Labrador Coast and Strait of Belle Isle (NORTH OF 52°N):
A low pressure system, forecasted to track over southern Labrador will bring onshore winds toward the coast north of 55°N and offshore winds south of this latitude over the next several days. This pattern is expected to cause the sea ice edge to expand eastward along the southern Labrador and Newfoundland coast. Sea ice concentration remains well below median. Aerial reconnaissance detected 50 icebergs along the 1000-m depth contour and outside of the sea ice edge. While these icebergs are positioned to drift southward in the Labrador Current, most are small and medium-sized and are expected to deteriorate while in open water. IIP estimates that there are 64 icebergs north of 52°N.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):
Recent aerial reconnaissance confirmed that the southernmost limit-setting iceberg had melted and that no icebergs were in the offshore branch of the Labrador Current. IIP expects the Iceberg Limit to remain well inside the early March median Limit (dashed line) over the next week. NOTE: The solid line used to portray the Iceberg Limit reflects increased confidence due to aerial reconnaissance.

As of 02 March, 1 iceberg has drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2021. On average, 28 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of February based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2020.