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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 12 FEB 20. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 19 FEB 20.

Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):
Persistent north-northwesterly winds along the Labrador Coast caused sea ice coverage to expand south of 50°N for the first time in 2020. However, sea ice coverage and concentration remain around two weeks behind the Canadian Ice Service’s 30-year median for mid-February. Recent aerial reconnaissance located 38 icebergs along the Labrador Coast to 60°N, all within the sea ice edge. Aerial detections were consistent in number with prior satellite observations. IIP estimates that there are 76 icebergs in this region.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):
Over the next seven days, IIP does not expect any icebergs to cross south of 48°N into the transatlantic shipping lanes. The Iceberg Limit should remain north and west of the median Iceberg Limit for mid-February shown with dashed line in the figure below.

As of 11 February, 0 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2020. On average, 30 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of February based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2019.