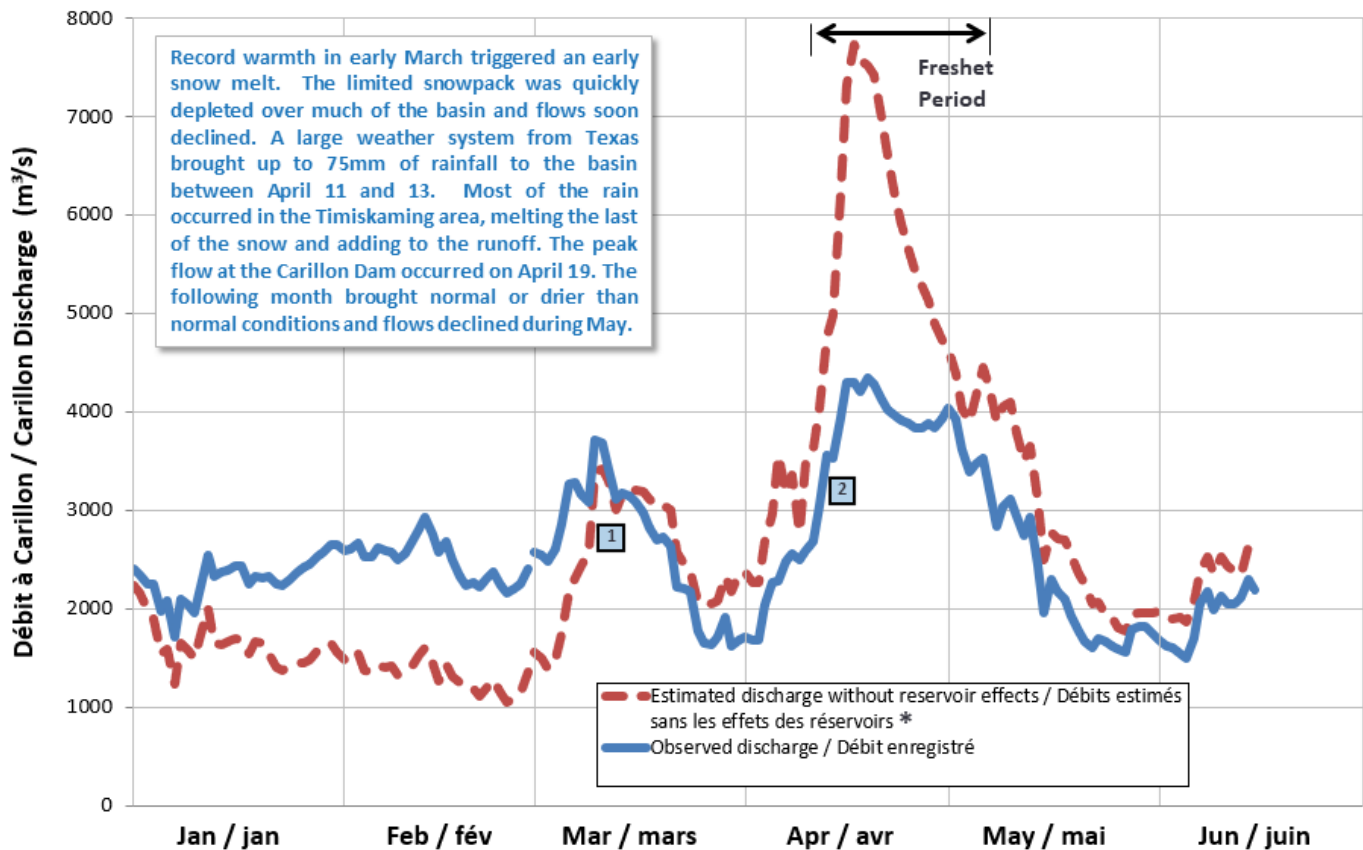




## Ottawa River Basin - 2024 Spring Freshet Review

### Discharges at the Carillon dam provide a good overview of freshet conditions on the river



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**1** March 13 – Early Spring  
Conditions Overview  
Bulletin

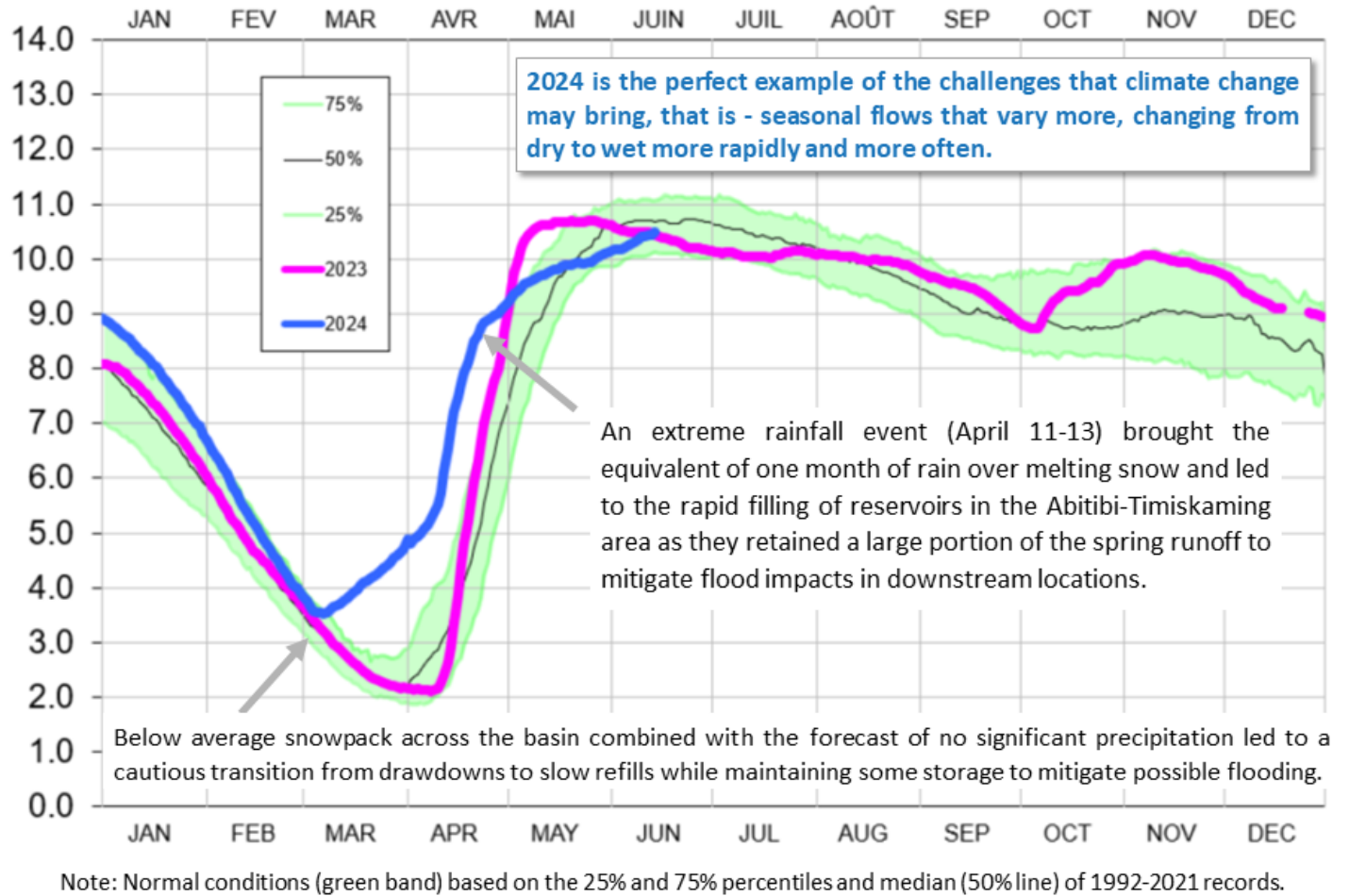
**2** April 14 – Rising Ottawa  
River Water Levels Press  
Release

\* Information on the natural lakes that existed prior to the construction of reservoirs (1911-1954) is sparse or missing. It is therefore only possible to estimate the natural (unregulated) discharge.

### MAIN SUMMARY POINTS FROM FRESHET 2024

- The first peak, from snowmelt in the southern portion of the basin, was a month earlier than normal.
- The rapid rise of levels and flows mid-April was caused by a month's worth of rain falling in a 48-hour period on the northwestern portion of the basin.
- Significant spring rainfall events can occur with little advance warning and can rapidly alter flows and levels across a large portion of the basin.
- The peak flow observed at the Carillon dam on April 19 was 15% below average.

The volume of water stored in the 13 principal reservoirs of the basin, in billions of cubic metres



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