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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 16 MAR 21. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 25 MAR 21.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):

With the exception of a narrow band of new ice formation between 55°N and 57°N, sea ice growth remains well below median throughout the region. IIP continues to monitor the iceberg population along the Labrador Coast using satellite reconnaissance and estimates that there are 123 icebergs north of 52°N, mostly within sea ice.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

The sea ice edge did not advance south of 50°N over the past week. The 2021 Ice Year remains one of the lowest on record in terms of total accumulated ice concentration in the region. Satellite and aerial reconnaissance continue to search the Labrador Current with no new iceberg sightings. The Iceberg Limit contracted to the north of 50°N and is expected to stay well inside of the mid-March median Limit (dashed line) over the next week.

As of 16 March, 1 iceberg has drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2021. On average, 157 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of March based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2020.

