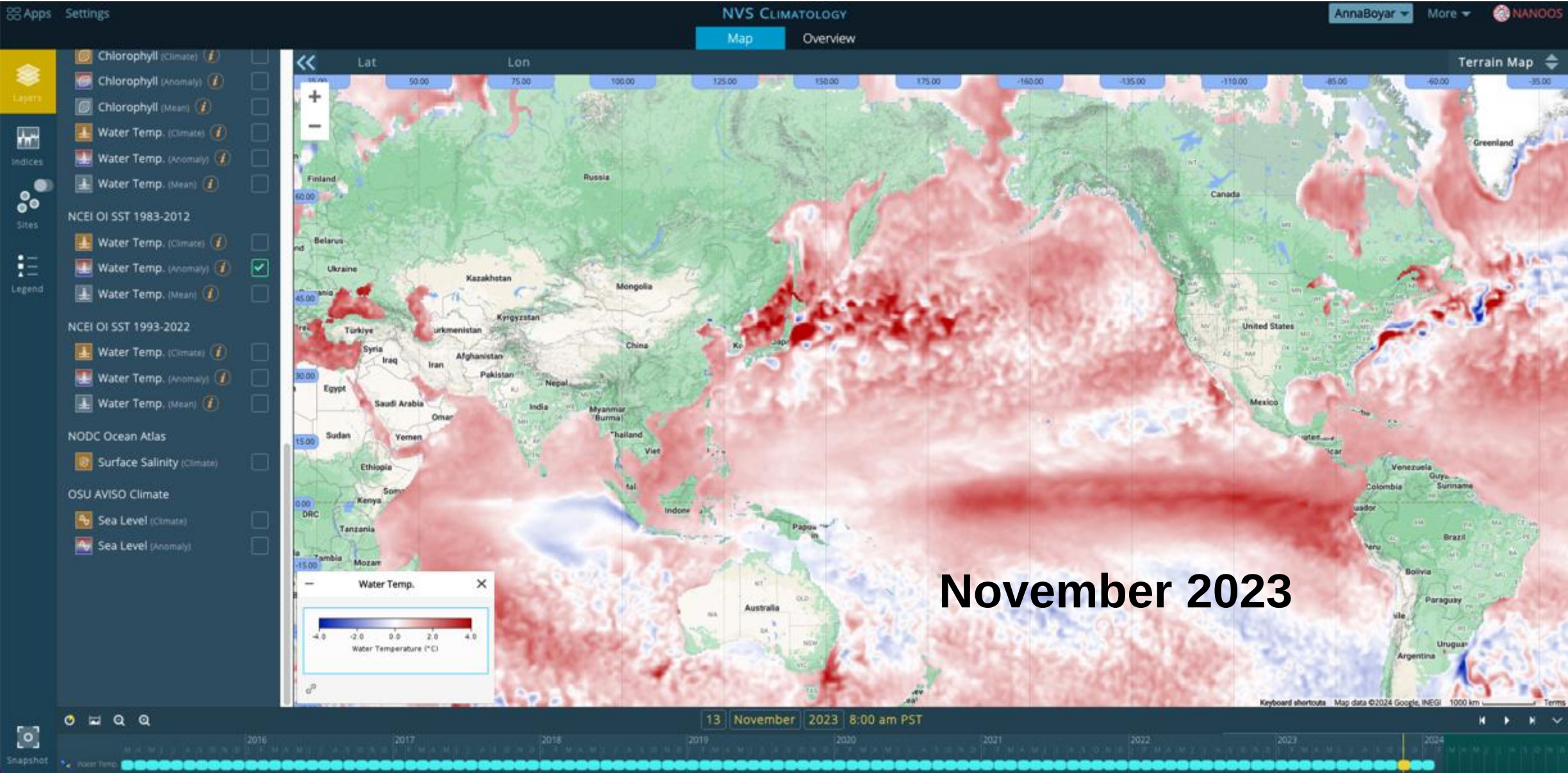
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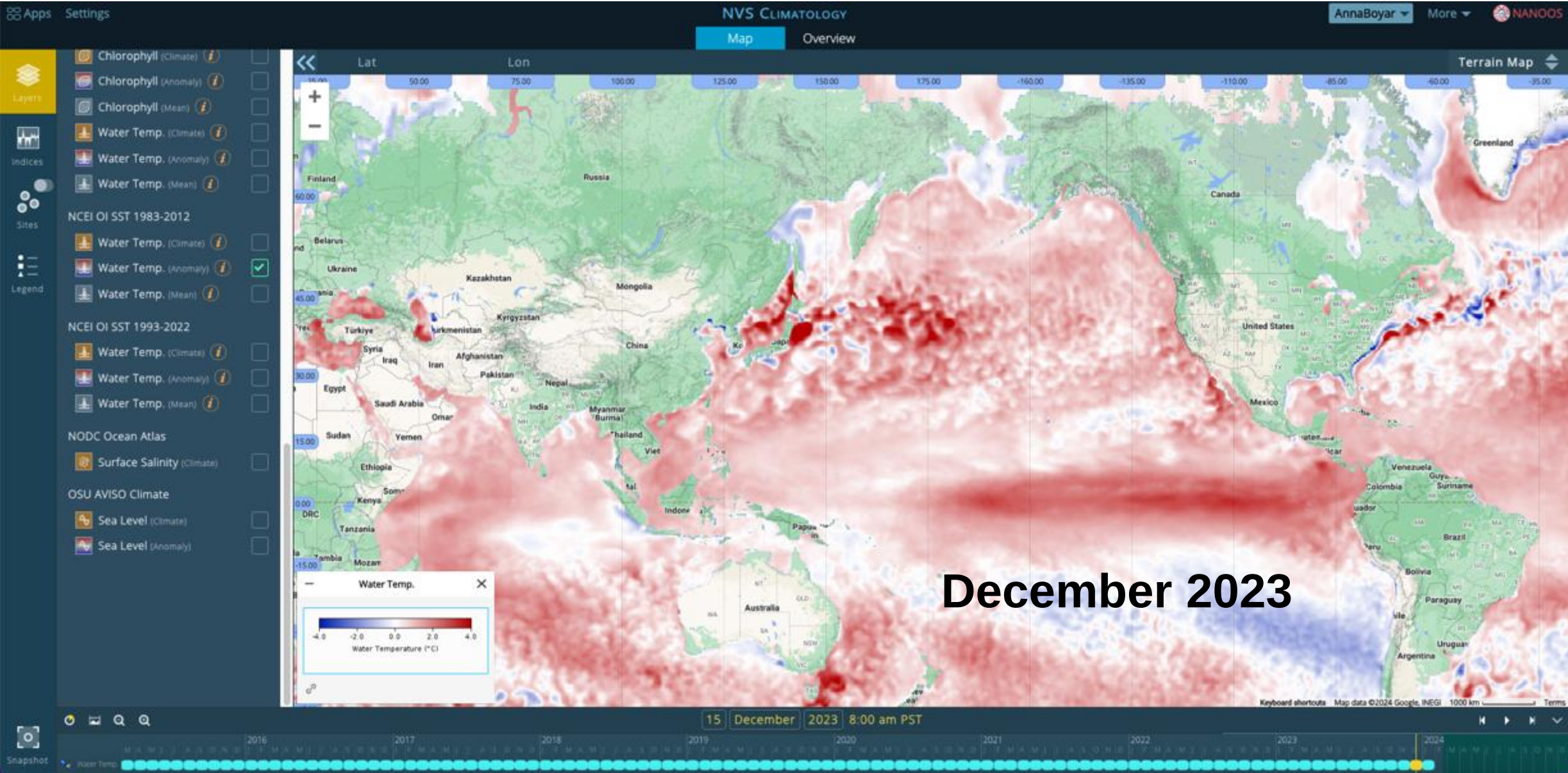
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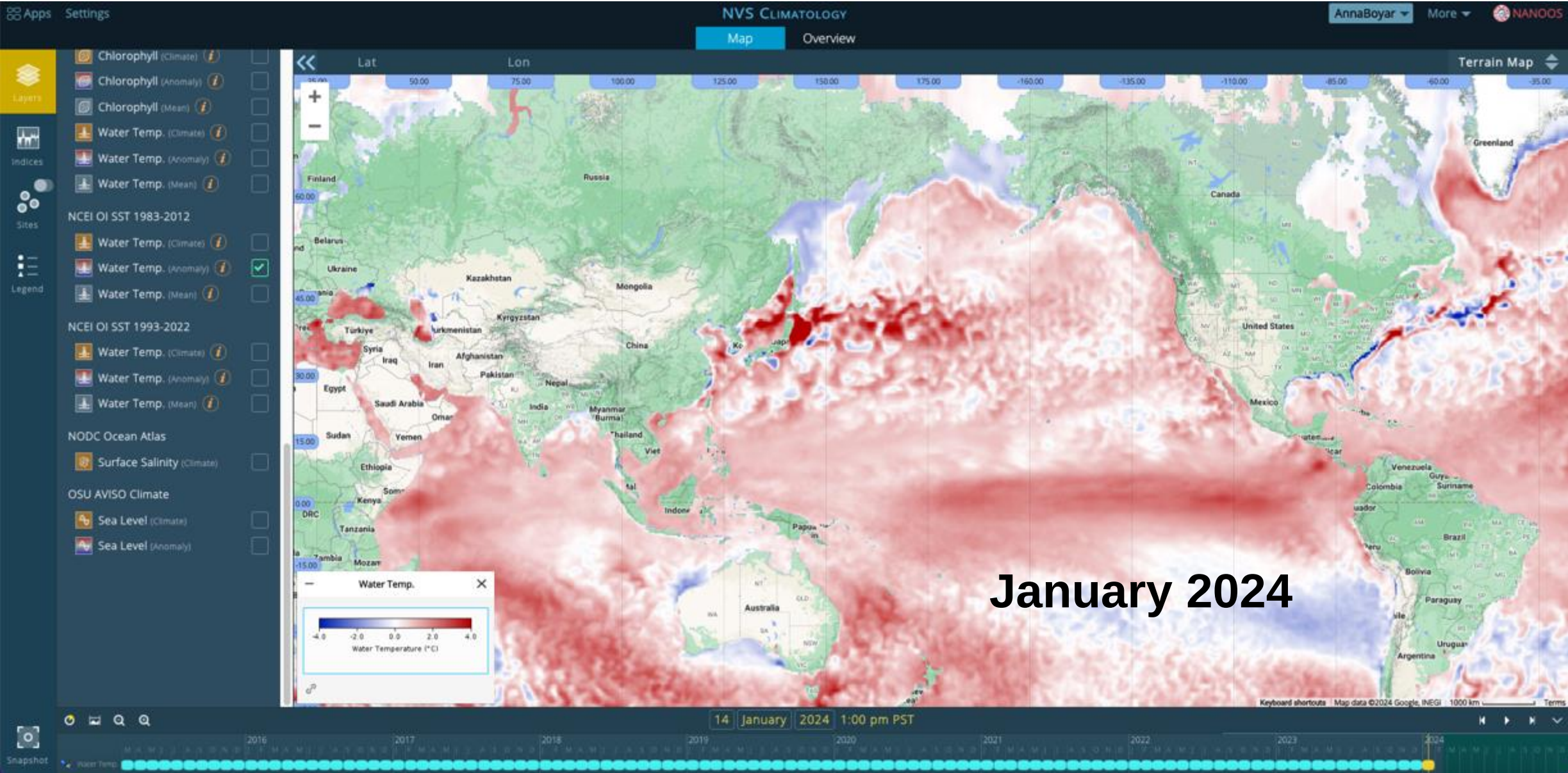
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Total cover
27.91



I Moderate
20.31



II Strong
6.11



III Severe
0.48



IV Extreme
1.01

Controls

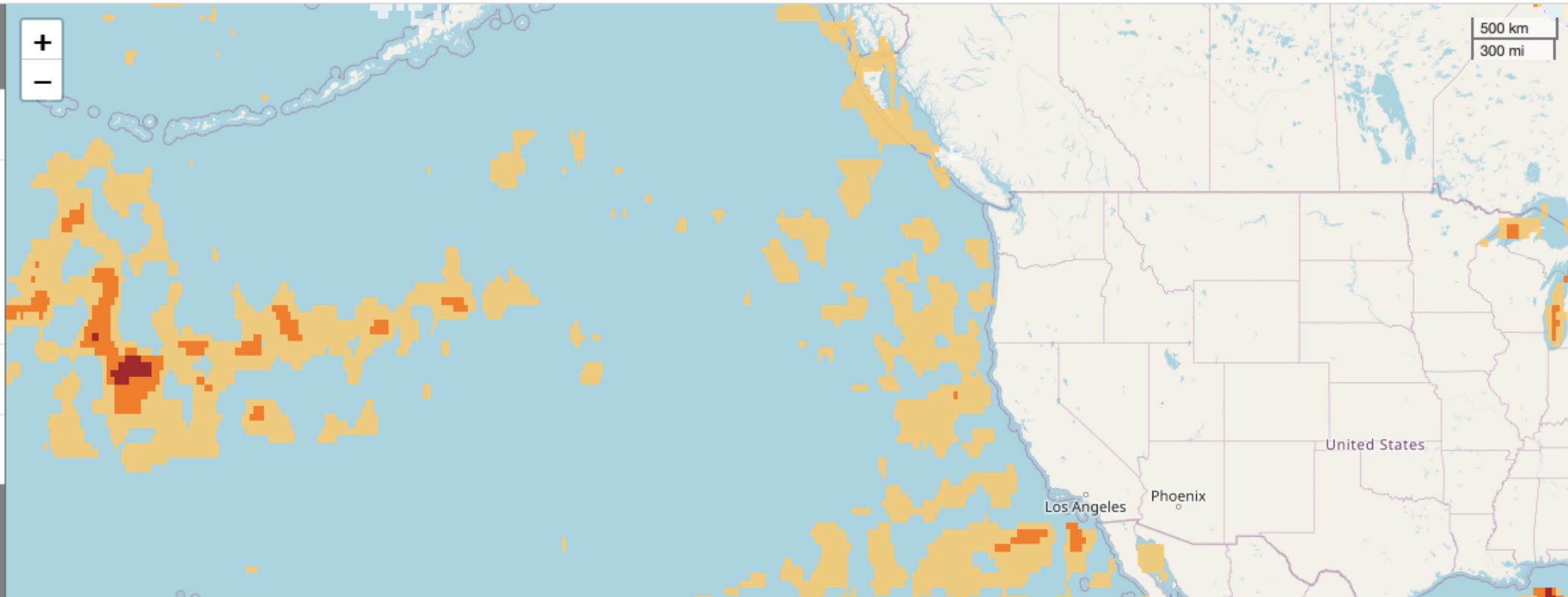
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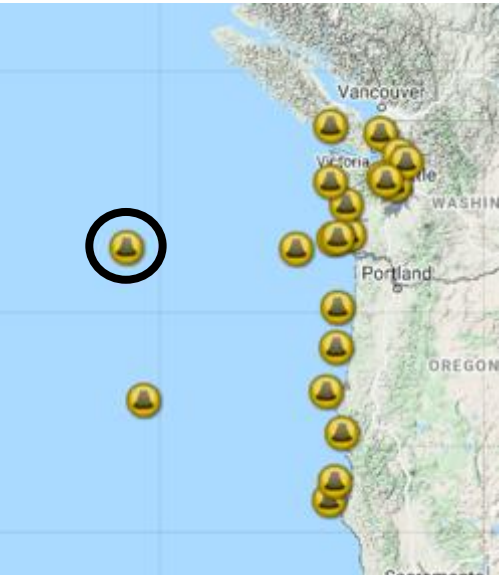
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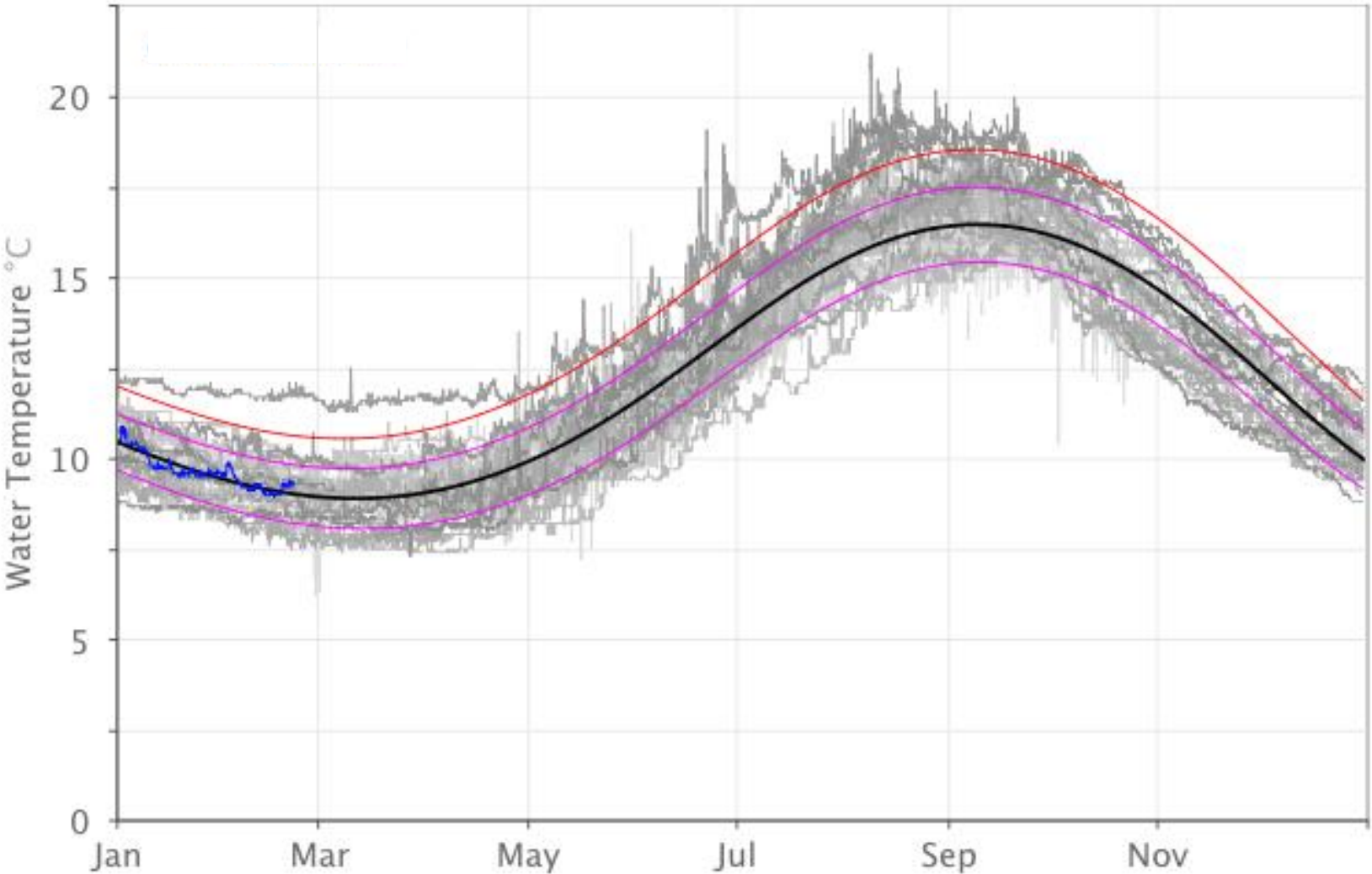


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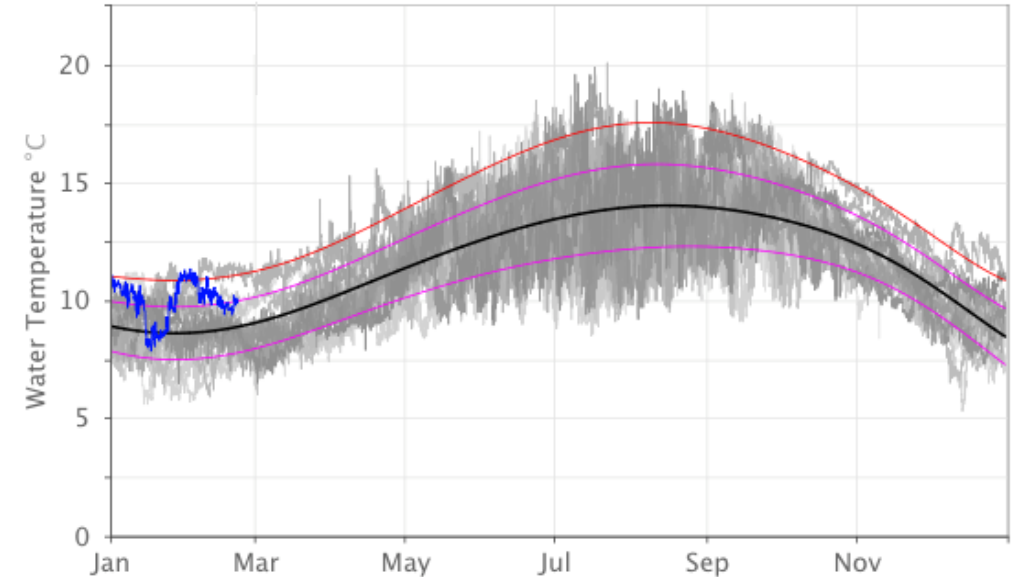
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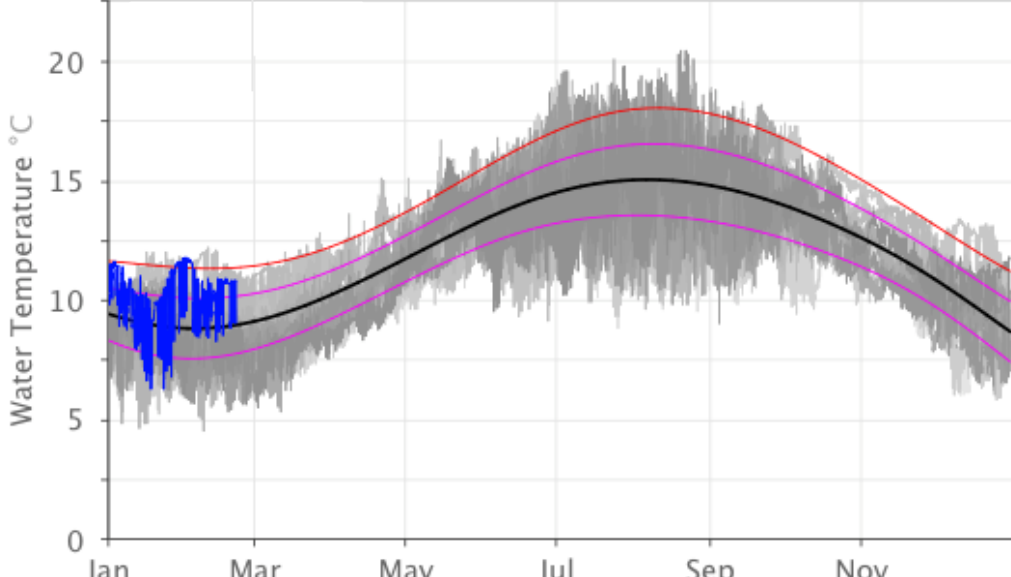
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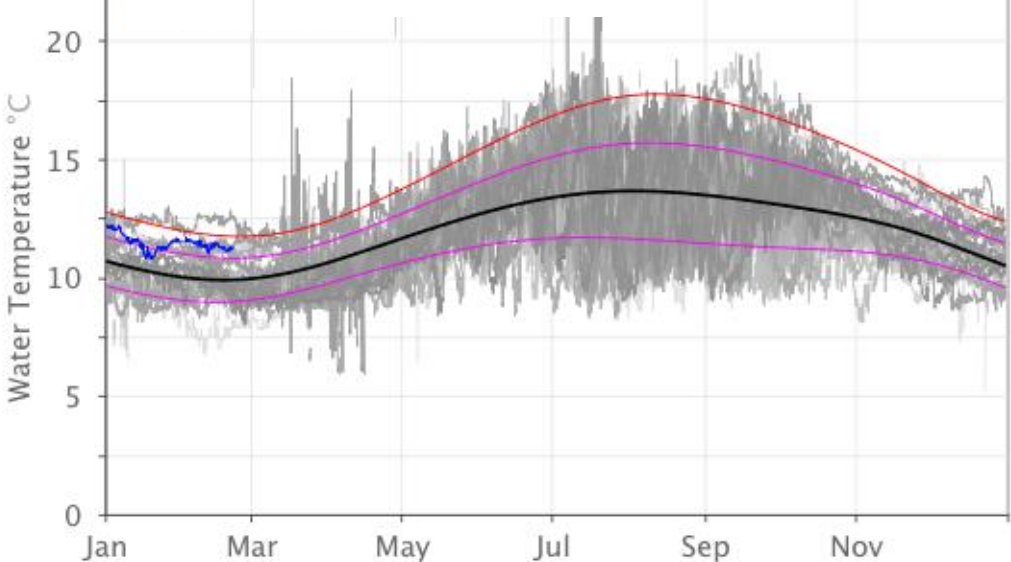
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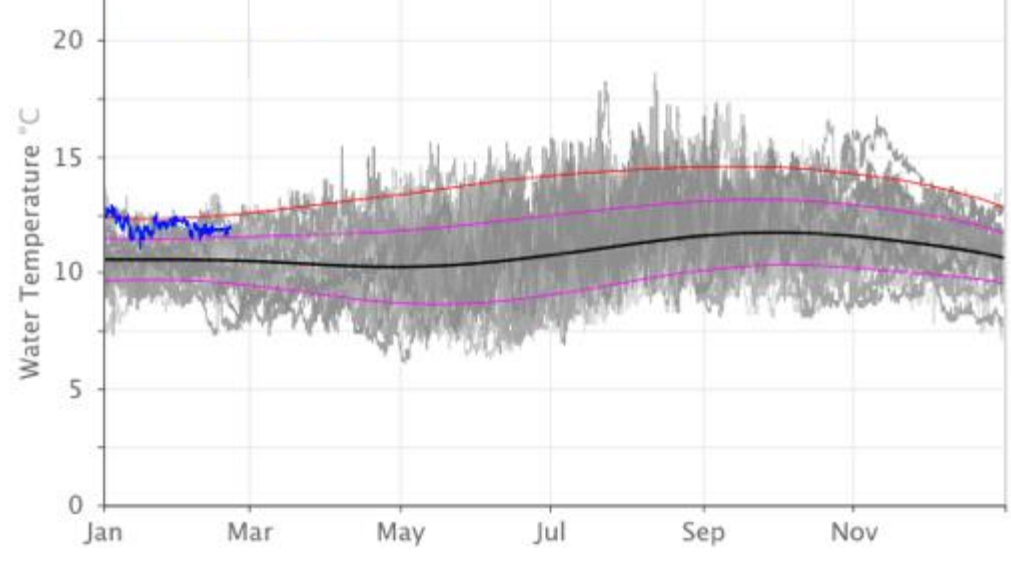
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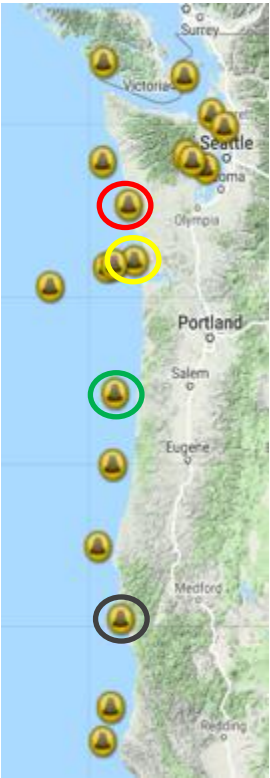
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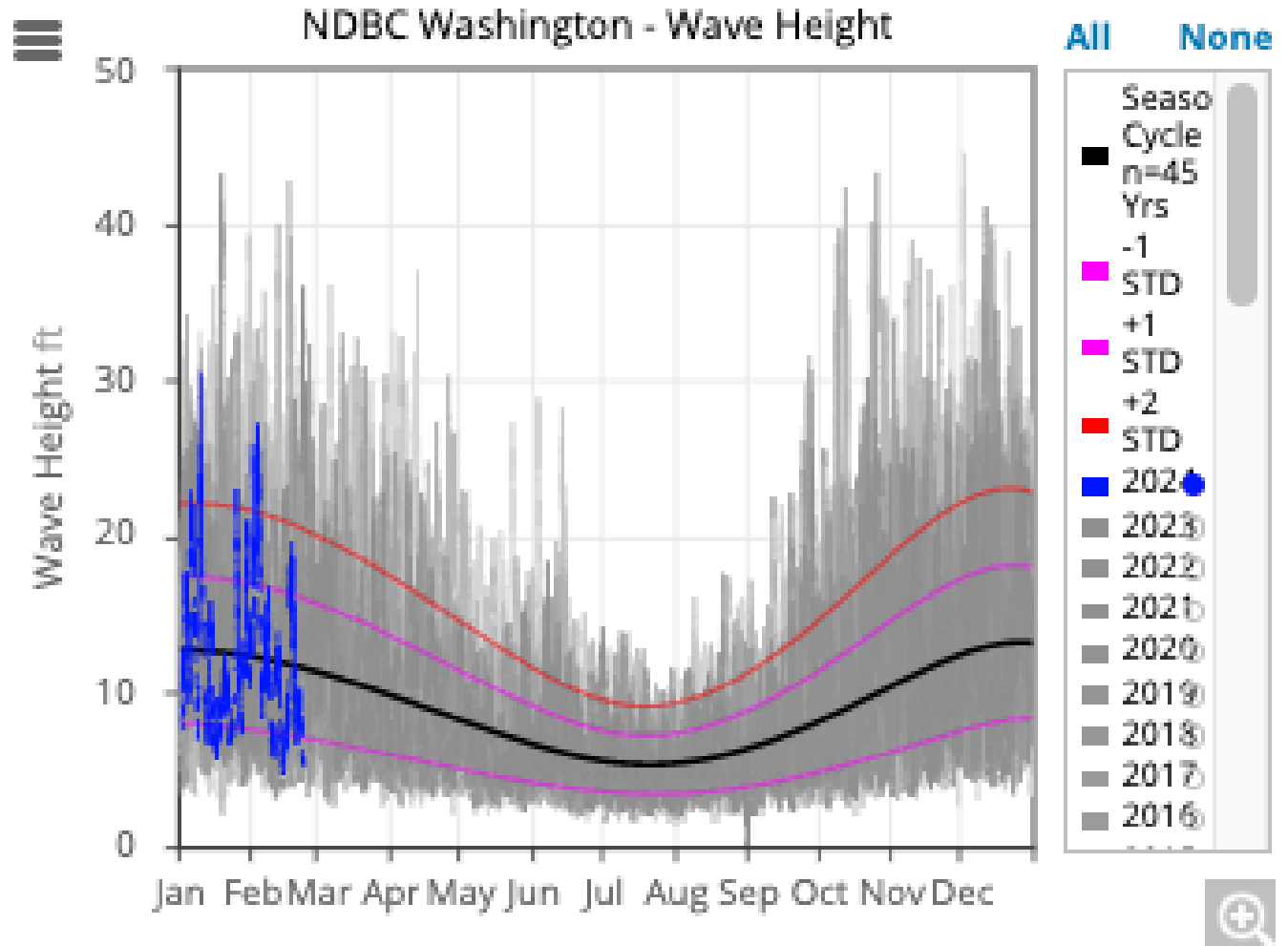
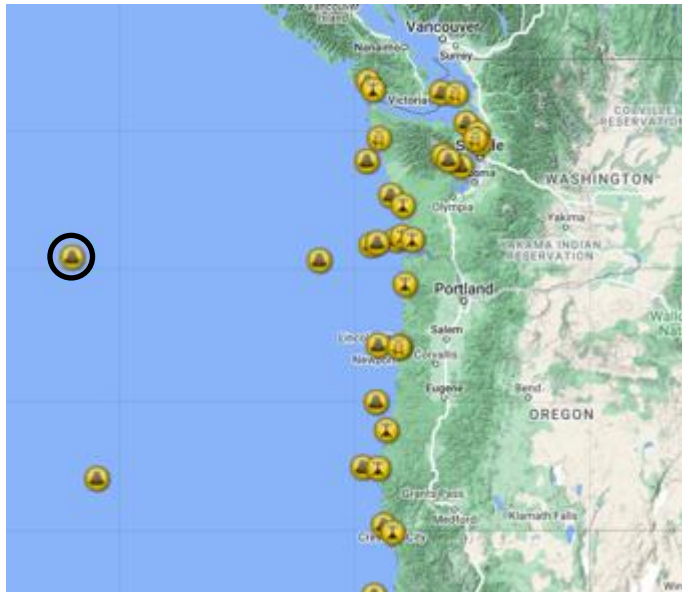
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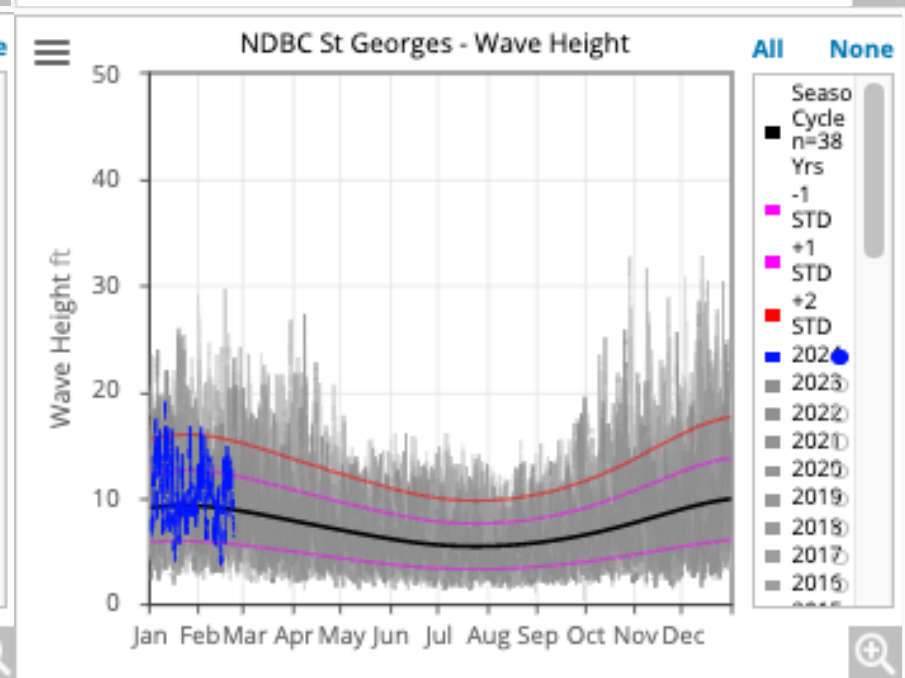
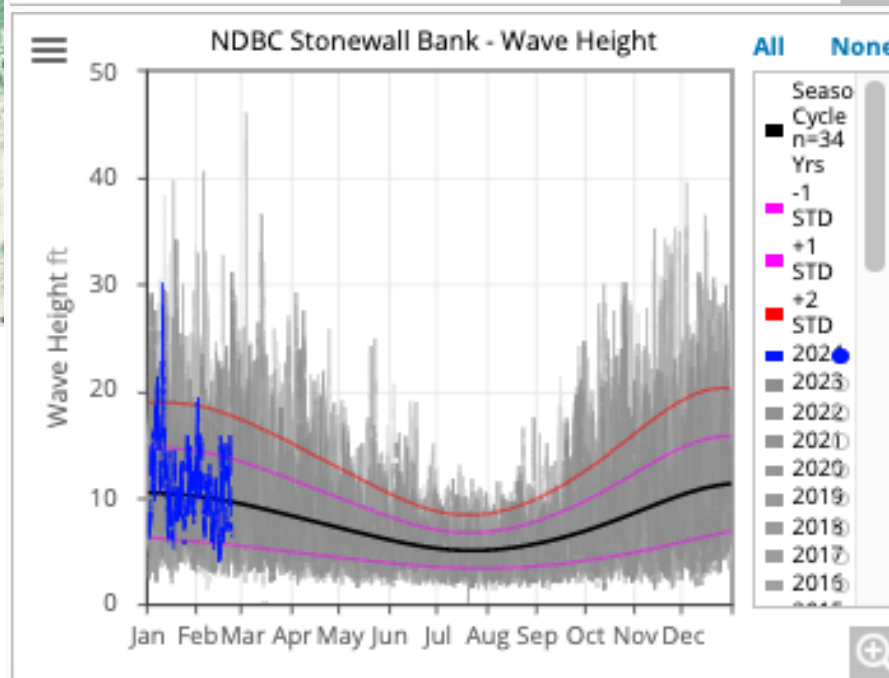
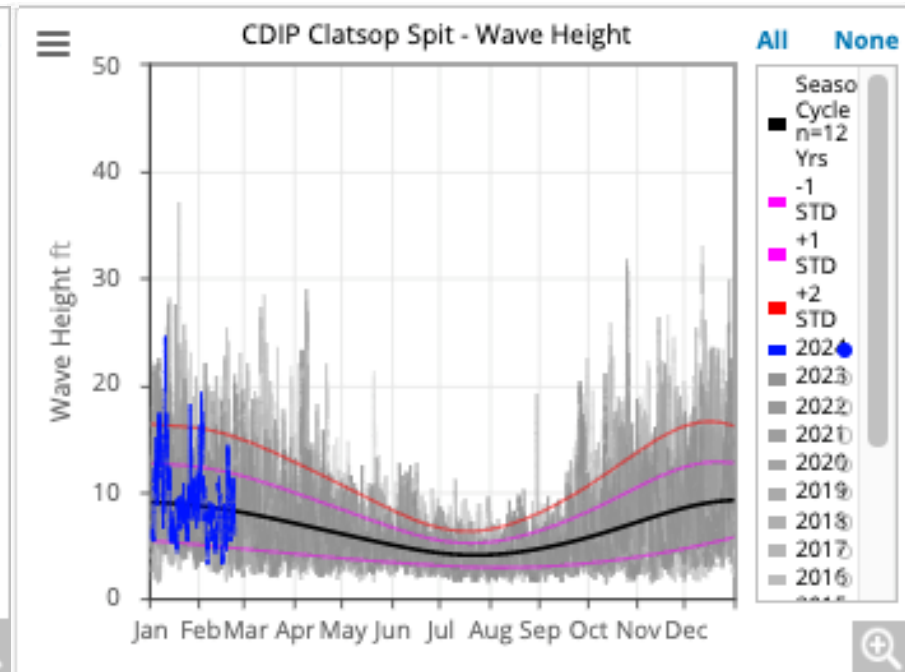
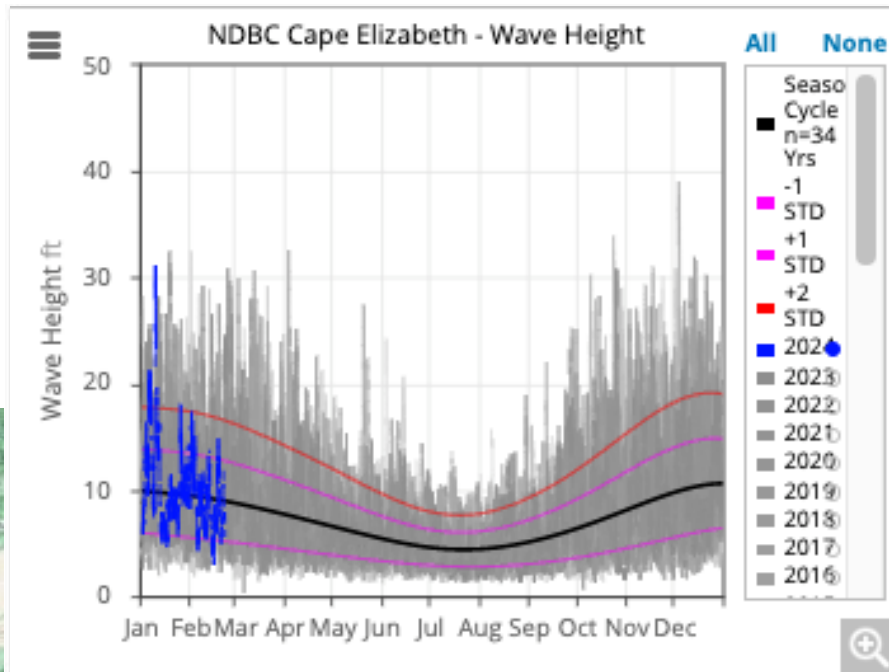
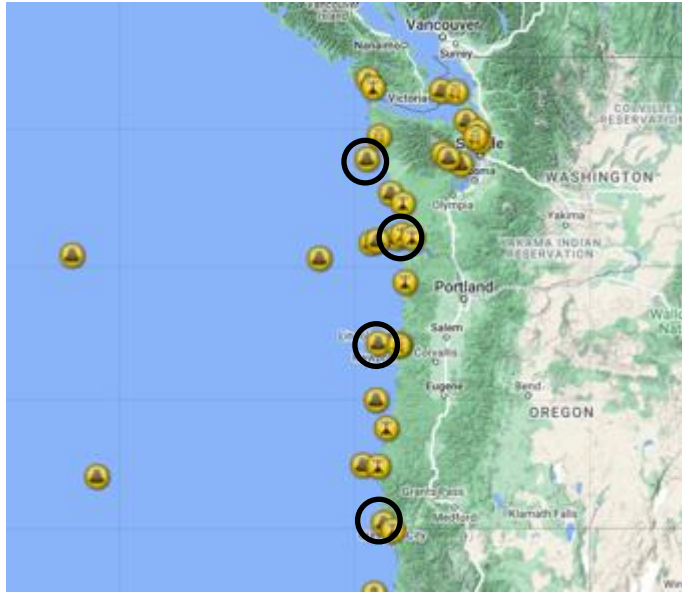


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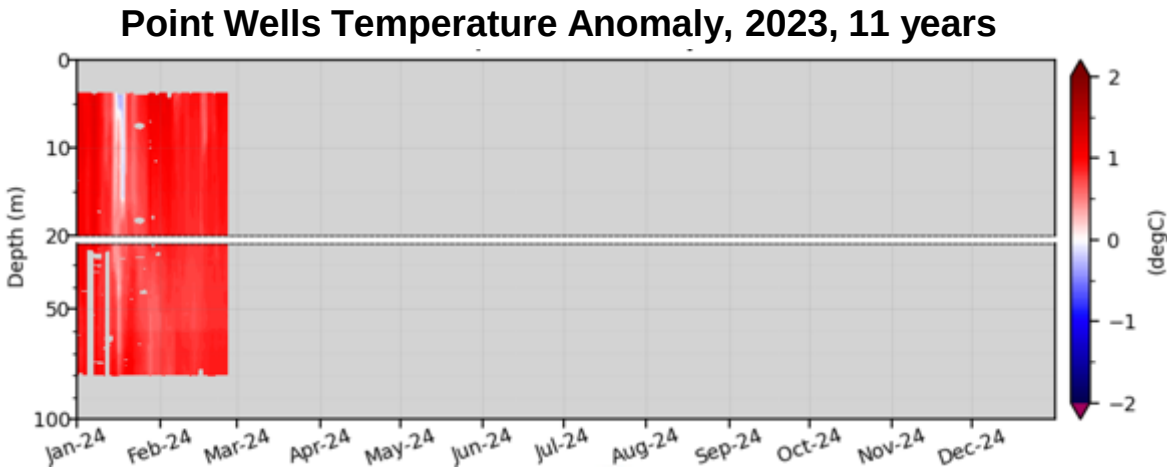
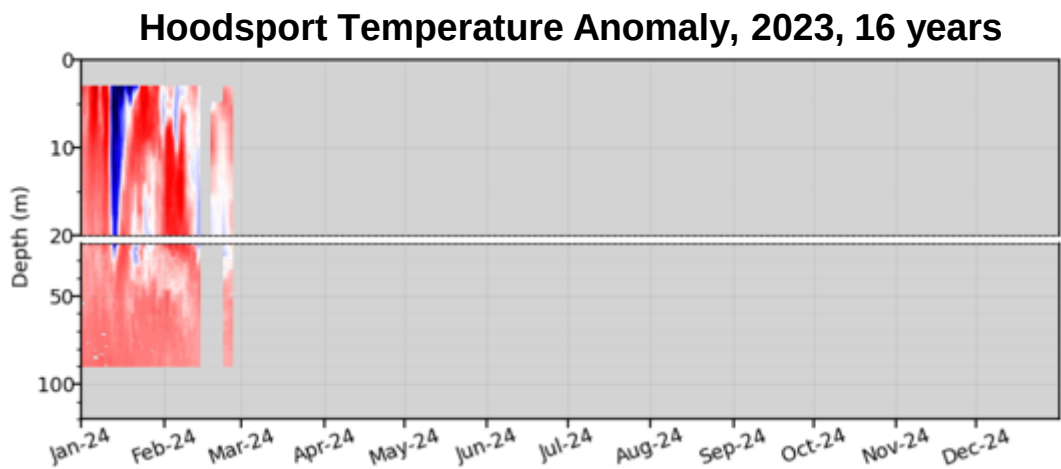
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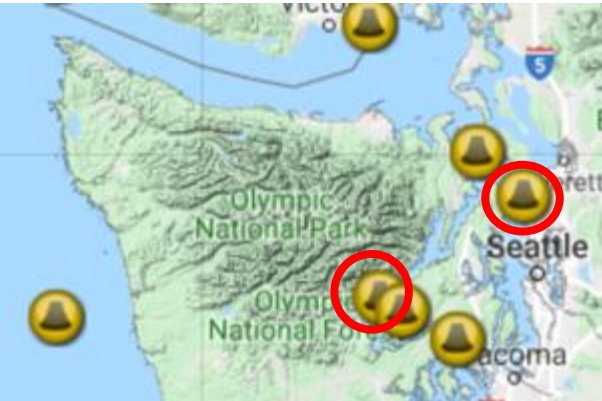


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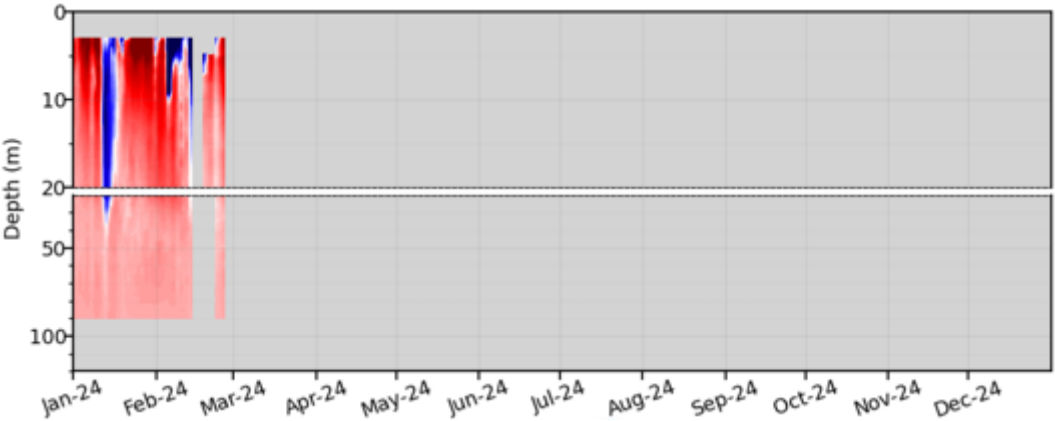
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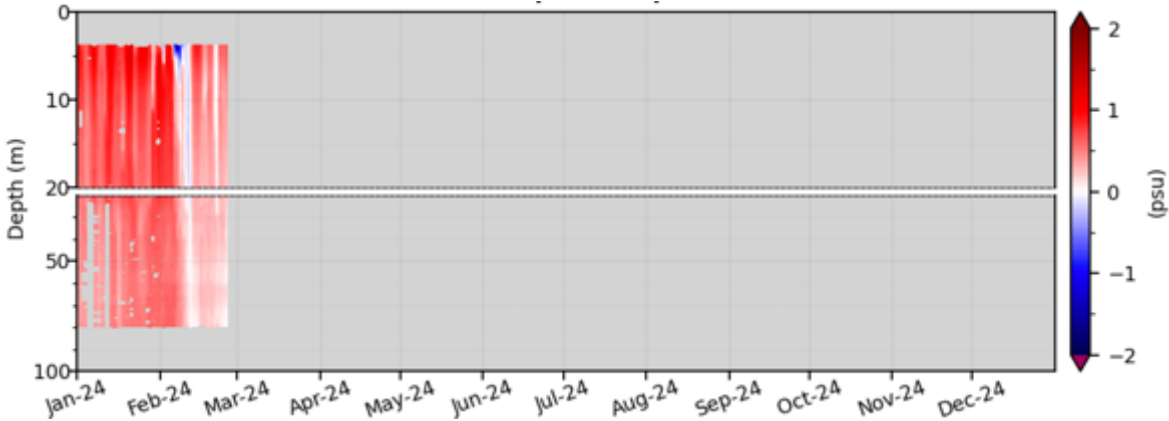
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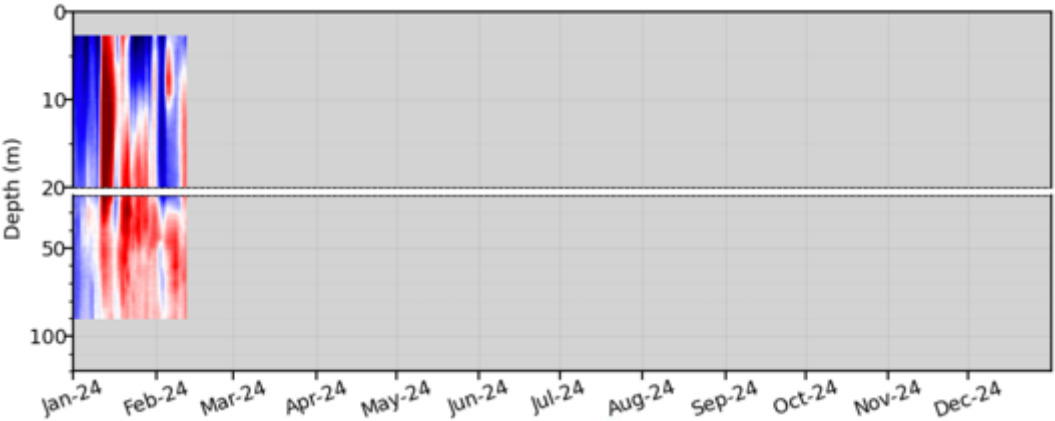
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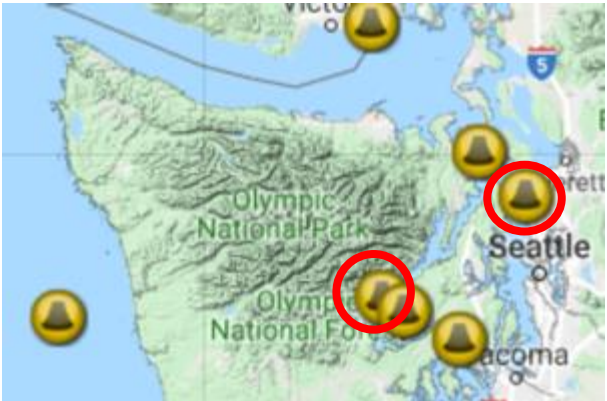
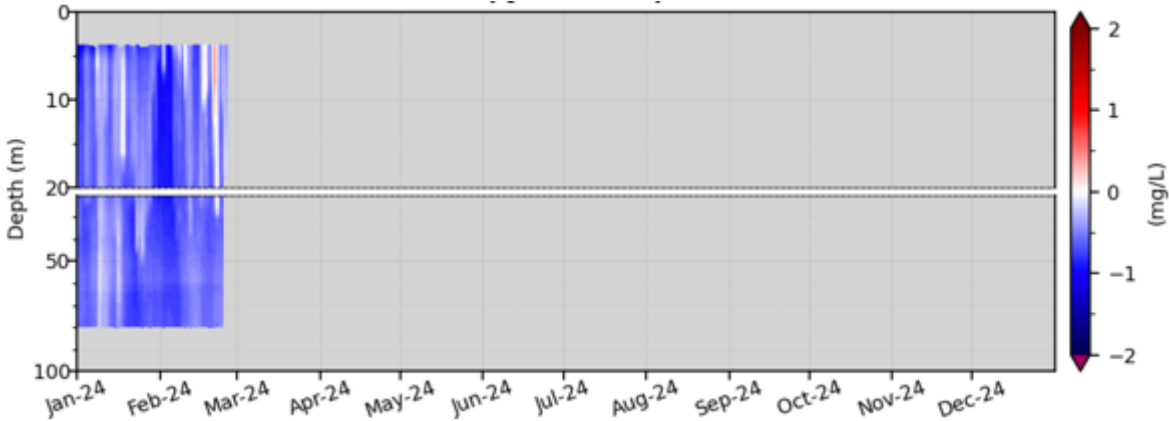
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November 2023

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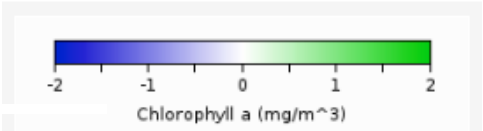


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Chlorophyll





To summarize:

Coastal conditions

- El Niño persists; heat anomaly in NE Pacific small and diffuse; not a strong signal; transition predicted.
- Offshore WA NDBC coastal buoy shows average T; inshore buoys indicate very high variation, warm, cool, warm pattern.

Waves

- Storm events Jan and Feb, may explain cooling.

Puget Sound

- Temperature and salinity anomalies continue warm and salty.
- Mid-January event, likely storm with strong cool, fresh, high oxygen conditions.

Chlorophyll & HABs

- Satellite shows lower than average ocean color values in Dec-Jan.
- Domoic acid not reported as a factor now.



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