



# Session 3: Endpoints in CAT





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#### Set Up CAT



Specify Climate Record Adjustments



**Create Scenarios** 



**Define Endpoints** 



**Run HSPF** 



Analyze Endpoints

# Session 3: Endpoints











# **Types of Endpoints**

- Endpoints are measureable goals or targets
- Assessment endpoint -- formal expression of a valued environmental characteristic Example: reproduction of piscivorous (fish-eating) birds
- Measurement endpoint a measured response to a stress or disturbance Example: water quality standards





## **CAT Endpoints**

 CAT is set up to analyze the impact of climate change on hydrologic and water quality endpoints i.e., measurement endpoints.

#### **Hydrologic Endpoints**

- Volume (daily, monthly, annual)
- Daily flow duration
- High storm peaks
- Low flow conditions

#### **Water Quality Endpoints**

- Sediment concentrations
- Water temperature
- Nutrients (N, P) concentrations
- DO concentrations





## **Aquatic Endpoints**

• Fish and benthic macroinvertebrates are often used as endpoints. They are easily measured in the field and integrate impacts over time <u>and</u> from multiple stressors.

• AQUATOX predicts the impact of water

quality on aquatic endpoints.

• An AQUATOX/CAT application has not been conducted to date







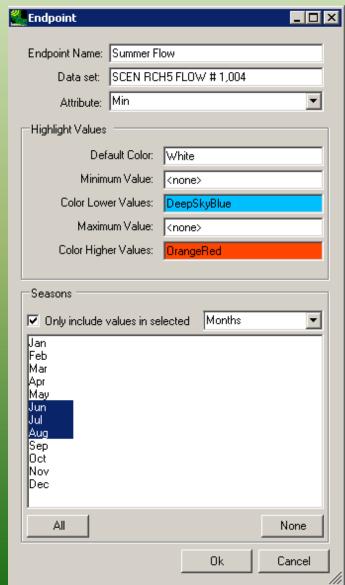






# Defining Endpoints

- Endpoint Name
- Data set field
- Attribute pull-down list
- Highlight Values Frame
- Seasons







# **Endpoint Options**

- Any variable for which HSPF generates an output timeseries can be used as an endpoint for CAT analyses.
- Endpoint options can be as simple as a few outputs to WDM data sets in the External Targets block, or can be greatly expanded by using the binary output file.





#### **Attributes**

The different attributes of the time series are listed in a drop down menu:

- Min
- Max
- Sum
- Average annual sum of values
- Mean
- Geometric Mean
- Variance

- Standard Deviation
- Standard Error of Skew
- Serial Correlation Coefficient
- Coefficient of Variation
- 7Q10 low-flow event
- 100-year flood event





## Range Values and Time Periods

- Flagging endpoint values in Results Table
  - 3-tiered, low/favorable/high range color scheme
  - 2-tiered favorable versus unfavorable range color scheme
- Flagging may be used for the entire simulation or only for selected periods.

The threshold values, ranges, and time periods can be set by the user.





# Range Values

 Value of an endpoint relative to some critical range or threshold value

Example: a low flow threshold at which a fish species is subject to harm, or a numeric state water quality standard for chemical endpoint

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Data set: SCEN RCH	SCEN RCH5 FLOW			
Attribute: Mean		▼		
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Maximum Value:	<none></none>			
Color Higher Values:	OrangeRed			
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#### **Time Periods**

Particular season of each year, or during a specific year (or water year) within the record

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Data set:	SCEN RCH5 FLOW			
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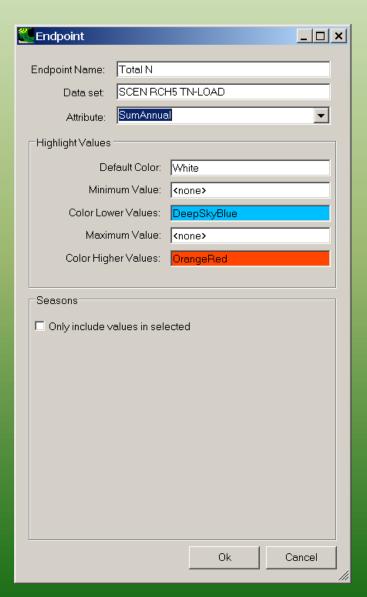


# Example Endpoint Specification 1: 1-Day Flow with 100-Year Recurrence Interval

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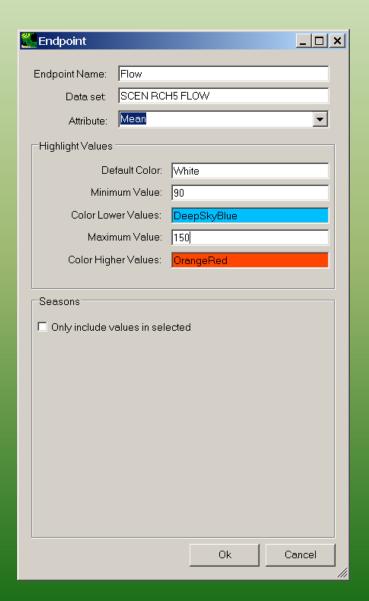


# Example Endpoint Specification 2: Average Annual Total Nitrogen Load

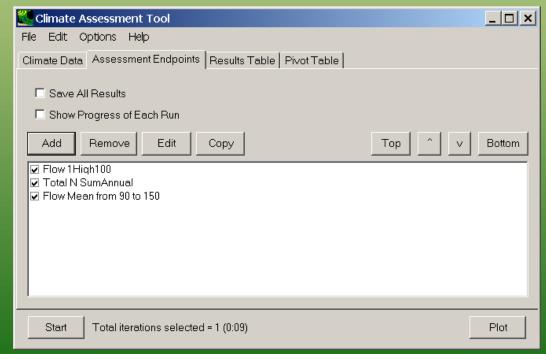
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#### Example Endpoint Specification 3: Mean Flows Within Range

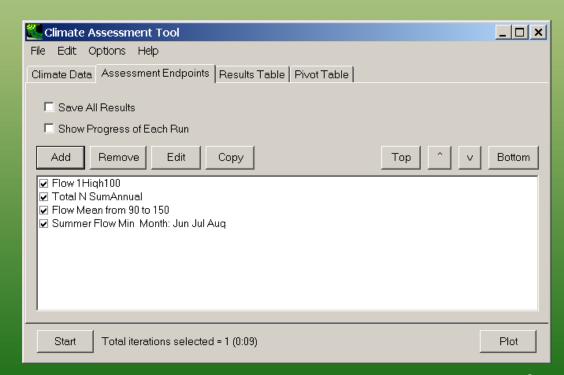






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# Example Endpoint Specification 4: Minimum Flows Within Temporal Range







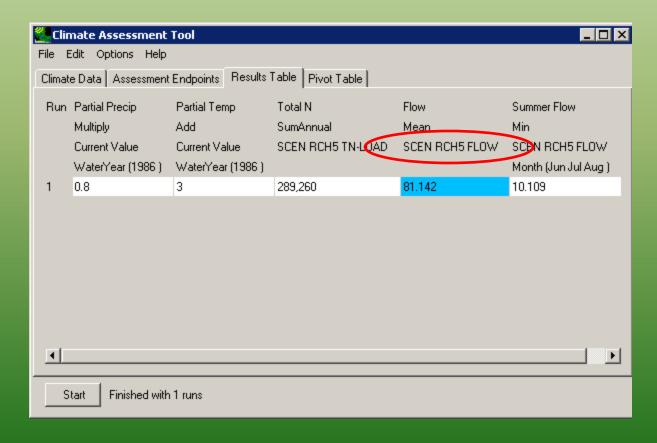


**Endpoint Analysis** 





# **Endpoint Analysis**

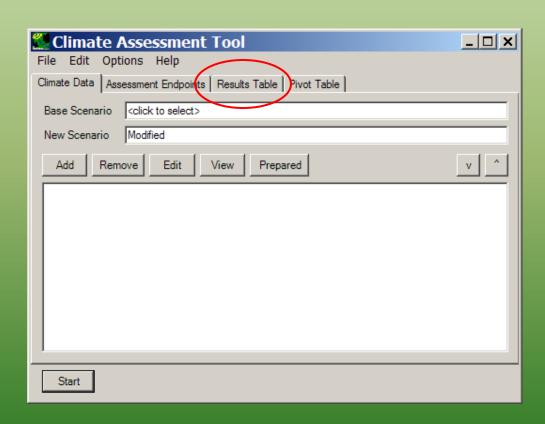


**CAT** presents results in the form of assessment endpoint values computed from model output time series data.





#### **Results Table**

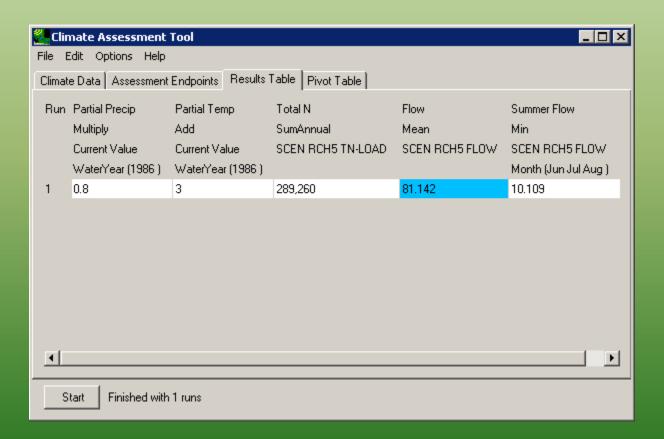


Contains userdefined values for each endpoint (i.e., for each attribute [e.g., mean, min] of each HSPF output variable [e.g., streamflow, sediment load] selected as an endpoint).





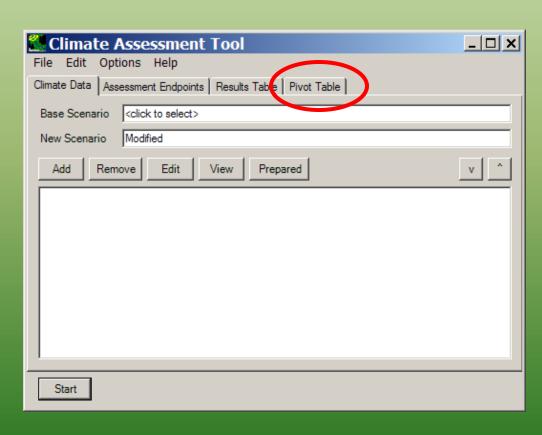
#### **Results Table Tab**







#### **Pivot Tables**



Summarizes large amounts of data.

Discerns patterns and relationships within a data set.

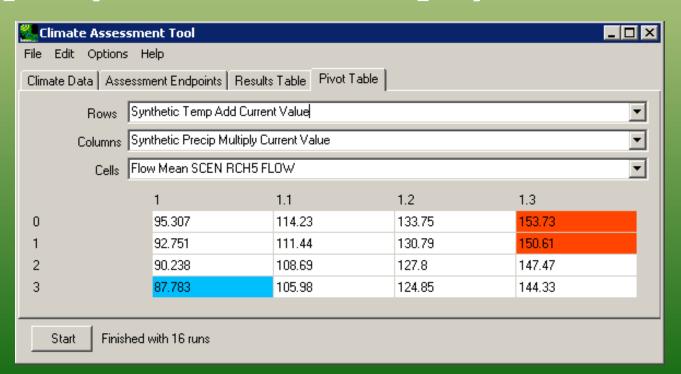
Organizes data into a format for plots with user-defined variables.





#### **Pivot Table Tab**

- Select rows and columns fields from lists
- Specify element to vary in rows and columns
- Specify element to be displayed in cells







# **Exporting Option**

- Output tables can be saved to an external file
- Use Save Results items in the File menu
- Or, the Edit:Copy Results menu option





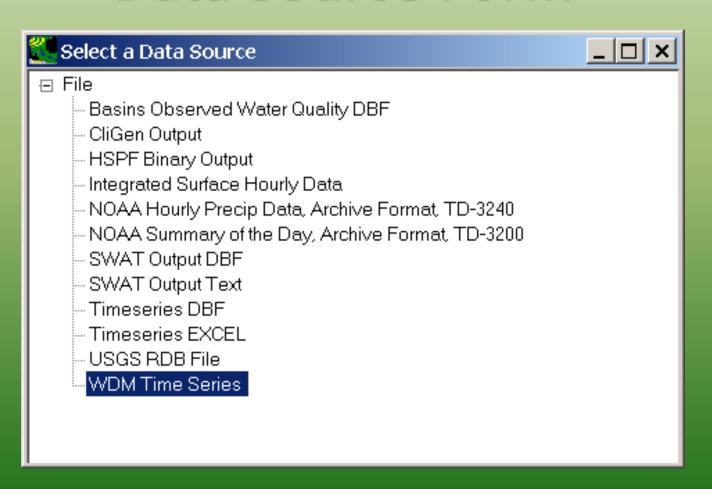
# Other Summary and Visualization Tools

- Graph a time series or multiple time series
- Create a data tree
- Compute frequency statistics
- Calculate and display statistics for userdefined seasons or time periods
- Generate one time series from multiple time series





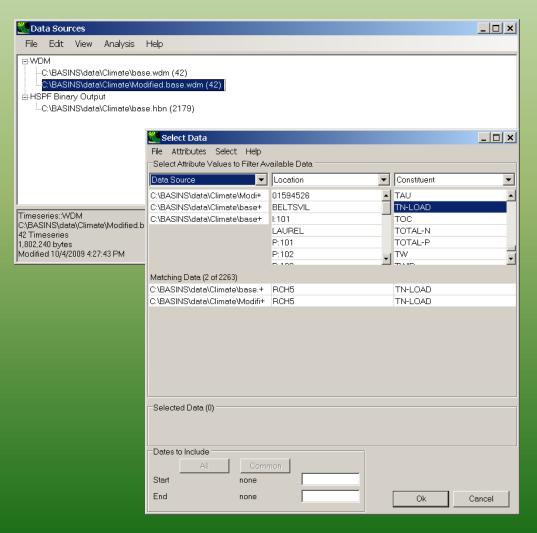
#### **Data Source Form**







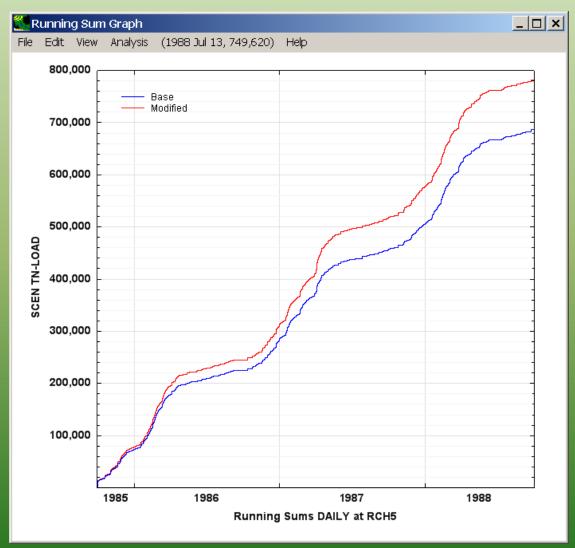
#### **Time Series List**



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Mean	625.49	713.03
Min	3.9019	4.3894
SumAnnual	228,510	260,490
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1985/10/02 24:00	849.26	1,006.4
1985/10/03 24:00	11,020	11,504
1985/10/04 24:00	267.79	278.6
1985/10/05 24:00	604.84	650.71
1985/10/06 24:00	679.62	727.14
1985/10/07 24:00	601.42	641.71
1985/10/08 24:00	522.34	556.87
1985/10/09 24:00	259.36	276.52
1985/10/10 24:00	118.9	127.79
1985/10/11 24:00	94.873	101.83
1985/10/12 24:00	239.72	256.34
1985/10/13 24:00	141.76	150.43
1985/10/14 24:00	469.52	476.14
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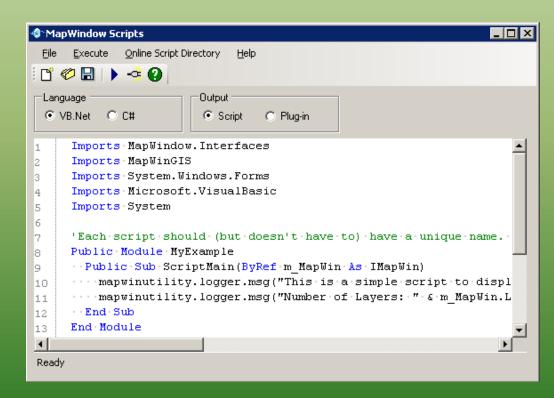






## **Using Scripts**

- Provide an efficient and reproducible method for performing repetitive tasks
- BASINS and MapWindow are designed to extend CAT and other tools/models through the use of scripts









Exercises C3 and C4





#### **Exercise C3**

- How do I specify endpoints from HSPF output for climate change impact analysis?
- How do I specify value ranges of concern?
- How do I specify time periods of concern (seasonal and/or partial records)?





#### **Exercise C4**

- How do I run an HSPF simulation using BASINS CAT?
- How do I use results tables of values for assessment endpoints?
- How do I use pivot tables of values for assessment endpoints?
- How do I export assessment endpoint results to files?
- How do I use the additional BASINS tools for analysis and display?