SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 30 MAR 22. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 06 APR 22.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):
Sea ice coverage remains above normal though concentration has diminished due to storms and above normal air temperatures in the region over the past week. Recent aerial reconnaissance located 59 icebergs between 55°N and 60°N. Over half were ‘Small’ (less than 60 meters in length) and appeared to be in an advanced state of deterioration. IIP estimates that there are a total of 87 icebergs in this region with few outside of the ice edge. One iceberg appears grounded near the Strait of Belle Isle. The Iceberg Limit in this region exceeds the median for early April (dashed line) near 52°N.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):
The sea ice edge remains near 49°N and continues to recede northward. IIP estimates that there are 63 icebergs south of 52°N with many outside of the ice edge. Two icebergs drifting southeast of Flemish Cap have caused the limit to expand beyond the 30-year median in this area. IIP expects up to 15 more icebergs to drift into the shipping lanes over the next week and advises mariners to exercise extreme caution while transiting near the limit. The Iceberg Limit will remain close to the 30-year median, but will remain inside of the extreme limit for early April.

As of 30 March, 10 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2022. On average, 153 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of March based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2021.