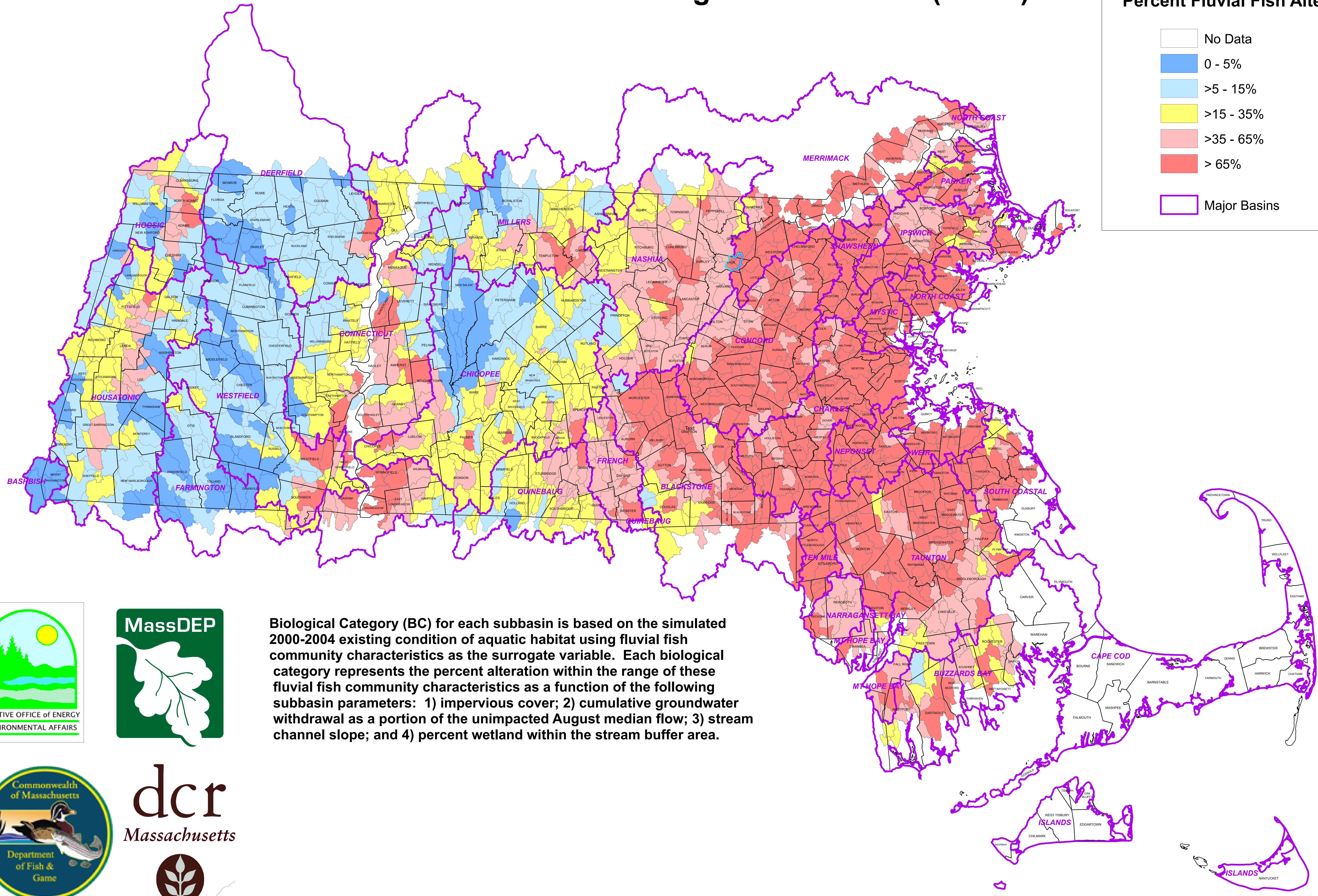
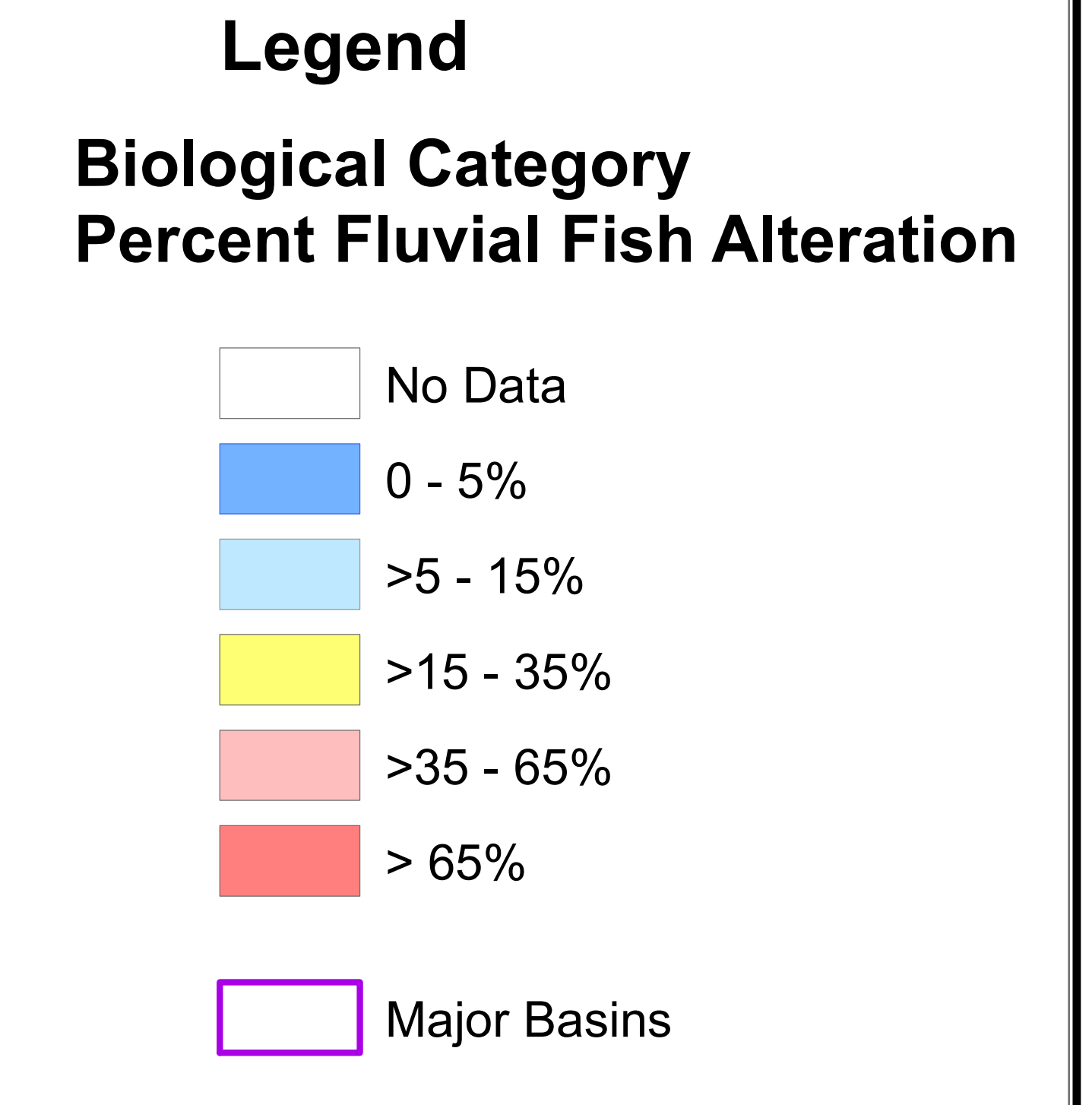


Biological Category (BC) for the Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI)



Biological Category (BC) for each subbasin is based on the simulated 2000-2004 existing condition of aquatic habitat using fluvial fish community characteristics as the surrogate variable. Each biological category represents the percent alteration within the range of these fluvial fish community characteristics as a function of the following subbasin parameters: 1) impervious cover; 2) cumulative groundwater withdrawal as a portion of the unimpacted August median flow; 3) stream channel slope; and 4) percent wetland within the stream buffer area.

