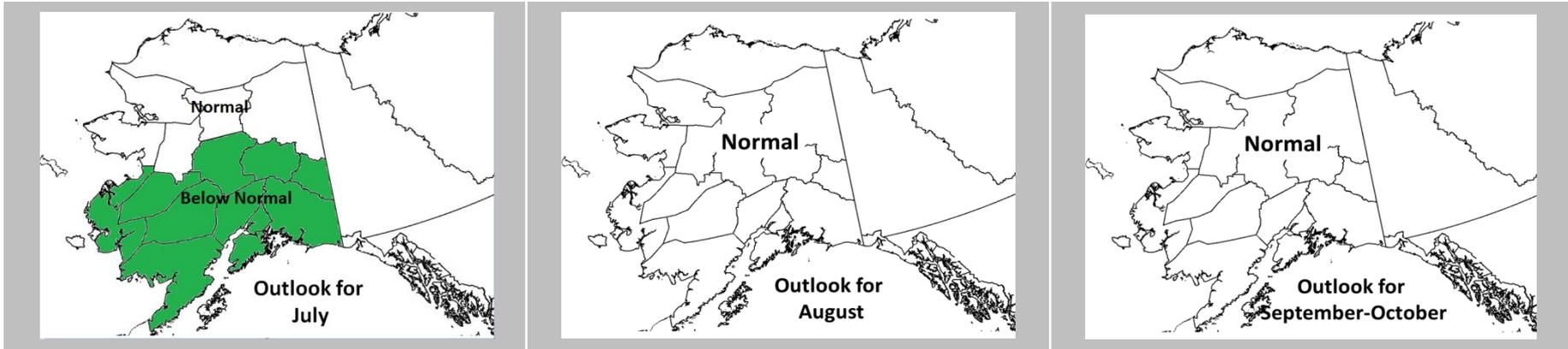


Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



Forecast:

- The forecast for July is for below normal for southern Alaska and normal for northern Alaska. The forecast for August through October is for normal fire potential.

Factors:

- Climate Prediction Center (CPC) outlook maps continue to indicate a high likelihood of warmer than normal temperatures across the all of Alaska this summer and into the fall.
- The precipitation forecasts are pointing to wetter than normal over southern Alaska. Though precipitation forecasts are notoriously poor the forecasts this year of wetter weather seem to be bearing out.
- Periodic precipitation and the lack of extended dry periods has lead to much lower than normal fire activity. Because of the lack of fire across the landscape and expected weather we are expecting lower than normal fire potential for July across central and southern Alaska and normal for the remainder of the state. August and September-October should be normal as that is when fire activity is usually decreasing anyway.
- The forecast for July is for below normal fire potential for central and southern Alaska and normal for the remainder of Alaska and the remainder of the season into October. Despite the warm temperatures expected, there is little fire on the landscape so far and periodic precipitation is keeping indices below normal. For August through October there are no strong indicators for above or below normal fire potential.