

1 Geographic variation and temporal trends in ice phenology in Norwegian lakes [during the period](#)
2 [1890-2020](#)

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15 Abstract

16 Long-term observations of ice phenology in lakes are ideal for studying climatic variation in time and
17 space. We used a large set of observations from 1890 to 2020 of the timing of freeze-up and break-
18 up, and the length of ice-free season, for 101 Norwegian lakes to elucidate variation in ice phenology
19 across time and space. The dataset of Norwegian lakes is unusual, covering considerable variation in
20 [elevation](#) (4 – 1401 m a.s.l.) and climate (from oceanic to continental) within a substantial latitudinal
21 and longitudinal gradient (58.2 – 69.9° N; 4.9 – 30.2° E).

22 The average date of ice break-up occurred later in spring with increasing [elevation](#), latitude and
23 longitude. The average date of freeze-up and the length of the ice-free period decreased significantly
24 with [elevation](#) and longitude. No correlation with distance from the ocean was detected, although
25 the geographical gradients were related to regional climate due to adiabatic processes ([elevation](#)),
26 [radiation](#) (latitude) and the degree of continentality (longitude). There was a significant lake [surface](#)
27 area effect as small lakes froze-up earlier due to less volume. There was also a significant trend that
28 lakes were completely frozen over later in the autumn in recent years. After accounting for the effect
29 of long-term trends in the large-scale NAO index, a significant but weak trend over time for earlier ice
30 break-up was detected.

31 An analysis of different time periods revealed significant and accelerating trends for earlier break-up,
32 later freeze-up and completely frozen lakes after 1991. Moreover, the trend for a longer ice-free
33 period also accelerated during this period, although not significant.

34 An understanding of the relationship between ice phenology and geographical parameters is a
35 prerequisite for predicting the potential future consequences of climate change on ice phenology.
36 Changes in ice phenology will have consequences for the behaviour and life cycle dynamics of the
37 aquatic biota.

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40 1 Introduction

41 [The surface area of lakes](#) makes up a substantial part (15-40 %) of the arctic and sub-arctic regions of
42 the Northern Hemisphere (Brown and Duguay 2010). Most of these lakes freeze over annually. In
43 addition to its substantial biological importance (Prowse 2001), this annual freezing has significant
44 repercussions for transportation, local cultural identity and religion (Magnusson et al., 2000; [Prowse](#)
45 [et al., 2011](#); Sharma et al., 2016; Knoll et al., 2019). The importance of freshwater and ice formation
46 for people has resulted in the monitoring of freezing and thawing of lake ice for centuries (Sharma et
47 al., 2016).

48 Lakes and their ice phenology are effective sentinels of climate change (Adrian et al., 2009) and ice
49 phenology has been studied extensively (e.g., reviewed by Brown and Duguay, 2010). In general,
50 [freeze-up and break-up have changed over time](#), freeze-up occurs later and break-up appears earlier
51 [despite different timespans](#) on global (Magnuson et al., 2000 ([1846-1995](#)); Benson et al., 2012 ([1855-](#)
52 [2005](#)); [Sharma & Magnusson, 2014 \(1854-2004\)](#); Du et al., 2017 ([2002-2015](#))), regional (Duguay et al.,
53 2006 ([1952-2000](#)); Mishra et al., 2011 ([1916-2007](#)); Hewitt et al., 2018 ([1981-2015](#))) and local scales
54 (Choiński et al., 2015 ([1961-2010](#)); Takács et al., 2018 ([1774-2017](#))). Despite these general results, the
55 strength of the trends varies among studies. The time of freeze-up was delayed by 0.3 to 5.7
56 days/decade (Benson et al. 2012, Magnusson et al. 2000), whereas the timing of ice break-up was
57 delayed by between 0.2 and 6.3 days/decade (Mishra et al., 2011; Magnusson et al., 2000). Some of
58 this variation is a consequence of differences in the length of the study period, covering from more
59 than a century to just a single decade. [However, based on time series for 2000-2013 from 13 300](#)
60 [Arctic lakes, Šmejkalova et al. \(2016\) showed significant and more dramatic trends in earlier start and](#)
61 [end of break-up in Northern Europe as the rate was 0.10 days/year 0.14 days/year, respectively, and](#)
62 [that this change was significantly correlated with the 0 °C isotherm.](#) The wide variation in time period
63 and the particular time-period studied is important to consider when trying to compare the strength
64 of trends in ice phenology parameters [as significant associations with ice break-up and oscillations \(2-](#)
65 [67 years\) have been documented \(Sharma & Magnusson, 2014\).](#) Global mean temperature has
66 changed considerably [since](#) 1880 (Hansen et al., 2006), and the change (increase) in temperature is
67 particularly evident in later decades ([IPCC, 2007; Benson et al., 2012](#)). By dividing data from the
68 [1976-2005](#) period into shorter timer periods, Newton and Mullan (2020) showed, for Fennoscandia,
69 an increase in the magnitude of the general trend in earlier break-up in 1991-2005 compared to
70 earlier periods. In North America the trend was for earlier break-up, but it was neither spatially nor
71 temporally consistently explained by local or regional variation in climate (Jensen et al., 2007). [In a](#)
72 [recent study, Filazzola et al. \(2020\) showed that unusually shorter ice cover periods are becoming](#)
73 [more frequent and even shorter, especially since 1990.](#)

74 In Fennoscandia, recording ice phenology has long traditions due to the importance of frozen lakes
75 and rivers for transport and recreation (Sharma et al., 2016). Data from Swedish and Finnish lakes
76 have been studied in detail (e.g., Eklund, 1999; Kuusisto & Elo, 2000; Livingstone, 2000; Yoo &
77 D'Odorico, 2002; Blenckner et al., 2004; Korhonen, 2006; Palecki & Barry, 1986). Based on Swedish
78 data for the period 1710-2000, Eklund (1999) showed that ice break-up did not change from 1739 to
79 1909, became 5 days earlier in the period 1910-1988 and still 13 days earlier during the final period
80 (1988-1999). Furthermore, ice freeze-up was later in the 1931-1999 period than in the 1901-1930
81 period. Similarly, stronger trends in both freeze-up and break-up in the last decade of the 1950-2009
82 time period have been shown for both Finnish and Karelian lakes (Blenckner et al., 2004; Efremova et
83 al., 2004; Korhonen, 2006). Moreover, Blenckner et al. (2004) showed that large variability was
84 apparent south of 62° N, indicating that lakes in southern Sweden were more influenced by large-
85 scale climate effects (such as the North Atlantic Oscillation; NAO (Hurrell, 1995)) than northern lakes.
86 This pattern was explained by the mountain range between Norway and Sweden affecting the
87 regional circulation in the north. [The large-scale anomaly in the NAO in the winter season shifts](#)
88 [between strong westerly winds with warm and moist air and cold, easterly dry winds across the](#)
89 [North Atlantic and Western Europe. The positive phases of NAO are associated with milder and rainy](#)
90 [delayed winters and early springs in Northern Europe \(Hurrell, 1995\). This significantly affects the](#)
91 [timing of ice break-up in lakes \(Palecki & Barry, 1986; Livingstone, 2000; Yoo & D'Odorico, 2002\).](#)
92 [However, Yoo & D'Odorico \(2002\) argued that climatic forcing such as CO₂-induced regional and](#)
93 [global warming may have a pronounced effect leading to earlier break-up. On the other hand,](#)
94 [George et al., \(2004\) showed that ice correlations \(freeze-up and length of the period of ice cover\)](#)
95 [differed strongly between Windermere situated close to the Irish Sea in northwest England and](#)
96 [Pääjärvi situated some distance from the Baltic sea in southern Finland. The number of days with ice](#)
97 [has fallen dramatically for lake Windermere, whereas no such trend was detected for Pääjärvi. They](#)
98 [postulated that the position of the boundary between the oceanic and continental climate regimes](#)
99 [can change and produce a significant shift in winter dynamics of lakes located near this zone. In](#)
100 [addition to this effect between climate zones, the boundary of the 0 °C isotherm is important as it](#)
101 [strongly affect ice formation and break-up \(Brown and Duguay, 2010; Filazzola et al., 2020\).](#)

102 Despite the fact that registration of ice phenology has been undertaken in a large number of lakes
103 and rivers in Norway, as early as 1818 in some lakes (www.nve.no), few lakes have been studied in
104 detail and no country-wide analysis has been done. Trends in freeze-up and break-up have been
105 analyzed for two subalpine lakes in Central Norway (Kvambekk and Melvold, 2010; Tvede, 2004;
106 Solvang, 2013). Although not covering the exact same period, both freeze-up and break-up show
107 different trends in the two lakes. Although geographically close to lakes in Sweden and Finland,

108 Norwegian lakes demonstrate considerably more variation in topography and climate. [Norway covers](#)
109 [most of the Scandinavian north-south mountain ridge with several summits above 2300 m a.s.l. while](#)
110 [the highest mountains in Sweden and Finland only reach 2106 and 1328 m a.s.l., respectively. This](#)
111 [mountain ridge ensures that Sweden and Finland generally have a continental climate, contrary the](#)
112 [complex climate in Norway with oceanic climate in the west and south, continental climate in the](#)
113 [east along the Swedish and Finnish border, and tundra and subarctic climates in the mountain](#)
114 [regions in the southern and northern parts.](#) Norwegian lakes, situated in the western parts of the
115 Scandinavian peninsula, encompass a large a variation in [elevation](#) over short distances as well as
116 substantial latitudinal and longitudinal variation. A large and complex coast also introduces
117 considerable climate variability. This makes Norwegian lakes well suited for testing the effect of
118 climate change on ice phenology, also in relation to [elevation](#).

119 In the present study, we have analysed long-term (1890-2020) observations of lake freeze-up, ice
120 break-up and length of ice-free period in 101 Norwegian lakes. The lakes cover a broad range of
121 climatic zones described by geographical parameters (elevation, latitude and longitude), as well as
122 lake characteristics (area, water inflow and water level amplitude). The main aim of the analyses was
123 to detect potential temporal trends in ice phenology while adjusting for both geographical
124 parameters and lake characteristics.

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126 2 Material and methods

127 2.1 Lakes studied

128 We collated observations from 101 Norwegian lakes, covering a wide range in latitude (58.2 – 69.9°
129 N), longitude (4.9 – 30.2° E) and [elevation](#) (4 – 1401 m a.s.l.). The lakes are situated in three major
130 climatic zones (boreal, subalpine, alpine) and with varying distances from the ocean. Thus, they differ
131 widely in several geographic characteristics (Figure 1, Appendix 1). Most of the lakes are relatively
132 small (median area 6.9 km²), although the dataset also includes Norway's largest lake, Mjøsa (369.3
133 km²). Their catchment areas vary between 7.1 and 18101.9 km² (median 235 km²) and mean annual
134 inflow to the lakes varies between 5.6 10⁶ and 9935.7 10⁶ m³ year⁻¹ (median 256 10⁶ m³ year⁻¹). About
135 50 % of the lakes (N = 53) were developed for hydropower production with an annual water level
136 variation varying from 1 to 30.3 m. The lake and catchment information were extracted from
137 [Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate website](#) www.nve.no.

138 2.2 Ice observations

139 Observations of the timing of ice formation on the lakes in autumn and ice break-up in spring were
140 undertaken visually or by fixed-location video cameras. The data were made available by the
141 Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE), the hydropower association Glommens
142 og Laagens Brukseierforening, or by private persons. NVE operates a national hydrological database
143 that contains information on ice conditions. The first observations are from 1818, but substantial
144 records started in the 1890s. Video cameras have now replaced visual observations in some lakes.
145 Satellite data is also being increasingly used to detect ice cover or open water. In our dataset, we
146 have included lakes with more than 7 years of observations for at least one ice phenology variable in
147 the analysis. This resulted in 101 lakes of which 76 have a registration period exceeding 30 years
148 (Figure 2, Appendix 2). The average length of the data series was 53 years (range 11 – 149 years).

149 Prior to 2000, most observations of ice phenology were carried out manually by NVE observers,
150 power company employees, farmers and landowners. Afterwards web cameras and remote sensing
151 became increasingly important. In most years, registrations were on a daily basis. After 2000,
152 personnel conducted weekly observations, and in these cases remote sensing were used to improve
153 accuracy. Registrations by personnel were conducted at the shore. Thus, the accuracy is high for the
154 date of freeze-up, whereas the setting the date of a completely ice-covered lake and break-up have
155 an uncertainty of a couple of days.

156 The date of ice break-up was set when the lake was estimated to be free of ice based on the available
157 observations. The length of the ice-free period during summer was then estimated as the difference
158 between the day of freeze-up in the autumn and the day of ice break-up in spring. All dates are given
159 as Julian day number during the year (1 January is day 1). For some lakes in certain years ice
160 formation started in winter after 1 January. For these years the day number was extended past the
161 normal 365 days. The observations were always made at the same site in each lake. The date of
162 freeze-up was set when the first formation of ice was observed. Subsequent temporary ice-free
163 periods, often due to mild weather combined with strong winds, did not change this date. The date
164 when the whole lake was covered by ice was also noted, when possible. This date is more variable,
165 and information is frequently missing. It would require extensive travel and several observation
166 points to ascertain this date with high certainty, unless there are time-lapse cameras or satellite data.
167 We have a total of 4371 observations on ice break-up, 3035 observations of freeze-up, 4221
168 observations of when the lakes were completely frozen over, and 2808 observations of the length of
169 the ice-free period.

170 Some of the lakes are used as hydropower reservoirs, and thus within-year water level variation may
171 differ from the normal annual cycle. For such lakes we have included information on the year of
172 [regulation](#) and the maximum amplitude of water level variation. Although we do not have
173 information on exact water level variation within a given year, maximum and minimum occurs when
174 freeze-up and break-up normally take place, respectively.

175 For one particular large lake there are observations from two different locations (called Tustervatn
176 and Røssvatn) that were partly overlapping in time. The observations of the time of ice break-up and
177 ice freeze-up were strongly and positively correlated. The correlation between the two different
178 estimates of time of freeze-up ($r = 0.501$, $n = 37$, $p = 0.002$) were lower than for the time of break-up
179 ($r = 0.887$, $n = 38$, $p < 0.001$). There was no tendency for a particular temporal trend for this
180 particular lake, so we have used the longest of the two time-series in the analyses.

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182 2.3 Climate data

183 As a potential large-scale climate driver, especially impacting ice break-up, we used the North
184 Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) index. We therefore extracted the PCA-based winter (December to March)
185 NAO index (National Center for Atmospheric Research Staff (Eds.), last modified 10 September 2019:
186 [https://climatedataguide.ucar.edu/climate-data/hurrell-north-atlantic-oscillation-nao-index-pc-](https://climatedataguide.ucar.edu/climate-data/hurrell-north-atlantic-oscillation-nao-index-pc-based)
187 [based](https://climatedataguide.ucar.edu/climate-data/hurrell-north-atlantic-oscillation-nao-index-pc-based) (accessed 28 October 2020)). Variation in winter NAO is known to impact on winter
188 temperature and precipitation, depending on location (Hurrell, 1995; Stenseth et al., 2003). An
189 elevated index leads to mild and wet winters in Europe, while a low index leads to cold and dry
190 winters. The PCA-based winter NAO-index covers the period from 1898 to 2020. The winter index
191 covers the period December – February, and we used this index to test for large-scale variation in
192 timing of ice break-up as the winter index influences both winter precipitation and temperature.

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194 2.4 [Modelling and](#) statistical analyses

195 2.4.1 Average time of ice break-up and freezing and length of ice-free period

196 We tested for variation in timing of the different phenological events using general linear models
197 ([GLM](#)) and model selection procedures. Based on prior knowledge, we assumed that these timing
198 traits would vary depending on longitude (Long), latitude (Lat), and elevation above sea level ([Ele](#), m)
199 and that there might be interactions among these traits. Further, we assumed that distance to the
200 sea might be important as it impacts on both precipitation and temperature. We estimated the
201 distance from each lake to the sea as distance from the outlet of the lake to the coastal shelf (a line

202 drawn between the outermost islands along the coast) on maps (1:1,000,000). An increasing distance
203 from the coastal shelf line reflects an increasing importance of continental climate. As the coastline
204 of Norway bends eastwards at increasing latitude, the coastal distance may more correctly reflect
205 oceanic/continental climate than longitude.

206 Various lake and catchment characteristics may also have an impact on ice phenology. Thus, in this
207 analysis we used total lake [surface](#) area (Area, km²), total catchment area (Catch, km²) and annual
208 mean inflow (Flow, m³) as descriptors.

209 We started by evaluating [a](#) full model including all [relevant](#) parameters ([equation 1](#)):

210 [Equation 1: \$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} +\$](#)
211 [\$\alpha_8 \text{Distance} + \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{10} \text{Catch} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow} + \epsilon\$](#) .

212 [We then compared the models using a backward selection procedure by removing the least](#)
213 [important parameters](#) until we ended with the “best model”. Models were compared with the
214 corrected Akaike Information Criteria (AIC_c) (Burnham and Anderson, 1998). Models with AIC_c values
215 2 units below that of a competing model are assumed to [give the](#) better fit to the data. When
216 presenting the results of the model selection ([see Appendix 3](#)) we present the AIC_c values for the three
217 best models as well as the full model and present the best model by giving parameter estimates and
218 overall model results ([in the Result chapter](#)).

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220 2.4.2 Temporal variation in timing of ice break-up, freeze-up and length of ice-free period

221 We used several different approaches to test for temporal variation in the different ice phenology
222 traits.

223 Firstly, in order to identify the main parameters influencing variation in time of freeze-up, time when
224 lakes were completely frozen over and length of the ice-free period, we used general linear mixed
225 models ([GLMM](#)), using basically the same parameters as in our average modelling approach
226 ([Equation 2](#)) ([see Appendix 4](#)). Year was, however, always included as a continuous variable to test
227 for linear temporal trends. In addition, the parameters [Regulated](#) (yes/no) and water level amplitude
228 (Amplitude, m) were always either excluded or included in parallel in the analyses. To account for
229 temporal autocorrelation of observations from the same lake we included lake identity as a random
230 factor (random intercept) in the analyses. We used the same model selection procedure as above,
231 but always kept year as a fixed factor. [We selected the best model based on the AIC criterion](#)
232 ([Burnham and Anderson, 2004](#)).

233 Equation 2: $Y = \mu + (\text{Lake:Random intercept}) + \alpha_1\text{Ele} + \alpha_2\text{Lat} + \alpha_3\text{Long} + \alpha_4\text{Ele}*\text{Lat} + \alpha_5\text{Ele}*\text{Long} +$
234 $\alpha_6\text{Long}*\text{Lat} + \alpha_7\text{Ele}*\text{Long}*\text{Lat} + \alpha_8\text{Distance} + \alpha_9\text{Area} + \alpha_{10}\text{Catch} + \alpha_{11}\text{Flow} + \alpha_{12}\text{Year} + \alpha_{13}\text{Regulated} +$
235 $\alpha_{14}\text{Amplitude} + \varepsilon.$

236 Secondly, to test for temporal variation in timing of ice break-up, we used the same general linear
237 mixed models, with lake as a random variable (random intercept) and year was always included as a
238 fixed parameter to test for temporal trends (Equation 2). Here, we also included a large-scale climate
239 index in the modelling (see Appendix 5). We included both a linear and a non-linear (squared) effect
240 of NAO as potential drivers of variation in the timing of ice break-up. NAO-estimates are only
241 available starting in 1899. Thus, this analysis covers a shorter time frame than the other traits. We
242 selected the best model based on the AIC criterion (Burnham and Anderson, 2004).

243 Thirdly, we wanted to investigate if there has been any non-linearity in the temporal trends.
244 Numerous papers indicate that large-scale climatic changes have occurred mainly during recent years
245 (Blenckner et al., 2004; Mishra et al., 2011; Post et al., 2018), especially during the last decades. We
246 therefore selected several lakes (N = 35) with long and complete data series and analysed for
247 temporal trends in four different 30-year periods (1901-1930, 1931-1960, 1961-1990, 1991-2020). In
248 these analyses we applied a simplified approach. We used a general mixed modelling approach, with
249 ice phenology as response variable, year as predictor, and lake identity as random factor. We thus
250 assume that all lakes have the same temporal trends (same slope) within each time period. Including
251 a random slope did not change the conclusions.

252 All statistical analyses were performed using JMP 12 (JMP Version 12. SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC,
253 1989-2019).

254

255 3 Results

256 All lakes had distinct periods without ice every year. The observations of average timing of ice break-
257 up, time of lake freeze-up, time when the lake was completely frozen and length of ice-free period
258 were strongly correlated (Figure 3, Table 1).

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260 3.1 Spatial variation in average ice phenology

261 We tested for drivers of variation in average time of ice break-up, lake freeze-up, time when a lake is
262 completely frozen over and the length of the ice-free period. A summary of the model selection
263 results is presented in Appendix 4.

264 The spatial variation in average time of ice break up was best explained by a complex model including
265 a three-way interaction between latitude, longitude and [elevation](#) (Table 2). The best model did,
266 however, include a weak negative effect of annual inflow to the lake, but not distance to the sea.
267 Distance to sea was, however, included in a model within 0.4 AIC_c units of the best model. There
268 were only small effects of the various lake characteristics, but ice break-up was later with increasing
269 latitude (2.3 days per °N), longitude (1.5 days per °E) and [elevation](#) (3.4 days per 100 m) (Figure 4).
270 The lakes are situated geographically such that latitude and longitude are strongly positively
271 correlated ($r = 0.825$, $p < 0.001$), [longitude and elevation are negatively correlated \(\$r = -0.404\$, \$p <\$](#)
272 [0.001](#)), [and latitude and coastal distance are negatively correlated \(\$r = -0.479\$, \$p < 0.001\$ \)](#), indicating
273 that the effects should be interpreted with caution. Furthermore, there was large within-lake
274 variability in timing of ice break-up (Table 3), with an average coefficient of variation (CV; defined as
275 standard deviation divided by the mean) of 8.90 %. Within-lake CV was negatively correlated with
276 latitude, longitude, [elevation](#) and distance to the coastline. This indicates larger phenological
277 variation in lakes in southern and western areas and at lower [elevation](#).
278 The best models explaining variation in the timing of lake freeze-up, time when the lake is completely
279 frozen, and the length of the ice-free period usually contained an interaction effect between
280 longitude and [elevation](#). All models also included a positive effect of lake [surface](#) area (Table 2,
281 Appendix 3). Overall, lakes freeze-up earlier and have a shorter ice-free period with increasing
282 longitude and [elevation](#). Large lakes also take longer to freeze and were ice-free for longer than
283 smaller lakes. The within-lake variation in timing of freeze-up (mean CV = 4.45 %) and when the lake
284 was completely frozen (mean CV = 4.55 %) was less than the variation in the length of the ice-free
285 period (mean CV = 15.04 %). The CV of these three phenological traits were negatively correlated
286 with [elevation](#) and coastal distance (Table 3). The effect of longitude was more variable.
287

288 3.2 Temporal variation in timing of lake freeze-up, time when the lake is completely 289 frozen and length of ice-free period

290 The best models, based on the AIC_c criterion, for timing of lake freeze-up, time when the lake was
291 completely frozen and the length of the ice-free period contained geographic parameters such as
292 [elevation](#), latitude and longitude (Appendix 4). Lake [surface](#) area also had a positive effect on all
293 these three phenological traits. In addition, lake [regulation](#) and the amplitudinal range in water level
294 had an impact on all traits. There was little temporal variation in these traits on the long timescale
295 analysed here; only for when the lake was completely frozen over, did we find a significant ($p < 0.001$)

296 positive temporal trend, indicating that the lakes are completely frozen later in the autumn in recent
297 years (Table 4).

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299 3.3 Temporal trends in timing of ice break-up

300 The best model for the timing of ice break-up included the effects of geography, time and climate
301 (Appendix 5). Ice break-up occurred later during spring with increasing [elevation](#), latitude, and
302 longitude. These effects are complex, as indicated by the various significant interaction effects. In
303 addition, there was a significant negative temporal trend in ice break-up, i.e. ice break-up occurred
304 earlier in the spring (Table 5). There was also a significant climate effect, with a negative linear effect
305 of the NAO ($p < 0.001$).

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307 3.4 Non-linear temporal trends in ice phenology

308 Many studies indicate that climate is changing faster during recent decades. To investigate for
309 potential non-linear trends in ice phenology we analysed for temporal trends within four different
310 time periods (1901-1930, 1931-1960, 1961-1990, 1991-2020). We selected 35 lakes with relatively
311 long, and continuous data series exceeding 50 years for both date of break-up and date of
312 completely frozen lake (Appendix 6). We used a period-specific mixed model, assuming similar
313 temporal trends (slopes) for all lakes (random intercept only). During the three first time periods
314 none of the slope estimates were significant (Figure 5, Table 6), whereas during the last time period
315 (1991-2020) most temporal trends were significant. During this period ice break up happened
316 approximately 2 days earlier per decade, whereas time of ice freeze-up and time when lake is
317 completely frozen were on average 6 and 3 days later per decade. Furthermore, the length of the ice-
318 free period has become 7 days longer per decade, although this effect was marginally non-significant
319 ($p = 0.068$).

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321 4 Discussion

322 Our analysis of ice phenology of 101 Norwegian lakes covering the period from the 1890s to [2020](#)
323 gave two major results. Firstly, the analysis indicated significant trends in ice phenology in recent
324 years. Ice break-up occurred earlier, ice freeze-up and completely frozen occurred later, and all
325 trends were accelerating. This results in a longer ice-free season. Secondly, the coefficient of

326 variation in the different ice phenology variables were larger in lakes in southern and western areas
327 and at lower [elevation](#), indicating that lakes in these areas are most influenced by climate change.

328 4.1. Geographical parameters

329 The investigated lakes cover a range of climatic zones in a latitudinal, longitudinal and elevational
330 perspective. [These](#) variables clearly showed complex and significant interactions, especially for ice
331 break-up, indicating the problems in illuminating the individual importance of the geographical
332 parameters. The date of break-up generally [occurs later with](#) increasing latitude, modified by [macro-
333 to local scale atmospheric circulation and lake characteristics](#) (Blenckner et al. 2004, Livingstone et al.
334 2009). Our results support this latitudinal trend, but we also found that longitude, elevation, and lake
335 size had significant effect.

336 [Ice break-up dates are shown to be 2.3 days later with each degree of higher latitude](#). This is
337 considerably [less](#) than previously documented in Fennoscandia (3.3-5.4 days/°N) (Efremova et al.,
338 2013; Blenckner et al., 2004) and in North America 3.5 days/°N (Williams et al., 2006). There is no
339 obvious reason for this [difference](#). One possible explanation could be that registration of ice
340 parameters differs both within and between studies. Moreover, the oceanic effect could modify the
341 relationship as the majority of lakes in northern Norway are situated close to the ocean in contrast to
342 the southern lakes that are mostly continental.

343 Moreover, we found that ice break-up was 3.4 days delayed by a 100 m increase in elevation. This is
344 also slightly lower than in Karelian lakes where Efremova et al. (2013) found a delay of 5 days/100 m.
345 Although there is considerable climatic difference between Norway and Karelia as Karelian lakes in
346 general experience a more continental climate, the Karelian lakes also covers less variation in
347 [elevation](#).

348 Although several studies have [investigated](#) ice phenology in Europe, most of them have not included
349 longitude in their analyses. [One reason could be the complexity of the parameter. In contrast to
350 latitude which reflect insolation received, longitude reflects more the distance from the coast.](#)
351 [However, one](#) exception is the study of Polish lakes by Wrzesinski et al. (2015). The lakes are situated
352 in the northern region and covered a wide longitudinal range (14 – 24° E), although a somewhat
353 smaller range compared to the Norwegian lakes. Wrzesinski et al. (2015) found that break-up
354 increased by 1 day/°E, compared to 1.5 days/°E in our study. The location of the Polish lakes indicate
355 that any effect of the Baltic [Sea](#) is similar. In contrast, [in Norway](#) the climate becomes more
356 continental when moving eastwards, especially south of 61° N where the mountain chain that runs
357 north-south creates a distinct difference in climate from west to east. Thus, the longitudinal effect
358 could as well be due to the climatic conditions as the proximity to the ocean renders the climate

359 milder in the west. The longitudinal effect should therefore be treated with caution. However, the
360 global study by Sharma et al. (2019) showed that distance to the coast was important in determining
361 whether lakes had annual winter ice cover. In our analysis the distance from ocean did not per se
362 have any significant effect of any of the ice phenology parameters.

363 Our results demonstrated a complex relationship among geographical parameters describing date of
364 freeze-up. The best models explaining variation in the timing of lake freeze-up contained an
365 interaction effect between longitude and [elevation](#), in addition to a positive effect of lake [surface](#)
366 area. This differs from the results from other studies in the region. The Karelian lakes, covering 54-
367 68° N, freeze-up 2.3 days earlier for every degree of [increasing](#) latitude (Efremova et al., 2013), while
368 Swedish (58-68° N) and Finnish (61-69° N) lakes freeze-up 2.8 and 4.5 days earlier for each degree of
369 [increasing](#) latitude, respectively (Blenckner et al., 2004). The most obvious explanation for this
370 discrepancy is due to altitudinal variation. The Norwegian lakes cover 1400 m in elevation range,
371 whereas the lakes in Karelia are all situated lower than 204 m, in Sweden lower than 340 m and in
372 Finland lower than 473 m. An additional complicating factor is the oceanic climate that, if anything, is
373 more pronounced for Norwegian lakes than lakes in Sweden, Finland and Karelia.

374 In our model, distance from the coast does not significantly contribute neither to freeze-up nor
375 break-up date, probably as distance to the coast was included both in the latitude and longitude
376 variables. This in contrast to the analyses of 41 Finnish lakes where a pronounced deflection of
377 isolines of both freeze-up and break-up date northward near the Baltic Sea coast was documented
378 (Palecki and Barry, 1986; [Korhonen, 2006](#)).

379 The predictable seasonal cycle in solar radiation is characteristic of higher latitudes. Weyhenmeyer et
380 al. (2011) hypothesised, based on a global dataset, that lakes north of 61° N had lower inter-annual
381 variability in seasonal cycle than lakes at latitudes lower than 61° N. The Norwegian lakes are
382 distributed along a latitudinal gradient to test this hypothesis in a robust way. Our results lend
383 support to this, as the within-lake coefficient of variation (CV) of ice break-up, freeze-up and length
384 of ice-free season were negatively correlated with latitude, longitude, [elevation](#) and/or distance to
385 coastline. This indicates larger phenological variation in lakes in southern and western areas and at
386 lower [elevation](#).

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388 4.5 Temporal trends

389 Although many studies have documented trends in ice phenology, few studies have investigated
390 changes across specific periods to elucidate periods with stronger trends. In a study of global

391 datasets Benson et al. (2012) and Newton and Mullan (2020) showed that trends in ice variables
392 were steeper over the last 30-year period. Similar increase in trends in the last two decades have
393 been shown for Karelian lakes (Efremova et al., 2013) and the Great Lakes region (Mishra et al.,
394 2011).

395 Our analyses revealed significant, accelerating trends for earlier break-up, later freeze-up and [lately](#)
396 completely frozen lakes after 1991. Moreover, the trend for a longer ice-free period also accelerated
397 during this period, although the trend was not significant. These trends are in accordance with an
398 increase in air temperature in the spring and autumn, as well for the global temperature over the last
399 decades (Benson et al., 2012; Hansen et al., 2006). Our results are in accordance with Newton and
400 Mullan (2019), showing marked differences in ice phenology in Fennoscandian lakes (Sweden,
401 Finland) across 30-year periods after 1931. Newton and Mullan (2020) [found that](#) break-up appeared
402 to be earlier and [trends](#) more pronounced in southern regions during the first period. In the next
403 period, 1961-1999, break-up trends increased in magnitude, and the lakes with negative trends in
404 the previous period shifted to be positive. In [the](#) last period, the strength of the trends in earlier
405 break-up increased and reached 3.9 days/decade. In our study, the trend in the 1991-2020 was 2.0
406 days/decade. [Korhonen \(2006\) also showed a significantly earlier break-up of 6-9 days over a](#)
407 [hundred years for Finnish lakes, although the data was not analysed in 30-years periods.](#) One
408 plausible reason for a slower trend in Norwegian lakes during this period than in the rest of
409 Fennoscandia is the influence of the ocean. [There has been considerable change in the 0 °C isotherm](#)
410 [with a marked reduction in the area below 0 °C \(see Figure 6\). The change is recorded throughout](#)
411 [Norway but at a larger scale in the continental areas between 61 and 63° N. A significant correlation](#)
412 [between break-up and 0 °C isotherm has been documented for Arctic lakes in North America, Europe](#)
413 [and Siberia \(Šmejkalova et al. 2016\).](#) The extension of the Gulf Stream, the North Atlantic Drift, along
414 the Norwegian coast contributes to a mild climate and reduced climate. The speed of thermal change
415 in the ocean is less rapid and less variable than in inland waters (Woolway and Maberly, 2020).

416 Changes in ice phenology depend on several climatic forcing variables, such as air temperature, solar
417 radiation, wind and snowfall (Magnusson et al. 1997). A significant increase in global air temperature
418 during the last century is well documented (e.g. Hansen et al., 2006; Robinson, 2020). Newton and
419 Mullan (2020) showed that rising temperature appears to be the dominant factor for the shift
420 towards earlier break-up and later freeze-up in the Northern Hemisphere. Precipitation may also play
421 a role in the observed trends. Nordli et al. (2007) found a significant correlation ($R^2=0.58$) between
422 date of break-up in lake Randsfjorden and the mean temperature in February to April. Duguay et al.
423 (2006) showed that trends towards later freeze-up corresponded with areas of increasing autumn
424 snow cover, and that spatial trends in break-up were consistent with changes in spring snow cover

425 duration. Similarly, Jensen et al. (2007) in a study of ice phenology trends across the Laurentian Great
426 Lakes region found that variability in the strength of trends in earlier break-up were partly explained
427 by number of snow days or snow depth. For the lake Litlosvatn, in the mountain area of western
428 Norway, Borgstrøm (2001) found a clear relationship between spring snow depth and the date on
429 which the lake was free of ice. The altitudinal gradient causes considerable regional difference in
430 annual precipitation in Norway (Hanssen-Bauer, 2005). The general trend in increasing temperature
431 and precipitation observed from 1875 to 2004, has been modelled to increase to 2100, although
432 there will be regional differences (Hanssen-Bauer et al., 2017). Thus, our results concerning the
433 recent trends in ice phenology probably indicate a new situation for ice formation in Norwegian
434 lakes. [However, this is in agreement with a general trend in the Northern Hemisphere shown by an](#)
435 [increase in extreme events for lake ice \(Filazzola et al., 2020\).](#)

436 Biological consequences

437 Shifts in ice phenology have major repercussions for the biota of lakes and rivers (Prowse, 2001;
438 [Prowse et al., 2011](#); Caldwell et al., 2020), as ice cover changes the aquatic environment, not only in
439 terms of light penetration, but also the physical characteristics of the environment such as
440 temperature. Of special interest is that the trend in earlier ice break-up and the loss of ice will
441 stimulate biological production. In late autumn, solar insolation is restricted and thus, a prolonged
442 period without ice has limited consequences for aquatic production. Caldwell et al. (2020) tested a
443 conceptual model that expressed how earlier break-up affected aquatic ecosystems. The effect
444 differed between and within tropic levels. Whereas contrasting effects were found between littoral
445 and pelagic zooplankton production, the modelled brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) did not profit
446 from the increased zooplankton production and experienced reduced fitness. A review of the long-
447 term dynamics of fish species in Europe (Jeppesen et al. 2011), revealed a shift towards higher
448 dominance of eurythermal species. Loss of ice cover increased resting metabolism by approximately
449 30 % in an Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) population (Finstad et al., 2004), and the recruitment of an
450 alpine brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) population was strongly affected by accumulated snow depth and
451 thereby the timing of ice-break (Borgstrøm and Museth, 2005). Moreover, the outcome of
452 competition in sympatric populations of brown trout and Arctic charr (*Salvelinus alpinus*) is strongly
453 dependent on the duration of ice-cover as high charr abundance is correlated with low trout
454 population growth rate only in combination with long winters (Helland et al., 2011). In addition,
455 aquatic insects, such as Ephemeroptera and Plecoptera may change their voltinism and their
456 emergence timing in a warmer climate (Brittain 1978, 2008; Sand & Brittain 2009). We still have
457 limited knowledge about how climate change in general may have impacts on Arctic and Alpine
458 fishes and fish populations (Reist et al., 2006). This is also the case with changes in ice phenology. The

459 biological consequences of changes in ice phenology will occur first and be most marked in lakes with
460 high coefficient of variation in the ice phenology parameters; that is, in lakes situated in the coastal
461 lowlands, in the southern most part, and in the eastern part of southern Norway. We suggest that
462 biological consequences will be small in these areas as ubiquitous species with wide environmental
463 limits often dominate, although those species dependent on regular ice conditions will be replaced
464 by species with a more flexible life history (Brittain 2008; Brittain et al. 2020). In the long-term this
465 replacement is also likely to occur in lakes at higher elevation as ice cover duration decreases and
466 becomes more variable at the same time as winter temperature increases.

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468 5 Conclusions

469 Ice phenology is complex and determined by the interaction of a range of parameters. This study
470 shows that elevation, latitude and longitude all significantly affect ice phenology in Norwegian lakes.
471 Overall, the length of ice-free season becomes longer with increasing values of each parameter. Lake
472 characteristics are of minor importance, although lake size had a significant effect. In addition, a
473 significant temporal effect of changing climate was detected during 1991-2020 but not in the three
474 earlier 30-year periods.- During this latter period ice break up happened approximately 2 days
475 earlier per decade, whereas timing of ice freeze-up and time when lakes are completely frozen was
476 on average 6 and 3 days, respectively, later per decade. Furthermore, the length of the ice-free
477 period has become 7 days longer per decade. These trends are shown to happen concomitantly with
478 a considerable reduction in the area with annual mean air temperature below 0 °C. The reduction is
479 most pronounced in continental areas between 61 and 63 °N. An understanding of the relationship
480 between ice phenology and geographical and climate parameters is a prerequisite for predicting the
481 potential consequences of climate change on ice phenology and lake biota.

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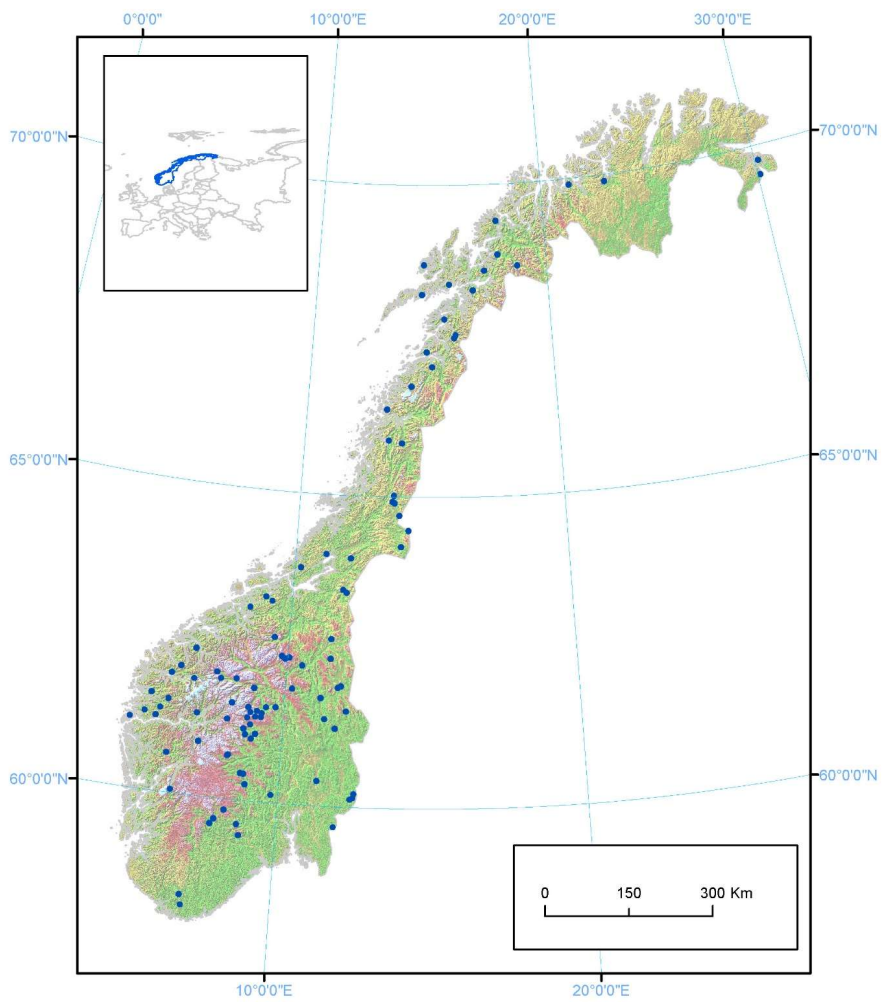
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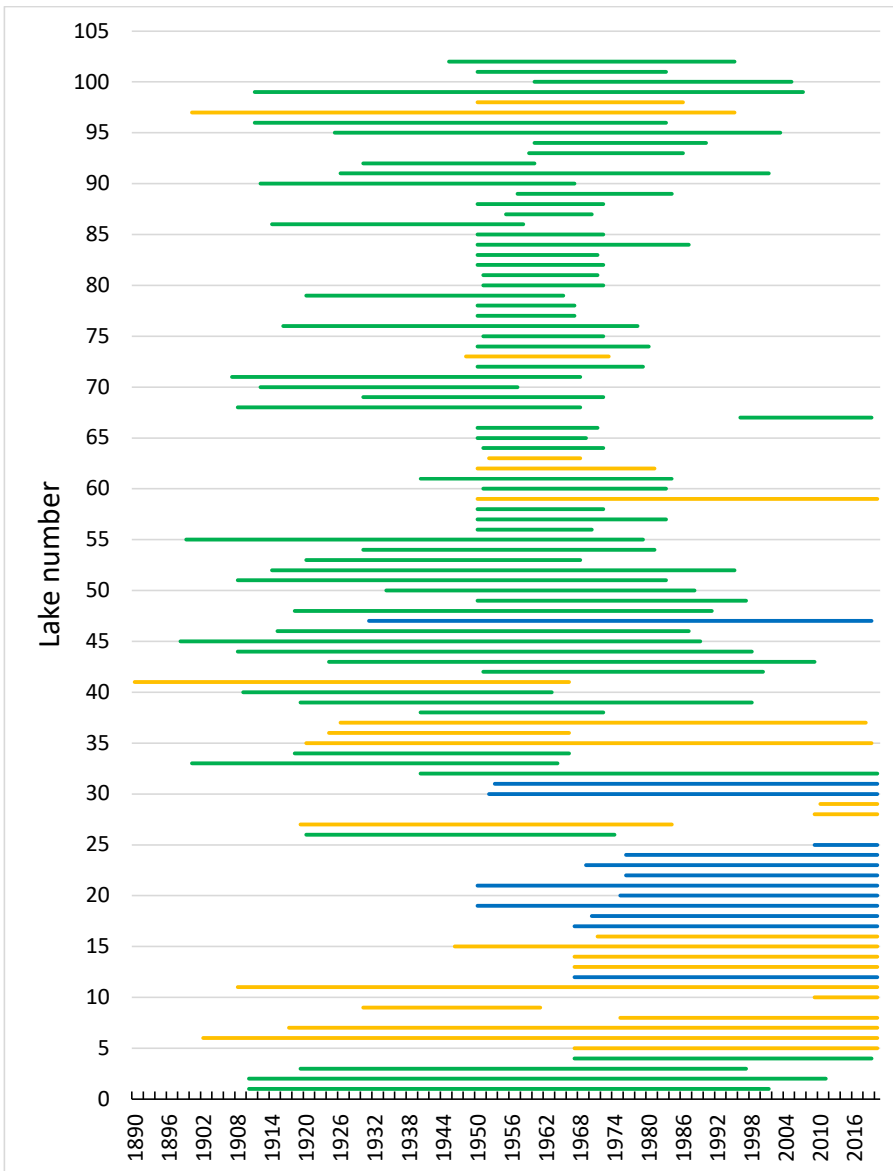
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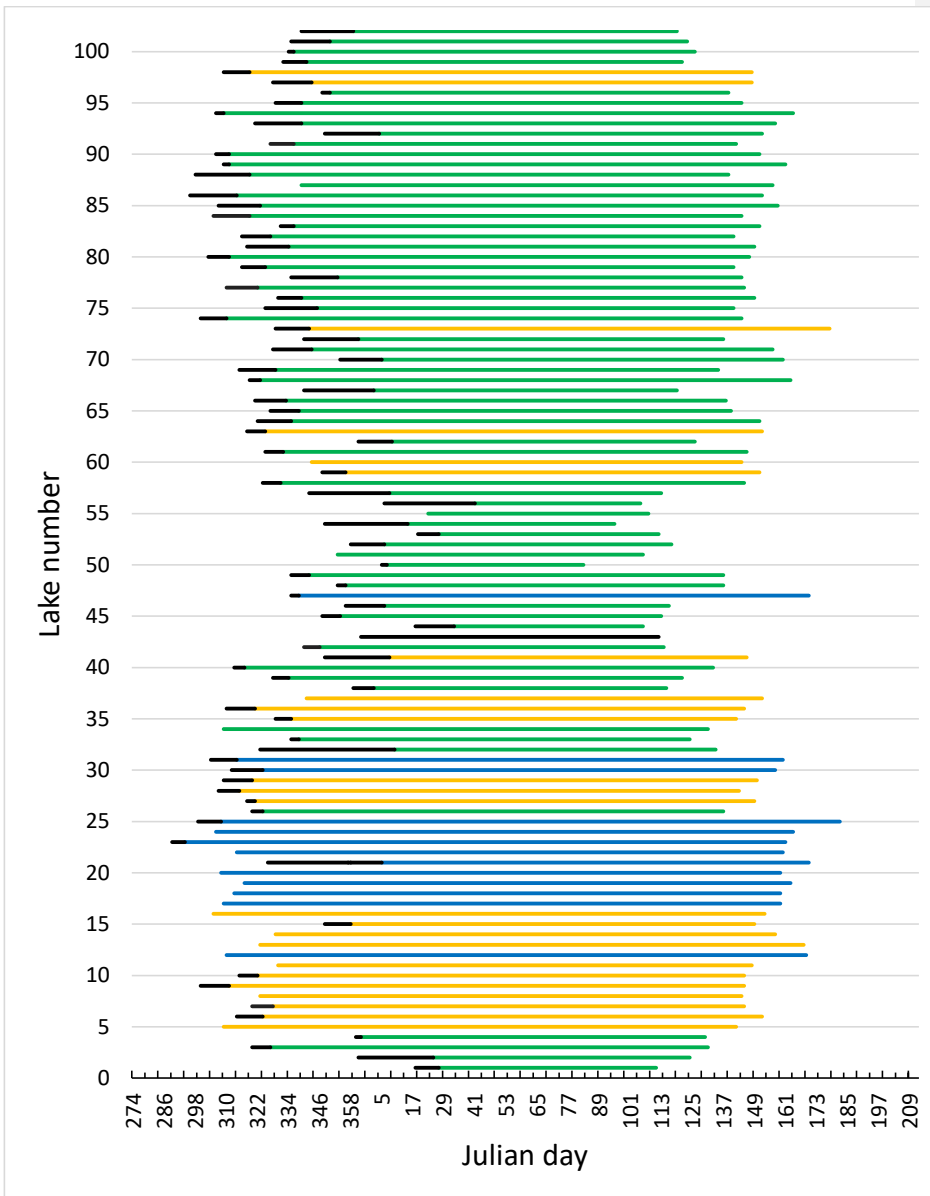
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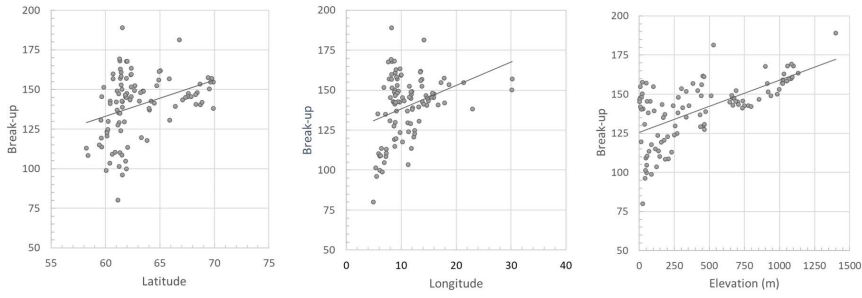


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 669 Figure 2. Chart showing the registration periods (1890-2020) for ice phenology (ice freeze-up, frozen
 670 lake and ice break-up) for individual lakes. For Lake 41, registration started in 1818 but was not
 671 continuous. In several data series there are years with missing registration of variables. [The colour](#)
 672 [indicate elevation for each lake \(green: <500 m a.s.l.; yellow: 500-1000 m a.s.l.; blue: >1000 m a.s.l.\).](#)
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 675 [Figure 3. Median date of freeze-up \(black line\), frozen lake and break-up \(coloured lines\) for 101](#)
 676 [Norwegian lakes during 1890-2020. The X-axis start at 274 \(October 1\) and end at 212 \(July 31\). The](#)
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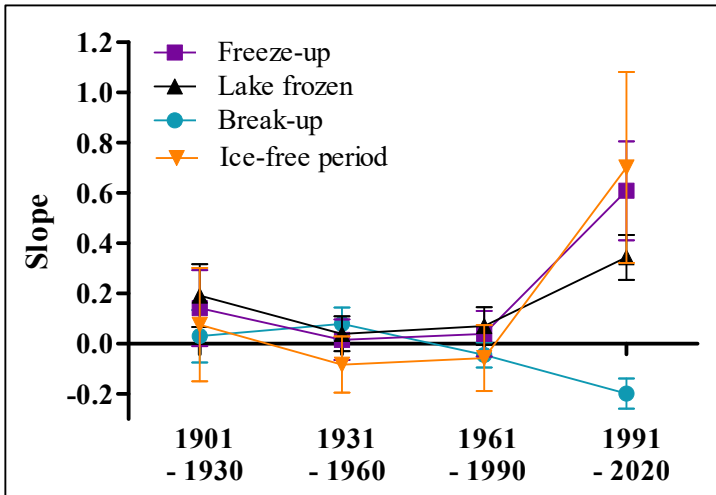
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681 Figure 4. The correlation between the average timing of ice break-up and latitude, longitude and
682 elevation of 101 Norwegian lakes during the period 1890-2020. The lines represent best linear fit.
683 Left panel $r = 0.345$, $p < 0.001$. Center panel $r = 0.329$, $p < 0.001$. Right panel $r = 0.630$, $p < 0.001$.

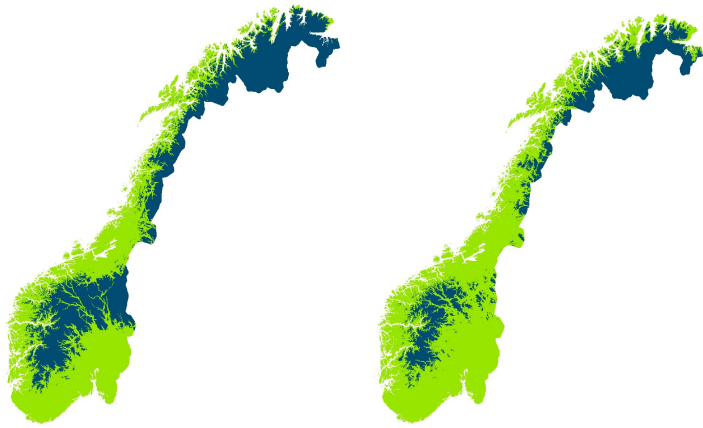
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686 Figure 5. Estimated slopes from general linear mixed models with aspects of ice phenology as
 687 response variables (parameter estimates and significance level are given in Table 5). Means and
 688 standard error are given.

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691 Figure 6. [Areal maps of the annual mean air temperature below 0 °C \(dark colour\) in 1961-1990 \(left](https://rmets.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/qj.3208)
692 [panel\) and 1991-2020 \(right panel\).](https://rmets.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/qj.3208) (<https://rmets.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/qj.3208>)

693 **Table 1.**

694 Correlation between timing of ice-break-up, lake freeze-up, time when the lake was completely
695 frozen and length of ice-free period for 101 Norwegian lakes. All correlations coefficients are
696 significant at $P < 0.001$.

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	Lake freeze-up	Lake completely frozen	Length of ice-free period
Ice break-up	-0.741	-0.692	-0.829
Lake freeze-up		0.934	0.868
Lake completely frozen			0.829

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700 **Table 2. Model summary.** Testing for temporal variation in time of ice break-up, time of lake freeze-
 701 up, time when the lake is completely frozen, and length of ice-free period for 99 lakes in Norway.
 702 Parameter estimates for the best model are given (see Appendix table 1 for results from the model
 703 selection). Significant parameter estimates are given in bold.

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705 **Time of ice break-up:** Summary statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$ S.E.), *t*-values and
 706 significance level (P). Model *F*-ratio = 91.46 (d.f. = 8, 92), total N = 101, $P < 0.0001$, $R^2 = 0.888$.

Parameter	β	S.E.	<i>t</i> -value	P
Intercept	-222.39	39.32	-5.66	<0.001
Latitude	5.58	0.69	8.08	<0.001
Longitude	-0.22	0.53	-0.41	0.684
<u>Elevation</u>	0.36	0.004	9.41	<0.001
Latitude * Longitude	0.10	0.15	0.65	0.515
Latitude * <u>Elevation</u>	0.008	0.002	3.65	<0.001
Longitude * <u>Elevation</u>	-0.008	0.002	-4.44	<0.001
Latitude * Longitude * <u>Elevation</u>	0.001	0.001	2.89	0.005
Annual inflow	-0.001	0.001	-1.77	0.080

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708 **Time of lake freeze-up:** Summary statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$ S.E.), *t*-values and
 709 significance level (P). Model *F*-ratio = 23.14 (d.f. = 6, 80), total N = 87, $P < 0.0001$, $R^2 = 0.634$.

Parameter	β	S.E.	<i>t</i> -value	P
Intercept	394.04	64.25	6.13	<0.001
Latitude	-0.32	1.08	-0.30	0.767
Longitude	-3.28	0.73	-4.48	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.03	0.007	-4.28	<0.001
Latitude*Longitude	0.32	0.12	2.60	0.011
Latitude* <u>Elevation</u>	0.005	0.003	1.79	0.077
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.14	0.03	4.05	<0.001

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712 **Time when lake is completely frozen:** Summary statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$ S.E.), t -
 713 values and significance level (P). Model F -ratio = 42.57 (d.f. = 3, 96), total N = 100, $P < 0.0001$, $R^2 =$
 714 0.570.

Parameter	β	S.E.	t -value	P
Intercept	389.92	5.66	68.84	<0.001
Longitude	-3.08	0.39	-7.87	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.04	0.005	-9.42	<0.001
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.15	0.04	4.12	<0.001

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717 **Length of ice-free period:** Summary statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$ S.E.), t -values and
 718 significance level (P). Model F -ratio = 34.06 (d.f. = 6, 80), total N = 87, $P < 0.0001$, $R^2 = 0.719$.

Parameter	β	S.E.	t -value	P
Intercept	301.63	106.90	2.82	0.006
Latitude	-0.10	1.80	-0.06	0.954
Longitude	-6.43	1.22	-5.29	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.08	0.01	-6.84	<0.001
Latitude * Longitude	0.62	0.21	3.07	0.003
Latitude * <u>Elevation</u>	0.01	0.005	1.88	0.064
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.15	0.06	2.73	0.008

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720 **Table 3.** Summary statistics for the coefficient of variation (mean, median and range), and correlation
 721 between coefficient of variation (CV) and various geographic traits for each lake (elevation, latitude,
 722 longitude and distance to the coastline).

	CV			Correlation coefficient			
	mean	median	range	<u>elevation</u>	latitude	longitude	Coastal distance
Ice break-up	8.94	6.87	3.94 – 29.93	-0.477 (<0.001)	-0.238 (0.018)	-0.361 (<0.001)	-0.297 (0.003)
Lake freeze-up	4.45	4.16	1.94- 10.18	-0.228 (0.034)	-0.092 (0.397)	-0.229 (0.033)	-0.237 (0.027)
Lake completely frozen	4.60	4.31	2.82- 9.35	-0.445 (<0.001)	0.159 (0.117)	0.249 (0.808)	-0.367 (<0.001)
Length of ice-free period	15.04	11.55	5.73- 42.83	-0.225 (0.036)	0.542 (<0.001)	0.324 (0.002)	-0.427 (<0.001)

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724 **Table 4. Model summary.** Testing for temporal variation in time of lake freeze-up, time when the
 725 lake is completely frozen, and length of ice-free period for 99 lakes in Norway. Lake identity is
 726 modelled as a random factor, and year is always included in the model as a fixed effect. Summary
 727 statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$ S.E.), t -values and significance level (P) for the best model
 728 are given (see Appendix table 2 for results from the model selection). Significant parameter
 729 estimates are given in bold.

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731 **Timing of lake freeze-up:** Total N = 3035, $R^2 = 0.676$, $P < 0.0001$. The random lake effect accounts for
 732 44.0% of total variance.

Parameter	β	S.E.	t -value	P
Intercept	491.30	62.00	7.92	<0.001
Year	-0.006	0.016	-0.35	0.724
Latitude	-1.82	0.92	-1.97	0.052
Longitude	-2.10	0.60	-3.53	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.04	0.005	-8.10	<0.001
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.12	0.03	3.60	<0.001
<u>Regulated</u> (no)	0.66	0.96	0.69	0.491
Amplitude	0.53	0.18	2.98	0.003

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734 **Time when lake is completely frozen:** Total N = 4084, $R^2 = 0.697$, $P < 0.0001$. The random lake effect
 735 accounts for 50.6% of total variance.

Parameter	β	S.E.	t -value	P
Intercept	301.62	65.86	4.58	<0.001
Year	0.06	0.01	4.68	<0.001
Latitude	-0.65	1.05	-0.62	0.537
Longitude	-2.68	0.67	-4.01	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.05	0.005	-9.89	<0.001
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.15	0.04	3.93	<0.001
<u>Regulated</u> (no)	-0.53	0.84	-0.63	0.526
Amplitude	0.24	0.15	1.55	0.122

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738 **Length of ice-free period:** Total N = 2807, R² = 0.663, P < 0.0001. The random lake effect account for
 739 34.4% of total variance.

Parameter	β	S.E.	t-value	P
Intercept	433.89	108.63	3.99	<0.001
Year	0.02	0.03	0.52	0.606
Latitude	-2.80	1.50	-1.87	0.065
Longitude	-6.05	1.26	-4.78	<0.001
<u>Elevation</u>	-0.10	0.009	-10.90	<0.001
Latitude * Longitude	0.45	0.19	2.37	0.020
Lake <u>surface</u> area	0.16	0.06	2.87	0.005
<u>Regulated</u> (no)	4.79	1.91	2.51	0.012
Amplitude	0.60	0.36	1.65	0.098

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741 **Table 5. Model summary.** Temporal and climate effects on in time of ice break-up 98 lakes in
 742 Norway. Lake identity is modelled as a random factor, and year is always included in the model as a
 743 fixed effect. NAO is included as the climate effect. Summary statistics with parameter estimates ($\beta \pm$
 744 S.E.), *t*-values and significance level (P) for the best model are given (see Appendix table 3 for results
 745 from the model selection). Significant parameter estimates are given in bold.

746 Total N = 4194, $R^2 = 0.726$, $P < 0.0001$. The random lake effect account for 22.3 % of total variance.

Parameter	β	S.E.	<i>t</i> -value	P
Intercept	-205.98	46.00	-4.42	<0.001
NAO	-3.26	0.20	-16.61	<0.001
Year	-0.03	0.01	-2.86	0.004
Latitude	6.21	0.76	8.19	<0.001
Longitude	-0.64	0.59	-1.08	0.283
<u>Elevation</u>	0.04	0.003	13.99	<0.001
Latitude * Longitude	-0.30	0.07	-4.35	0.004
Latitude * <u>Elevation</u>	0.008	0.002	3.59	<0.001
Longitude * <u>Elevation</u>	-0.008	0.002	-4.25	0.004

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749 **Table 6.** Parameters estimates (slope \pm se) from general linear mixed models with ice phenology
 750 estimates as response variables, year as predictor and lake identity as random effect. The
 751 time series are sorted into 30-year periods (1901-1930, 1931-1960, 1961-1990, 1991-2020).
 752 Significant estimates are given in bold, with number of observations in parenthesis. The lakes
 753 included is given in Appendix 7.

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	Break_up	Freeze_up	Lake frozen	Ice-free period
190 <u>1</u> -1930	0.03 <u>0</u> \pm 0.104 N=39 <u>0</u>	0.14 <u>2</u> \pm 0.151 N=32 <u>5</u>	0.19 <u>2</u> \pm 0.125 N=43 <u>5</u>	0.076 \pm 0.226 N=254
1931-1960	0.080 \pm 0.064 N=739	0.016 \pm 0.081 N=637	0.040 \pm 0.069 N=734	-0.083 \pm 0.112 N=586
1961-1990	-0.044 \pm 0.050 N=772	0.040 \pm 0.091 N=502	0.071 \pm 0.075 N=754	-0.057 \pm 0.1309 N=475
1991-2020	-0.198\pm0.060 N=411	0.609\pm0.197 N=116	0.344\pm0.089 N=391	0.702 \pm 0.380 N=107

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756 **Appendix 1.**

757 Lake characteristics of the 101 Norwegian lakes used in the analyses. Regulated show the year when
 758 the lake was developed for hydropower, and the figure in the brackets is the annual water level
 759 amplitude. No indicate a pristine lake.

Lake no	Lake	North	East	Coastal distance (km)	Elevation (m a.s.l.)	Lake area (km ²)	Mean annual inflow (10 ⁶ m ³)	Catchment area (km ²)	Regulated
1	Mjøsa (Hamar)	60.397	11.234	350	123	369.32	9953.72	16555.36	1920 (3.61 m)
2	Storsjø	61.392	11.363	357	251	48.1	1027.59	2293.6	1968 (3.64 m)
3	Lønnessjøen	61.732	11.202	329	255	3.67	511.93	1164.41	no
4	Osensjøen	61.246	11.739	385	437	43.37	665.79	1174.36	1941 (6.6 m)
5	Olstappen	61.514	9.402	231	668	3.2	1188.82	1305.11	1954 (13 m)
6	Aursunden	62.680	11.462	196	690	46.11	629.99	848.44	1923 (5.9 m)
7	Atnsjøen	61.852	10.226	217	701	5.01	323.1	463.2	no
8	Savalen	62.232	10.519	189	708	15.29	29.93	102.48	1973 (4.7 m)
9	Narsjø	62.364	11.477	238	737	1.95	70.67	118.86	no
10	Gålåvatn	61.530	9.717	270	778	3.04	9.72	23.1	no
11	Tesse	61.814	8.941	182	854	12.84	102.24	225.37	1942 (12 m)
12	Aursjø	61.934	8.327	140	1098	6.7	41.61	106.31	1967 (14.5 m)
13	Breidalsvatn	62.008	7.630	123	900	6.9	177.02	127.22	1944 (13 m)
14	Raudalsvatn	61.911	7.796	109	913	7.48	209.08	146.93	1952 (30.3 m)
15	Gjende	61.495	8.810	196	984	15.61	497.31	376.2	no
16	Veslevatn	61.416	9.273	224	998	4.22	33.98	44.11	1960 (2 m)
17	Kaldfjorden	61.350	9.263	245	1019	19.18	655.29	559.88	1956 (4.9 m)
18	Fundin	62.324	9.915	161	1022	10.4	155.13	252.86	1968 (11 m)
19	Vinstern	61.352	9.069	238	1032	28.19	573.95	466.3	1951 (4 m)
20	Nedre Heimdalsvatn	61.446	9.108	238	1052	7.25	134.72	129.2	1959 (2.2 m)
21	Bygdin	61.328	8.799	235	1057	40.03	398.02	305.59	1934 (9.15)
22	Marsjø	62.343	10.049	165	1064	2.68	13.95	23.39	1910 (4 m)
23	Øvre Heimdalsvatn	61.418	8.893	203	1089	0.78	26.89	24.94	no
24	Elgsjø	62.361	9.798	154	1132	2.38	22.16	33.75	1914 (5.35 m)
25	Leirvatnet	61.547	8.250	168	1401	1.04	170.31	154.72	no
26	Volbufjorden	61.080	9.110	238	434	3.94	446.88	675.85	1916 (3 m)
27	Øyangen	61.221	8.924	231	677	6.64	238.64	246.19	1918 (8.3 m)
28	Vasetvatnet	60.996	8.985	231	796	1.03	47.81	82.9	no
29	Midtre Syndin	61.058	8.782	224	937	2.73	15.68	21.47	no
30	Rødungen	60.696	8.256	193	1022	7.4	51.01	61.79	1943 (23 m)
31	Bergsjø	60.709	8.275	193	1082	1.68	5.58	28.09	1943 (11 m)
32	Vangsmjøsa	61.149	8.701	231	466	17.4	22.97	487.6	1963 (3 m)
33	Krøderen	60.123	9.783	270	133	43.91	3701.57	5091.06	1960 (2.6 m)
34	Fønnebofjorden	60.256	8.914	217	460	0.75	455.12	687.29	no
35	Tunhovdfjorden	60.426	8.833	221	734	25.55	1141.64	1857.98	1920 (18.15 m)
36	Pålsbufjorden	60.433	8.733	215	749	19.64	1063.35	1645.84	1946 (24.5 m)
37	Møsvatn	59.824	8.317	182	918	78.51	1573.04	1509.77	1903 (18.5)
38	Seljordvatn	59.434	8.854	214	116	16.49	428.07	724.97	1943 (1 m)
39	Hjartsjå	59.608	8.763	210	158	1.07	185.76	214.35	1957 (1.8 m)
40	Vinjevatn	59.582	7.926	158	465	3.32	1249.03	905.89	1960 (3.5 m)
41	Totak	59.664	8.026	168	687	36.59	1005.39	863.22	1958 (7 m)
42	Eptevatn (Færåsen)	58.236	7.291	34	232	1.16	51.82	33.49	1921 (10 m)

43	Lygne	58.397	7.221	53	185	7.71	525.4	272.2	no
44	Sandvinvatn	60.053	6.555	91	87	4.37	1288.75	470.22	no
45	Vangsvatn	60.630	6.277	88	47	7.65	2225.36	1091.51	no
46	Vassbygdvatn	60.876	7.264	147	55	1.85	1136.22	760.47	1982 (1.4 m)
47	Tyin	61.275	8.139	189	1084	33.21	241.97	183.45	1942 (10.3 m)
48	Veitastrondvatn	61.322	7.110	133	171	17.46	895.59	386.46	1982 (2.5 m)
49	Rørvikvatn	61.208	5.761	62	336	7.14	59.9	20.69	1920 (1 m)
50	Hersvikvatn	61.135	4.929	17	24	1.37	13.53	7.06	no
51	Nautsundvatn	61.252	5.379	39	44	0.676	595	218.87	no
52	Hestadfjorden	61.335	5.887	67	146	3.24	1351.35	507.94	no
53	Jølstervatn	61.492	6.113	77	207	39.24	928.16	384.54	1952 (1.25 m)
54	Blåmannsvatn	61.562	5.517	44	43	0.24	624.99	225.49	no
55	Lovvatn	61.860	6.890	98	52	10.7	479.49	234.88	no
56	Hornindalsvatn	61.916	6.109	58	53	19.09	727.73	381.04	no
57	Kaldvatn	62.045	6.395	59	70	0.78	95.7	62.02	1955 (3 m)
58	Nysetervatn	62.352	6.835	55	334	2.36	59.93	29.65	1955 (13 m)
59	Gjevilvatn	62.648	9.490	112	660	21.18	167.83	169.63	1973 (15 m)
60	Engelivvatn	63.100	8.545	56	243	1.81	41.51	20.6	1942 (7.5 m)
61	Søvatn	63.226	9.308	70	280	5.17	156.64	101.44	1940 (19.8 m)
62	Rovvatn	63.287	9.069	560	13	7.74	352.35	237.87	no
63	Fjergen	63.434	11.910	126	512	13.45	303.99	227.42	1993 (16 m)
64	Funnsjøen	63.480	11.787	119	441	7.99	82.07	60.91	1938 (11.5 m)
65	Lustadvatn	63.991	12.013	91	275	7.11	82.46	68.81	no
66	Follavatn	64.040	11.113	53	182	1.44	420.12	252.29	1923 (9.5 m)
67	Krinsvatn	63.804	10.227	35	87	0.41	413.8	205.67	no
68	Namsvatn	65.019	13.539	98	454	39.44	1009.35	700.8	1951 (14 m)
69	Fustvatn	65.899	13.286	70	39	16.65	970.52	475.8	no
70	Røssvatn	65.858	13.794	91	384	47.78	2513.59	1501.21	no
71	Tustervatn	65.858	13.794	91	384	47.78	2513.59	1501.21	1957 (13 m)
72	Vassvatn	66.397	13.176	35	108	0.81	66.17	16.39	no
73	Storglåmvatn	66.773	14.143	49	529	6.18	72.53	84.79	1964 (12.5 m)
74	Skarsvatn	67.084	14.982	56	162	0.29	164.97	145.08	no
75	Vatnevatn	67.320	14.750	35	4	6.64	196.07	141.18	no
76	Kobbvatn	67.597	15.970	70	8	4.9	782.19	387.22	no
77	Sørfjordvatn	67.549	15.901	70	80	0.31	212.45	116	no
78	Storvatn	67.848	15.503	35	56	6.6	155.58	71.28	no
79	Forsavatn	68.310	16.739	112	29	1.2	250.48	232.54	no
80	Sneisvatn	68.405	15.709	74	17	0.37	86.75	29.45	no
81	Svolværvatn	68.246	14.541	21	4	0.93	21.45	18.5	no
82	Gåslandsvatn	68.723	14.628	140	16	1.54	11.9	7.35	no
83	Skodbergvatn	68.620	17.252	91	101	8.56	128.92	107.41	1953 (6.5 m)
84	Nervatn	68.869	17.867	77	7	1.2	681.76	535.57	no
85	Lysevatn	69.413	17.860	28	22	41.94	281.02	129.46	no
86	Insetvatn	68.677	18.735	126	301	3.72	1267.32	1389.68	no
87	Oksfjordvatn	69.903	21.347	56	9	58.12	256.65	265.83	no
88	Lille Mattisvatn	69.894	23.016	102	64	11.12	267.81	318.95	no
89	Lille Ropelvvann	69.761	30.188	18	51	1.19	20.41	48.87	no
90	Bjørnvatn	69.527	30.139	41	21	3.54	5207.35	18101.09	no
91	Murusjøen	64.46	14.103	168	311	7.19	266.73	346.39	no
92	Limingen	64.693	13.76	140	418	95.7	746.52	673	1955 (9 m)
93	Vekteren	64.894	13.563	119	446	8.8	381.72	310.05	1963 (5.5 m)
94	Saksvatn	64.919	13.482	112	462	1.69	76.14	63.86	no

95	Lenglingen	64.196	13.83	168	354	30.26	467.61	452.54	no
96	Engeren	61.527	12.082	364	472	11.49	231.52	395.05	no
97	Femunden	61.935	11.868	336	664	203.4	807.97	1793.94	no
98	Isteren	61.910	11.779	340	645	80.64	1129.71	2445.91	no
99	Møkeren	60.120	12.318	406	176	12.77	75.24	367.63	1928 (1.2 m)
100	Søndre Øyersjøen	60.209	12.448	417	270	2.06	34.26	66.26	1934 (4 m)
101	Varalden	60.144	12.416	413	203	6.5	103.95	214.11	1929 (4.5 m)
102	Rømsjøen	59.665	11.836	385	138	13.66	65.28	91.89	no

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761 **Appendix 2.**

762 Summary of ice phenology recordings from 101 Norwegian lakes. Minimum and maximum recordings
 763 are given in brackets.

Lake		Period	Break-up		Freeze-up		Frozen lake		Ice free period	
no	Lake		n	Median	n	Median	n	Median	n	Median
1	Mjøsa (Hamar)	1910-2001	76	111 (23-139)	74	383 (318-440)	63	392 (350-435)	63	272 (208-401)
2	Storsjø	1910-2011	66	124 (97-140)	48	361 (333-392)	76	390 (349-443)	28	239 (200-276)
3	Lomnessjøen	1919-1997	66	131 (96-147)	69	320 (281-352)	54	327 (302-379)	58	186 (152-248)
4	Osensjøen	1967-2019	49	130 (106-142)	24	360 (336-394)	50	362 (338-406)	22	232 (210-277)
5	Olstappen	1967-2020	53	142 (129-158)			52	309 (285-329)		
6	Aursunden	1902-2020	115	152 (129-175)	58	314 (295-332)	116	324 (295-355)	57	158 (127-186)
7	Atnsjøen	1917-2020	87	145 (122-165)	95	320 (302-347)	98	328 (312-363)	84	176 (144-213)
8	Savalen	1975-2020	45	144 (128-160)			45	323 (306-360)		
9	Narsjø	1930-1961	31	145 (136-164)	29	300 (283-313)	31	311 (293-335)	29	154 (125-175)
10	Gållåvatn	2009-2020	11	145 (124-150)	11	315 (305-326)	11	322 (305-339)	10	175 (162-196)
11	Tesse	1908-2020	74	148 (121-167)			76	330 (311-363)		
12	Aursjø	1967-2020	53	169 (148-181)			53	310 (293-332)		
13	Breidalsvatn	1967-2020	53	168 (147-191)			53	323 (303-347)		
14	Raudalsvatn	1967-2020	53	157 (136-176)			53	329 (313-365)		
15	Gjende	1946-2020	15	149 (137-161)	14	348 (326-377)	19	358 (335-412)	12	194 (175-225)
16	Veslevatn	1971-2018	47	153 (84-182)			47	305 (285-332)		
17	Kaldfjorden	1967-2020	53	159 (136-170)			53	309 (285-332)		
18	Fundin	1970-2020	50	159 (138-174)			48	313 (297-328)		
19	Vinstern	1950-2020	64	163 (147-181)			69	317 (288-339)		
20	Nedre Heimdalsvatn	1975-2020	45	159 (134-171)			45	308 (283-326)		
21	Bygdin	1950-2020	64	170 (153-185)	15	326 (301-382)	65	370 (315-416)	14	157 (130-221)
22	Marsjø	1976-2020	45	160 (135-180)			44	314 (297-328)		
23	Øvre Heimdalsvatn	1969-2020	49	161 (137-188)	12	289 (277-302)	39	294 (279-309)	12	128 (111-151)
24	Elgsjø	1976-2020	45	164 (144-180)			44	306 (291-328)		
25	Leirvatnet	2009-2020	11	182 (157-234)	11	299 (283-312)	11	308 (286-331)	10	120 (55-142)
26	Volbufjorden	1920-1974	55	137 (119-150)	54	320 (305-344)	55	324 (312-353)	54	184 (164-214)
27	Øyangen	1919-1984	65	149 (130-168)	62	318 (299-343)	62	321 (304-344)	61	170 (137-200)
28	Vasetvatnet	2009-2020	11	143 (122-152)	11	307 (294-361)	11	315 (295-363)	10	163 (151-218)
29	Midtre Syndin	2010-2020	10	150 (128-158)	9	309 (280-332)	10	320 (302-334)	8	156 (129-187)
30	Rødungen	1952-2020	41	157 (112-175)	37	312 (301-335)	47	324 (311-366)	31	154 (136-223)
31	Bergsjø	1953-2020	58	160 (146-175)	47	304 (288-343)	56	314 (294-350)	47	144 (127-170)
32	Vangsmjøsa	1940-2020	34	134 (78-149)	33	323 (303-366)	32	375 (315-409)	32	196 (161-276)
33	Krøderen	1900-1964	64	124 (100-161)	7	335 (315-366)	60	338 (306-372)	7	214 (189-255)
34	Fønnebofjorden	1918-1966	44	131 (104-145)	15	310 (290-321)	47	309 (289-366)	15	174 (152-201)
35	Tunhovdfjorden	1920-2020	73	142 (119-161)	45	329 (275-353)	77	335 (305-362)	41	186 (142-219)

36	Pålsbufjorden	1924-1966	37	145 (121-153)	32	310 (294-355)	39	321 (305-424)	31	166 (143-279)
37	Møsvatn	1926-2018	86	152 (134-176)			30	341 (319-360)		
38	Seljordvatn	1940-1972	30	115 (89-132)	26	359 (322-386)	23	367 (349-413)	24	244 (279-211)
39	Hjartsjå	1919-1998	74	121 (91-139)	43	328 (311-354)	70	334 (313-388)	42	207 (184-261)
40	Vinjevatn	1909-1963	46	133 (103-146)	16	313 (296-344)	46	317 (297-375)	16	182 (150-220)
41	Totak	1818-1966	79	146 (124-169)	25	348 (332-371)	20	373 (349-408)	22	207 (186-230)
42	Eptevatn	1951-2000	45	114 (22-136)	36	340 (315-382)	49	346 (327-386)	32	224 (182-318)
43	Lygne	1924-2009	72	112 (22-137)	71	362 (441-313)			60	253 (212-363)
44	Sandvinvatn	1908-1998	59	106 (33-131)	61	383 (224-437)	64	398 (359-453)	46	276 (225-342)
45	Vangsvatn	1898-1989	69	113 (38-138)	46	347 (316-402)	78	354 (327-420)	61	236 (197-333)
46	Vassbygdvatn	1915-1987	69	116 (56-139)	56	356 (277-401)	65	371 (330-435)	54	242 (158-305)
47	Tyin	1931-2019	26	170 (148-198)	29	335 (314-372)	30	338 (318-373)	24	166 (128-208)
48	Veitstrandvatn	1918-1991	65	137 (76-152)	52	353 (311-416)	61	356 (326-428)	50	217 (171-284)
49	Rørvikvatn	1950-1997	47	137 (91-166)	47	335 (374-310)	48	342 (322-397)	46	199 (159-236)
50	Hersvikvatn	1934-1988	45	83 (18-115)	47	370 (335-413)	42	372 (337-412)	47	292 (245-395)
51	Nautsundvatn	1908-1983	55	106 (33-130)	75	353 (314-426)	75	353 (314-426)	54	248 (215-348)
52	Hestadfjorden	1914-1995	70	117 (17-140)	75	358 (320-423)	77	371 (323-446)	65	242 (192-382)
53	Jølstervatn	1920-1968	22	112 (67-137)	24	384 (340-434)	12	392 (352-430)	24	310 (235-406)
54	Blåmannsvatn	1930-1981	15	95 (39-122)	40	348 (323-407)	39	380 (332-436)	40	347 (221-407)
55	Lovatn	1899-1979	72	108 (18-132)	44	388 (347-436)	51	388 (355-440)	42	281 (227-395)
56	Hornindalsvatn	1950-1970	20	105 (58-128)	19	371 (359-414)	8	406 (378-422)	19	275 (232-363)
57	Kaldvatn	1950-1983	33	113 (82-135)	32	342 (314-385)	28	373 (340-423)	32	228 (179-341)
58	Nysetervatn	1950-1972	16	145 (120-180)	13	324 (309-376)	17	331 (312-381)	13	190 (163-329)
59	Gjevilvatn	1950-2020	13	151 (133-163)	15	347 (321-377)	18	356 (323-387)	8	194 (171-226)
60	Engelivatn	1951-1983	24	144 (118-158)	25	343 (298-344)	27	343 (321-368)	25	186 (147-344)
61	Søvatn	1940-1984	44	146 (118-250)	42	325 (308-347)	42	332 (313-362)	41	180 (62-229)
62	Rovatn	1950-1981	28	126 875-135)	31	361 (325-413)	31	374 (341-416)	27	235 (200-302)
63	Fjergen	1952-1968	28	152 (122-160)	27	318 (294-335)	34	325 (309-366)	21	166 (141-191)
64	Funnstjøen	1951-1972	18	151 (131-169)	21	322 (297-341)	18	335 (310-362)	17	177 (141-204)
65	Lustadvatn	1950-1969	13	140 (127-147)	12	327 (306-341)	17	338 (314-353)	10	194 (164-210)
66	Follavatn	1950-1971	20	138 (118-155)	19	321 (303-343)	20	333 (312-367)	18	178 (163-222)
67	Krinsvatn	1996-2019	16	119 (92-134)	15	340 (246-384)	16	367 (327-4379)	11	224 (181-262)
68	Namsvatn	1908-1968	57	163 (137-184)	19	319 (301-341)	58	323 (291-351)	17	164 (126-183)
69	Fustvatn	1930-1972	34	135 (84-162)	37	315 (280-347)	39	329 (288-372)	30	182 (151-249)
70	Røssvatn	1912-1957	46	160 (141-182)	44	354 (310-406)	45	370 (337-417)	44	198 (144-248)
71	Tustervatn	1907-1968	54	156 (137-178)	44	328 (304-366)	50	343 (308-391)	41	174 (127-216)
72	Vassvatn	1950-1979	29	137 (113-175)	29	340 (314-363)	29	361 (330-412)	28	199 (158-232)
73	Storglåmvatn	1948-1973	17	178 (162-210)	20	329 (288-361)	20	342 (294-391)	12	151 (89-187)
74	Skarsvatn	1950-1980	30	144 (124-165)	29	300 (278-320)	30	310 (286-355)	28	154 (129-183)
75	Vatnevatn	1951-1972	21	141 (127-247)	21	325 (300-351)	20	345 (325-373)	20	186 (85-214)
76	Kobbvatn	1916-1978	61	149 (128-167)	58	330 (304-386)	60	339 (310-392)	56	185 (140-245)
77	Sørfjordvatn	1950-1967	7	145 (133-159)	10	310 (294-331)	15	322 (306-384)	5	171 (152-191)

78	Storvatn	1950-1967	9	144 (134-158)	10	335 (305-373)	14	353 (334-376)	7	190 (149-239)
79	Forsavatn	1920-1965	44	141 (117-159)	46	316 (288-350)	46	325 (294-403)	44	176 (134-206)
80	Sneisvatn	1951-1972	19	147 (129-180)	20	303 (274-340)	21	311 (284-395)	17	156 (121-194)
81	Svolværvatn	1951-1971	19	149 (116-168)	20	318 (297-318)	20	334 (310-393)	19	173 (135-206)
82	Gåslandsvatn	1950-1972	22	141 (111-172)	21	316 (283-359)	22	327 (309-367)	21	179 (128-229)
83	Skodbergvatn	1950-1971	11	151 (146-167)	9	331 (317-361)	9	336 (329-362)	8	177 (152-212)
84	Nervatn	1950-1987	37	144 (104-160)	36	305 (289-324)	36	319 (301-362)	34	164 (142-192)
85	Lysevåt	1950-1972	19	158 (127-177)	20	307 (296-332)	20	323 (305-359)	17	152 (125-170)
86	Insetvatn	1914-1958	43	152 (133-181)	45	296 (279-322)	45	314 (291-367)	43	145 (109-181)
87	Oksfjordvatn	1955-1970	15	156 (135-170)	5	339 (301-329)	15	339 (319-352)	5	171 (140-301)
88	Lille Mattisvatn	1950-1972	16	139 (129-151)	11	298 (280-314)	16	319 (296-246)	11	168 (143-312)
89	Lille Ropelvvann	1957-1984	27	161 (128-172)	11	309 (299-322)	27	311 (294-332)	11	152 (141-181)
90	Bjørnvatn	1912-1967	55	151 (130-182)	53	306 (286-327)	55	311 (289-366)	52	157 (117-189)
91	Murusjøen	1926-2001	66	142 (121-155)	74	327 (305-354)	66	336 (311-366)	65	184 (157-223)
92	Limingen	1930-1960	27	152 (131-176)	11	348 (289-385)	30	369 (316-424)	11	200 (120-240)
93	Vekteren	1959-1986	23	157 (144-168)	46	321 (296-341)	15	339 (305-413)	20	164 (145-190)
94	Saksvatn	1960-1990	31	164 (141-180)	29	306 (279-331)	28	309 (298-334)	29	147 (174-119)
95	Lenglingen	1925-2003	76	144 (118-158)	76	329 (307-383)	77	339 (312-385)	74	187 (157-235)
96	Engeren	1911-1983	72	139 (119-157)	72	347 (299-396)	71	350 (311-386)	71	204 (156-244)
97	Femunden	1900-1995	82	148 (128-173)	83	328 (305-353)	83	343 (313-386)	79	177 (152-214)
98	Isteren	1950-1986	34	148 (113-157)	35	309 (283-335)	35	319 (291-385)	34	162 (134-206)
99	Møkeren	1911-2007	65	121 (91-141)	47	332 (261-363)	65	341 (303-446)	37	212 (128-244)
100	Søndre Øyersjøen	1960-2005	42	126 (99-138)	18	334 (305-363)	39	336 (308-367)	18	210 (179-240)
101	Varalden	1950-1983	26	123 (91-135)	22	335 (312-367)	27	350 (315-378)	19	210 (181-245)
102	Rømsjøen	1945-1995	46	119 (33-138)	44	339 (305-376)	48	359 (333-398)	43	224 (171-293)

765 **Appendix 3.**

766 Variation in average time of ice break-up, time of lake freeze-up, time when lake is completely
 767 frozen, and length of ice-free period. The full model is formulated as (see description of parameters
 768 in the main text):

769 $Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Distance}$
 770 $+ \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{10} \text{Catch} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow} + \varepsilon$

771 Selection of the best model was based on AIC. The full model and the three best models are
 772 presented, with the best model given in bold. AIC and ΔAIC is given.

773 **Time of ice break-up:**

No.	Model formulation (n = 101)	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	695.8	5.0
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow}$	690.8	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Distance} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow}$	691.2	0.4
5	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat}$	691.7	0.9

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775 **Time of lake freeze-up:**

No.	Model formulation (n = 86)	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	719.5	11.8
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	707.7	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	708.1	0.4
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	709.6	1.9

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777 **Time when lake is completely frozen:**

No.	Model formulation (n = 97)	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	838.0	12.5
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	825.5	0.0

2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	827.6	2.1
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele}_- + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	828.3	2.8

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779 **Length of ice-free period:**

No.	Model formulation (n = 86)	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	808.4	13.8
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area}$	794.6	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{10} \text{Flow}$	795.2	0.6
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_9 \text{Catch}$	796.2	1.6

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781 **Appendix 4.**

782 **Test for temporal variation in time of lake freeze-up, time when lake is completely frozen, and**
 783 **length of ice-free period for 98 lakes in Norway.** Lake identity is modelled as a random factor, and
 784 year is always included in the model as a fixed effect. The full model is formulated as (see description
 785 of parameters in the main text):

786 $Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Distance}$
 787 $+ \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{10} \text{Catch} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude} + \varepsilon.$

788 Selection of the best model was based on AIC. The full model and the three best models are
 789 presented, with the best model given in bold. AIC and ΔAIC is given.

790 **Time of lake freeze-up:**

No.	Model formulation	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	25 776.8	63.7
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude}$	25 713.1	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude}$	25 713.8	0.7
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude}$	25 716.6	3.5

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792 **Time when lake is completely frozen:**

No.	Model formulation	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	35 781.8	67.1
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude}$	35 714.7	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{11} \text{Year} + \alpha_{12} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{13} \text{Amplitude}$	35 715.0	0.3
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{11} \text{Year}$	35 716.6	1.9

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796 Length of ice-free period:

No.	Model formulation	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	27 547.9	55.9
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude}$	27 492.0	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{11} \text{Year} + \alpha_{12} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{13} \text{Amplitude}$	27 494.1	2.1
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Area} + \alpha_{11} \text{Year}$	27 496.7	4.7

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798 **Appendix 5.**

799 **Test for temporal variation in time of ice break-up.** Lake identity is modelled as a random factor,
 800 and year is always included in the model as a fixed effect. NAO is included in the model as both a
 801 linear and a non-linear effect. The full model is formulated as (see description of parameters in the
 802 main text):

803 $Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_4 \text{Ele} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_7 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_8 \text{Distance}$
 804 $+ \alpha_9 \text{Area} + \alpha_{10} \text{Catch} + \alpha_{11} \text{Flow} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{13} \text{Regulated} + \alpha_{14} \text{Amplitude} + \alpha_{15} \text{NAO} + \alpha_{16} \text{NAO}^2 + \varepsilon.$

805 Selection of the best model was based on AIC. The full model and the three best models are
 806 presented, with the best model given in bold. AIC and ΔAIC is given.

No.	Model formulation	AIC	ΔAIC
0	Full model	33 367.0	56.0
1	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{15} \text{NAO}$	33 311.0	0
2	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_6 \text{Long} * \text{Lat} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{15} \text{NAO}$	33 311.2	0.2
3	$Y = \mu + \alpha_1 \text{Ele} + \alpha_2 \text{Lat} + \alpha_3 \text{Long} + \alpha_5 \text{Ele} * \text{Long} + \alpha_{12} \text{Year} + \alpha_{15} \text{NAO}$	33 315.5	4.5

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809 Appendix 6.

810 Test for non-linear temporal trends in ice phenology in 30-years periods. Lakes with >50 years of

811 records of both date of break-up and date of frozen lake.

Lake		Period	Break-up		Freeze-up		Frozen lake		Ice free period	
no	Lake		n	Median	n	Median	n	Median	n	Median
1	Mjøsa (Hamar)	1910-2001	76	111 (23-139)	74	383 (318-440)	63	392 (350-435)	63	272 (208-401)
2	Storsjø	1910-2011	66	124 (97-140)	48	361 (333-392)	76	390 (349-443)	28	239 (200-276)
3	Lomnessjøen	1919-1997	66	131 (96-147)	69	320 (281-352)	54	327 (302-379)	58	186 (152-248)
5	Olstappen	1967-2020	53	142 (129-158)			52	309 (285-329)		
6	Aursunden	1902-2020	115	152 (129-175)	58	314 (295-332)	116	324 (295-355)	57	158 (127-186)
7	Atnsjøen	1917-2020	87	145 (122-165)	95	320 (302-347)	98	328 (312-363)	84	176 (144-213)
11	Tesse	1908-2020	74	148 (121-167)			76	330 (311-363)		
12	Aursjø	1967-2020	53	169 (148-181)			53	310 (293-332)		
13	Breidalsvatn	1967-2020	53	168 (147-191)			53	323 (303-347)		
14	Raudalsvatn	1967-2020	53	157 (136-176)			53	329 (313-365)		
17	Kaldfjorden	1967-2020	53	159 (136-170)			53	309 (285-332)		
19	Vinstern	1950-2020	64	163 (147-181)			69	317 (288-339)		
21	Bygdin	1950-2020	64	170 (153-185)	15	326 (301-382)	65	370 (315-416)	14	157 (130-221)
26	Volbufjorden	1920-1974	55	137 (119-150)	54	320 (305-344)	55	324 (312-353)	54	184 (164-214)
27	Øyangen	1919-1984	65	149 (130-168)	62	318 (299-343)	62	321 (304-344)	61	170 (137-200)
31	Bergsjø	1953-2020	58	160 (146-175)	47	304 (288-343)	56	314 (294-350)	47	144 (127-170)
33	Krøderen	1900-1964	64	124 (100-161)	7	335 (315-366)	60	338 (306-372)	7	214 (189-255)
35	Tunhovdfjorden	1920-2020	73	142 (119-161)	45	329 (275-353)	77	335 (305-362)	41	186 (142-219)
39	Hjartsjå	1919-1998	74	121 (91-139)	43	328 (311-354)	70	334 (313-388)	42	207 (184-261)
44	Sandvinvatn	1908-1998	59	106 (33-131)	61	383 (224-437)	64	398 (359-453)	46	276 (225-342)
45	Vangsvatn	1898-1989	69	113 (38-138)	46	347 (316-402)	78	354 (327-420)	61	236 (197-333)
46	Vassbygdvatn	1915-1987	69	116 (56-139)	56	356 (277-401)	65	371 (330-435)	54	242 (158-305)
48	Veitastrondvatn	1918-1991	65	137 (76-152)	52	353 (311-416)	61	356 (326-428)	50	217 (171-284)
51	Nautsundvatn	1908-1983	55	106 (33-130)	75	353 (314-426)	75	353 (314-426)	54	248 (215-348)
52	Hestadfjorden	1914-1995	70	117 (17-140)	75	358 (320-423)	77	371 (323-446)	65	242 (192-382)
55	Lovatn	1899-1979	72	108 (18-132)	44	388 (347-436)	51	388 (355-440)	42	281 (227-395)
68	Namsvatn	1908-1968	57	163 (137-184)	19	319 (301-341)	58	323 (291-351)	17	164 (126-183)
71	Tustervatn	1907-1968	54	156 (137-178)	44	328 (304-366)	50	343 (308-391)	41	174 (127-216)
76	Kobbvatn	1916-1978	61	149 (128-167)	58	330 (304-386)	60	339 (310-392)	56	185 (140-245)
90	Bjørnvatn	1912-1967	55	151 (130-182)	53	306 (286-327)	55	311 (289-366)	52	157 (117-189)
91	Murusjøen	1926-2001	66	142 (121-155)	74	327 (305-354)	66	336 (311-366)	65	184 (157-223)
95	Lenglingen	1925-2003	76	144 (118-158)	76	329 (307-383)	77	339 (312-385)	74	187 (157-235)
96	Engeren	1911-1983	72	139 (119-157)	72	347 (299-396)	71	350 (311-386)	71	204 (156-244)
97	Femunden	1900-1995	82	148 (128-173)	83	328 (305-353)	83	343 (313-386)	79	177 (152-214)
99	Møkeren	1911-2007	65	121 (91-141)	47	332 (261-363)	65	341 (303-446)	37	212 (128-244)