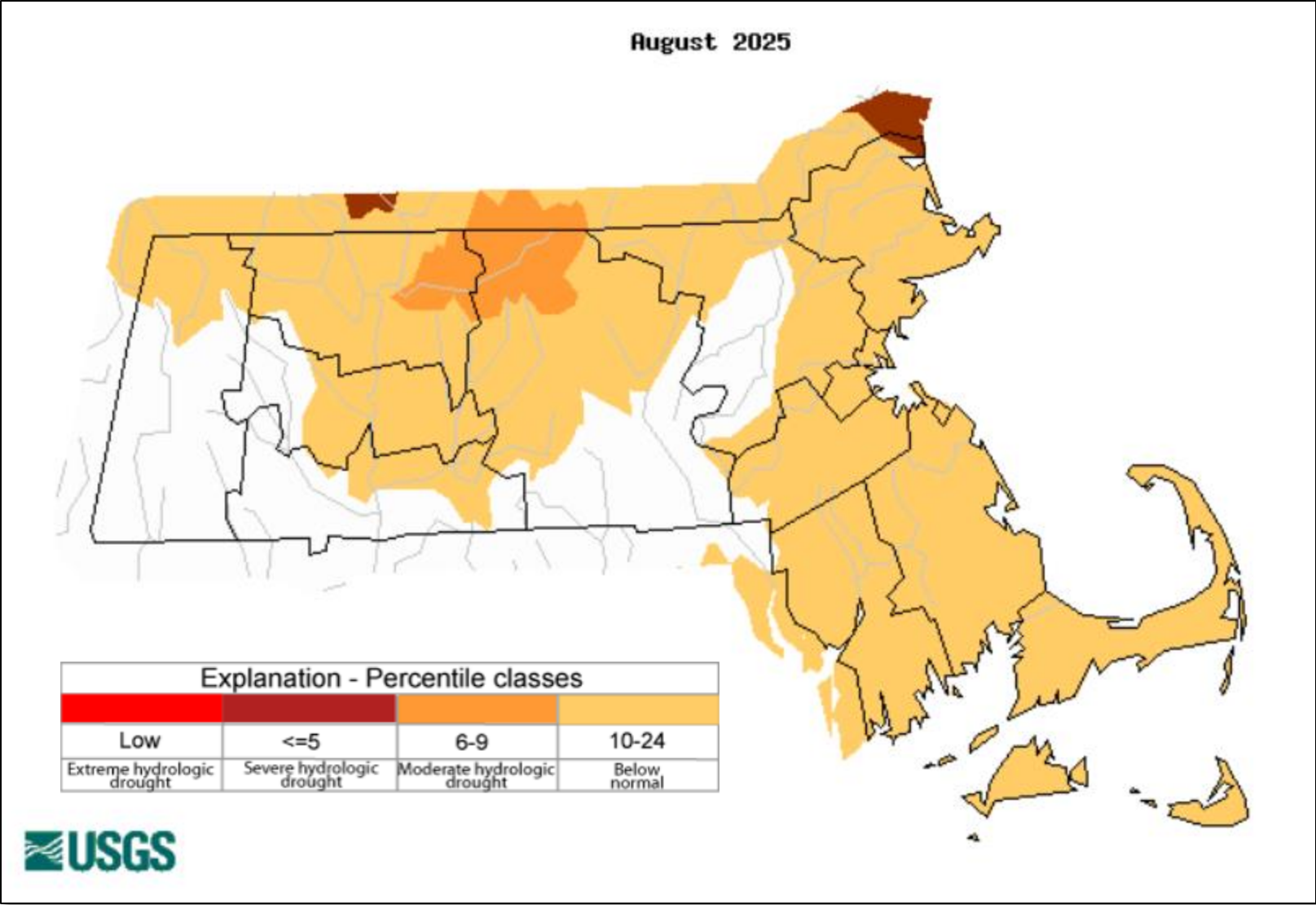




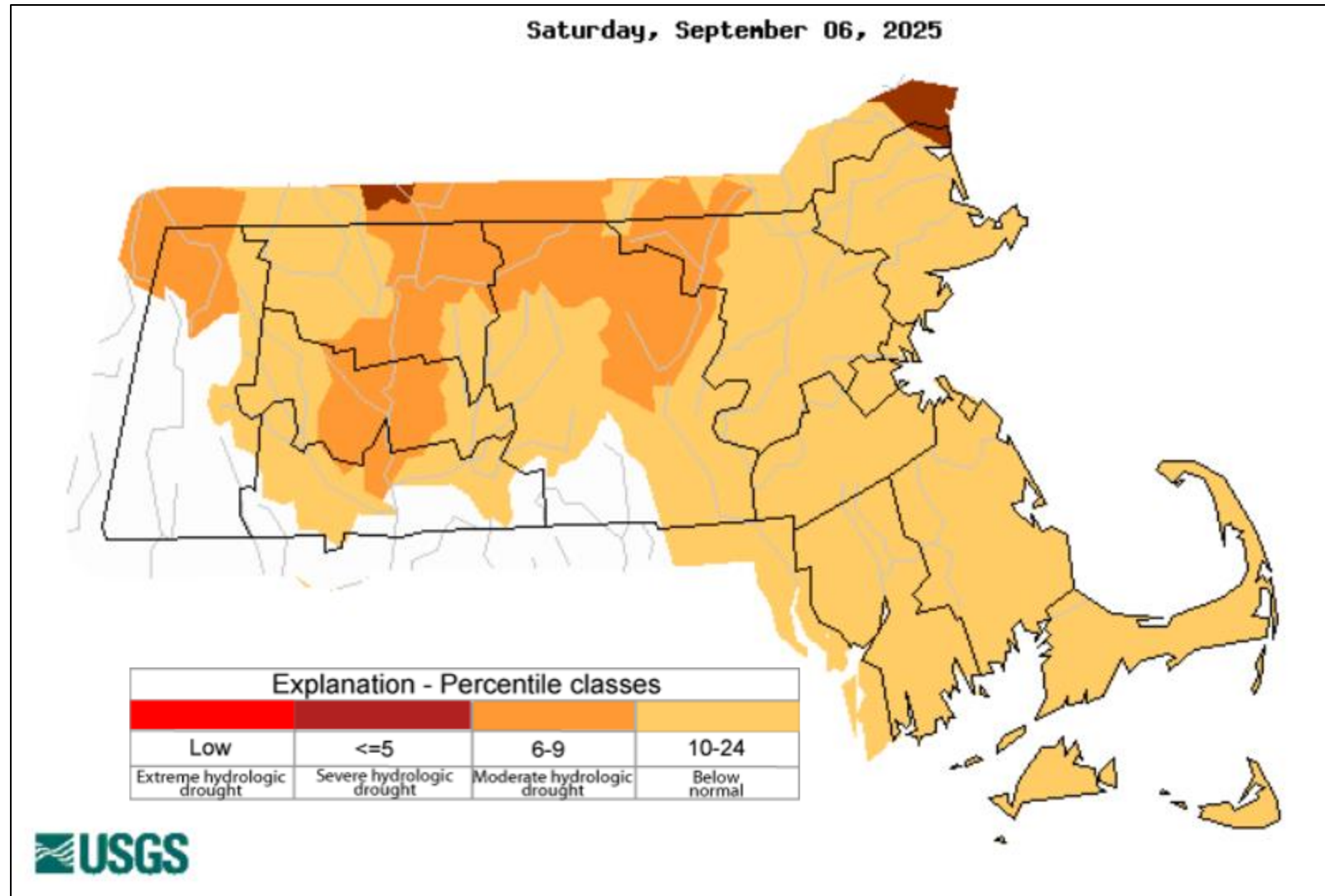
# Drought Implications for Rivers, Lakes, and Ponds

- Rivers/Riverfront Area: Rivers include perennial streams that cease to flow during declared drought. Observations of no flow made during a non-drought may be used to determine a perennial river does not contain Riverfront Area. 310 CMR 10.58(2)(a)1.f.
- Lakes/Ponds: Ponds must contain a surface area of fresh water of at least 10,000 square feet to be regulated as a Pond. Observations that a Pond is less than 10,000 square feet made during a non-drought may be used to extinguish their regulation as a Pond under the MA WPA. 310 CMR 10.04, Definition of Pond.

Aug. 2025  
below normal  
monthly  
average  
streamflow  
compared to  
historical  
streamflow by  
HUC



Last 14-days  
below normal  
average  
streamflow  
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historical  
streamflow by  
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# Central Drought Region

Cascading Waters,  
Worcester: perennial River,  
observed not flowing  
August 13, 2025.  
Watershed Area: 0.57 mi<sup>2</sup>,  
StreamStats Prob: 73%





Galloway Brook, Barre:  
perennial River,  
observed not flowing  
August 2025.  
Watershed Area: 1.7 mi<sup>2</sup>  
StreamStats Prob: 95%



# Southeast Drought Region

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**Palmer River** was reported with no flow over the Shad Pond Dam spillway, only through the fish ladder. The Drainage Area to Shad Factory Pond is 30.9 to 31.2 square miles.

