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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 21 JUNE 2017. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 28 JUNE 2017.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N): Pack ice concentration continues to deteriorate along the Labrador Coast (one to three tenths estimated by Canadian Ice Service during period). Many icebergs in open water are expected to drift southward in the Labrador Current within the region but will rapidly deteriorate as sea-surface temperatures increase. The Strait of Belle Isle will remain free of sea ice for the rest of the year. Many icebergs will remain in the Strait of Belle Isle and into Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Western Iceberg Limit will remain near Anticosti Island.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N): Remnants of one to three tenths concentration sea ice will remain around Notre Dame Bay and Cape Freels over the next seven days. The main iceberg population will remain concentrated around Newfoundland west of 50°W. Isolated icebergs may be present in Flemish Pass in the offshore branch of the Labrador Current. Few icebergs are expected to be present south and southwest of the Avalon Peninsula. The Southwestern Iceberg Limit will remain outside of the median but within the extreme Iceberg Limit for end of June (solid line). The Eastern Iceberg Limit is expected to remain well within median for the end of June (dashed line) throughout the next seven days. The Southern Iceberg Limit is expected to continue to recede to near 45°N and also remain within the median for the end of June.

As of 20 June 2017, 976 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes. On average, 448 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of June based on data collected between 1900 and 2016.

