

Table 1. Observed climate trends and their effects on marine life within the NW Atlantic. Table references are in the [supplementary materials](#).

Phenomenon	Pattern or Trend	References
Range expansion or contraction	- By 2060, 55% of species are projected to lose thermal habitat, 21% gain and 24% remain constant.	(Nye <i>et al.</i> , 2009, 2011; Cheung <i>et al.</i> , 2013b; Pinsky <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Shackell <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Morley <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Allyn <i>et al.</i> , 2020; Mills <i>et al.</i> , 2024)
Latitudinal range shifts	- Northward range shifts - ‘Borealization’ of Arctic, ‘tropicalization’ of temperate ecosystems - A shift in the spatial distribution of larvae for 43% of taxa in the north-eastern US; mostly northward	(Nye <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Shackell <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Pinsky <i>et al.</i> , 2013; MacKenzie <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Walsh <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Kleisner <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Morley <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
Depth distribution	- A shift towards inhabiting deeper, colder waters	(Shackell <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Pinsky <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Morley <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
Species invasions	- New arrivals from US waters on the Scotian Shelf associated with latitudinal range shifts - New arrivals in the Arctic from the south, with effects on low diversity ecosystems there	(MacKenzie <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Bernier <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
Seasonal	- A shift in seasonal timing of larval occurrence for 49% of taxa in the northeastern US shelf - Earlier melting of sea ice in the year - Trophic mismatch between phytoplankton spring bloom and larval haddock and shrimp.	(Platt <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Edwards <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Koeller <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Walsh <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Niemi <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Record <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Staudinger <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
Trophic amplification	- Increased zooplankton grazing - Increased predation of ectotherms relative to endotherms - A shift towards resource control of marine ecosystems - Stronger adverse climate impacts on high trophic species relative to low	(Frank <i>et al.</i> , 2006, 2007; Kirby and Beaugrand, 2009; Petrie <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Boyce <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Grady <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Kwiatkowski <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Lotze <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
Size structure	- Reduction in size of primary and secondary producers	(Drinkwater, 2005; Li <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Shackell <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Sheridan and Bickford, 2011; Cheung <i>et al.</i> , 2013a)
Temperature	- Warming almost everywhere - Rapid warming in the Gulf of Maine, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Scotian Shelf - Increasing frequency and severity of marine heatwaves	(Hutchings <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Saba <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Frölicher <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Oliver <i>et al.</i> , 2018, 2019; Greenan <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Cheung and Frölicher, 2020; Amaya <i>et al.</i> , 2023)
Freshwater flux	- Increased at high latitudes from hydrological cycle intensification	(Durack and Wijffels, 2010; Durack <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
Sea ice	- Melting Arctic ice and Greenland ice sheet, leading to a freshening of the Arctic - Spatially variable changes in sea ice type (old versus seasonal), thickness, and extent in the Arctic	(Bamber <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Hutchings <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Stroeve <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Bernier <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Niemi <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
Stratification	- Increased, especially at low latitudes - Associated with nutrient limitations at low to mid-latitudes	(Behrenfeld <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Polovina <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Acidification	- Increasing, especially in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Arctic - Negative effects on calcifying species	(Doney <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Steinacher <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Wanninkhof <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Bernier <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Peck and Pinnegar, 2018; Niemi <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
Deoxygenation	- Follows the global deoxygenation trends with widespread spatial variability driven by natural oscillations. - Deoxygenation is driven by the retreat of the Labrador Current and a slowdown of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation.	(Johnson and Gruber, 2007; Frölicher <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Hoegh-Guldberg and Bruno, 2010; Stendardo and Gruber, 2012; Stramma <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Bernier <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Claret <i>et al.</i> , 2018; Niemi <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
Primary production	- Spatially variable but declining, especially at low latitudes - Complex responses in the Arctic, including changes from ice algae to phytoplankton, moderate declines in some areas but increases in others - More frequent, intense, and widespread blooms.	(Gregg <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Behrenfeld <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Boyce <i>et al.</i> , 2010, 2014; Niemi <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Dai <i>et al.</i> , 2023)
Disease transmission	- Increased, especially at high latitudes.	(Ward and Lafferty, 2004; Frommel <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Burge <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Vezzulli <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
Growth and demography	- Faster growth - Earlier age at maturity	(Atkinson, 1994; Ohlberger, 2013; Niu <i>et al.</i> , 2023)

Notes: “Borealization” = Northward expansion or increased dominance of species adapted to boreal (cold-temperate) conditions into Arctic or high-latitude ecosystems. “Tropicalization” = An increase in warm-water (tropical or subtropical) species or expansion of their ranges into temperate ecosystems. “Deepening” = The downward movement of marine species into deeper, cooler waters. “Species invasion” = The arrival, establishment, and spread of species into new regions.