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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 26 JUN 19. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 03 JUL 19.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):
Satellite reconnaissance continues to show a very large population of icebergs between 54°N-58°N along the Labrador Coast. IIP estimates that there are 1548 icebergs in this region. Persistent onshore winds have confined these icebergs shoreward of the 1000-m depth contour (offshore branch of the Labrador Current). Even with light offshore winds in the forecast, this situation is expected to continue over the next week. IIP does not expect a significant number of icebergs to drift southward into the shipping lanes. Icebergs are expected to continue drifting into the Strait of Belle Isle over the next seven days.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):
Recent aerial reconnaissance has verified the decline of the iceberg population south of 52°N. This trend is expected to continue with seasonal surface water warming. With recent IIP patrol aircraft sightings around the Avalon Peninsula, icebergs will continue to present a danger to shipping over the next seven days and the southwestern Iceberg Limit will remain near median over the next seven days.

As of 25 June, 1515 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2019. On average, 713 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of June based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2018. To date, IIP classifies 2019 as the tenth most severe year on record using data collected between 1900 and 2018, and normalized to account for primary observation methods.