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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 10 JULY 2018. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR THE 2018 ICE SEASON.

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

Recent aerial reconnaissance located few icebergs drifting the Strait of Belle Isle and into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Remaining icebergs along the southern Labrador Coast are expected to deteriorate rapidly in open water as air and sea temperatures continue to rise. IIP estimates that a total of 440 icebergs are present off Labrador and Newfoundland.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

While many icebergs remain along the coast of Labrador, recent reconnaissance has confirmed that few of these icebergs are surviving long enough to enter the offshore branch of the Labrador Current. The approach of the remnants of Tropical Storm Chris will accelerate deterioration of any remaining icebergs drifting south of 48°N. Satellite and commercial aerial reconnaissance will continue to monitor iceberg danger. The Iceberg Limit is expected to continue receding northward and remain well within the median for Mid-July over the next seven days.

As of 09 July 2018, 207 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes. On average, 481 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of July based on data collected between 1900 and 2017.

