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SEVEN-DAY ICEBERG OUTLOOK FOR EAST NEWFOUNDLAND WATERS AND THE LABRADOR COAST ISSUED BY INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL (IIP) ON 22 APR 20. THE NEXT ICEBERG OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 29 APR 20.

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

Offshore winds caused sea ice to expand eastward and decrease in concentration, particularly north of 55°N. Accumulated sea ice coverage remains the lowest since 2011 and well below median in the region. IIP estimates that there are 477 icebergs north of 52°N, with few icebergs outside of the sea ice edge due to recent eastward expanse of the ice edge. 19 icebergs remain near or inside the Strait of Belle Isle.

Newfoundland (SOUTH OF 52°N):

A powerful low pressure system tracking south of Newfoundland brought onshore, hurricane-force winds to the region accelerating sea ice compression and destruction in the region. Recent aerial and satellite reconnaissance detected many icebergs south of 52°N (113 by aerial). IIP estimates that there are 252 icebergs in this region with many (170) outside of the sea ice edge and 30 in the offshore branch of the Labrador Current near Flemish Pass. While these icebergs will drift southward, IIP expects that the Iceberg Limit will remain north of the mid-April median (dashed line) over the next seven days.

As of 21 April, 117 icebergs have drifted or been sighted south of 48°N in the transatlantic shipping lanes in 2020. On average, 372 icebergs drift south of this latitude by the end of April based on iceberg sighting data collected between 1983 and 2019.

