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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 23 MAY 2018. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 30 MAY 2018.

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

Predominantly offshore winds have caused sea ice to drift away from the Labrador coast. Icebergs along the Labrador coast are expected to remain inside sea ice with few drifting outside of the ice edge. The Western Iceberg Limit is expected to remain near 59°W in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. IIP estimates that a total of 513 icebergs are present off Labrador and Newfoundland.

**Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):**

Sea ice is expected to remain north of 52°N for the remainder of the year. Few icebergs (2-6 per degree square) are expected to drift along the 1000-m depth contour north of 48°N. Many (7 or more per degree square) remain within 100 nm northeast of Cape Bonavista, NL. Aerial reconnaissance and vessel reports have detected isolated icebergs (0-1 per degree square) in Flemish Pass. Southward drift will cause expansion of the Iceberg Limit to below 45°N over the next seven days. The Iceberg Limit will remain within the median (dashed line) for the End of May.

As of 22 May 2018, 125 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes. On average, 368 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of May based on data collected between 1900 and 2017.

