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THIRTY DAY ICE OUTLOOK FOR THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL ARCTIC FOR AUGUST
ISSUED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA ON 30 JULY 2026.

THE NEXT 30 DAY OUTLOOK WILL BE ISSUED ON 14 AUGUST 2026.

Summary for July 15 to 29.

Average air temperatures were near normal along the Alaskan coasts and Beaufort Sea and above normal in eastern regions in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. Ice melt is 2-3 weeks later than normal in the southeastern Beaufort Sea and along the Alaskan coasts and around 2 weeks later than normal in the extreme western Amundsen Gulf. Ice melt is around 2 weeks faster than normal in Queen Maud Gulf and Peel Sound and 2-3 weeks faster than normal in Victoria Strait-Larsen Sound. Elsewhere, ice melt is near normal.

Weather forecast for August.

Air temperatures are forecast to be near to below normal in the Beaufort Sea, along the Alaskan coast, and in McClure Strait, Viscount Melville Sound, and McClintock Channel. Air temperatures are forecast to be near to above normal in Coronation Gulf, Queen Maud Gulf, Victoria Strait, and Peel Sound, and near normal over the Arctic Ocean.

Southeastern Beaufort Sea.

July 30-August 11

- 7-8 tenths first-year ice and old ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths first-year ice and old ice in the extreme northwestern section and in the extreme northeastern section, west of Banks Island.
- Bergy water in the Mackenzie Delta.
- 4-6 tenths first-year ice including up to 2 tenths old ice with areas of 7-8 tenths first-year ice including up to 2 tenths old ice in the eastern section, southwest of Banks Island and elsewhere in the extreme northern section.
- 1-3 tenths first-year ice in the southwestern section.

August 12-19

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas occasional areas of 9-9+ tenths ice in the extreme northeastern section, west of Banks Island.
- 7-8 tenths ice in the extreme northwestern section.
- Bergy water in the Mackenzie Delta.
- 1-3 tenths ice with areas of 4-6 tenths ice in the eastern section, southwest of Banks Island and elsewhere in the northern section.
- Bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the southwestern section.

August 20-30

- 7-8 tenths ice in the extreme northeastern section, west of Banks Island.
- 4-6 tenths ice in the extreme northwestern section.
- Bergy water in the Mackenzie Delta.
- Bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the eastern section, southwest of Banks Island and elsewhere in the northern section.

Amundsen Gulf.

July 30-August 7

- 7-8 tenths first-year ice including up to 2 tenths old ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including up to 2 tenths old ice in the extreme western section.
- Elsewhere, bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths first-year ice.

August 8-12

- 4-6 tenths ice in the southwestern section.
- Elsewhere, bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice.

August 13-19

- Bergy water except occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice along the coast in the southern section.

August 20-30

- Bergy water.

Prince of Wales Strait.

July 30-August 4

- 7-8 tenths first-year and old ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths first-year and old ice except 1-3 tenths first-year and old ice in the southern section.

August 5-10

- 4-6 tenths ice with areas of 7-8 tenths ice in the northern section.
- Bergy water with areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the southern section.

August 11-15

- 4-6 tenths ice in the northern section.
- Bergy water in the southern section.

August 16-30

- Bergy water with occasional areas of 4-6 tenths ice in the northern section.

Northern Alaskan Coast.

July 30-August 6

- 8-9+ tenths first-year and old ice in the extreme northwestern section and southwest of Point Barrow.
- 4-6 tenths first-year ice with areas of 7-8 tenths first-year ice adjacent to the coast in the central section.
- Elsewhere, 8-9+ tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice.

August 7-13

- 4-6 tenths ice southwest of Point Barrow and adjacent to the coast in the central section.
- Elsewhere, 8-9+ tenths ice.

August 14-20

- Bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice southwest of Point Barrow.
- Bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice adjacent to the coast in the central section.
- Elsewhere, 7-8 tenths ice with occasional areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 21-30

- Bergy water southwest of Point Barrow and in the extreme southern section along the coast.
- Elsewhere, 1-3 tenths ice with areas of 4-6 tenths ice.

Western Alaskan Coast.

July 30-August 6

- Ice free west of Point Hope.
- 8-9+ tenths first-year and old ice in the extreme northeastern section.
- Elsewhere, open water.

August 7-15

- Ice free west of Point Hope.
- 4-6 tenths ice in the extreme northeastern section.
- Elsewhere, open water to ice free.

August 16-30

- Open water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the extreme northeastern section.
- Elsewhere, ice free.

Northern Beaufort Sea south of 75°N.

July 30-August 8

- 9-9+ tenths first-year and old ice except 8-9+ tenths first-year and old ice west of Banks Island along the consolidated ice edge and in the extreme southeastern section.

August 9-15

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice in the extreme southeastern section and west of Banks Island.
- Elsewhere, 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 16-22

- 7-8 tenths ice in the extreme southern section and west of Banks Island.
- Elsewhere, 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 23-30

- 9-9+ tenths ice in the extreme northeastern section.
- Elsewhere, 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.

Arctic Ocean north of 75°N.

July 30-August 22

- 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice in the extreme western section.
- 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including up to 3 tenths old ice in the central section.
- 9-9+ tenths old ice in the eastern section.
- Consolidated old and first-year ice along the coasts in the eastern section continuing to fracture.

August 23-30

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice in the extreme southwestern section.
- Elsewhere, 9-9+ tenths ice.

Coronation Gulf.

July 30-August 30

- Bergy water.

Queen Maud Gulf.

July 30-August 4

- Bergy water except 4-6 tenths first-year ice in the extreme northern section.

August 5-8

- Bergy water except 1-3 tenths ice in the extreme northern section.

August 9-30

- Bergy water.

Victoria Strait – Larsen Sound.

July 30-August 7

- 4-6 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice in the extreme eastern section.
- Elsewhere, 7-8 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice.

August 8-15

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice except bergy water with areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the extreme eastern and southwestern sections.

August 16-22

- 1-3 tenths ice with occasional areas of 7-8 tenths ice.

August 23-30

- Bergy water with areas of 1-3 tenths ice.

Peel Sound.

July 30-August 6

- 1-3 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice with occasional areas of 4-6 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice in the southern section.
- 7-8 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice in the extreme northern section.

August 7-12

- Bergy water with areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the southern section.
- 4-6 tenths ice with areas of 7-8 tenths ice in the extreme northern section.

August 13-20

- Bergy water in the southern section.
- 1-3 tenths ice in the extreme northern section.

August 21-30

- Bergy water with occasional areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the extreme northern section.
- Elsewhere, bergy water.

M'Clintock Channel.

July 30-August 8

- 4-6 tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice along parts of the coasts.
- Elsewhere, 8-9+ tenths first-year ice including a trace of old ice.

August 9-15

- 1-3 tenths ice along parts of the coasts.
- Elsewhere, 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 16-22

- 4-6 tenths ice with occasional areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 23-30

- 4-6 tenths ice with areas of 7-8 tenths ice in the northern section.
- Bergy water with areas of 1-3 tenths ice in the southern section.

Viscount Melville Sound.

July 30-August 7

- 9-9+ tenths first-year ice including up to 6 tenths old ice except consolidated first-year and old ice along parts of the coasts.

August 8-15

- 8-9+ tenths ice.

August 16-22

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.

August 23-30

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice in the southwestern section.
- Elsewhere, 4-6 tenths ice with occasional areas of 7-8 tenths ice.

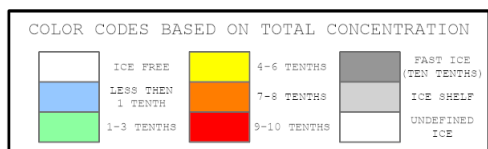
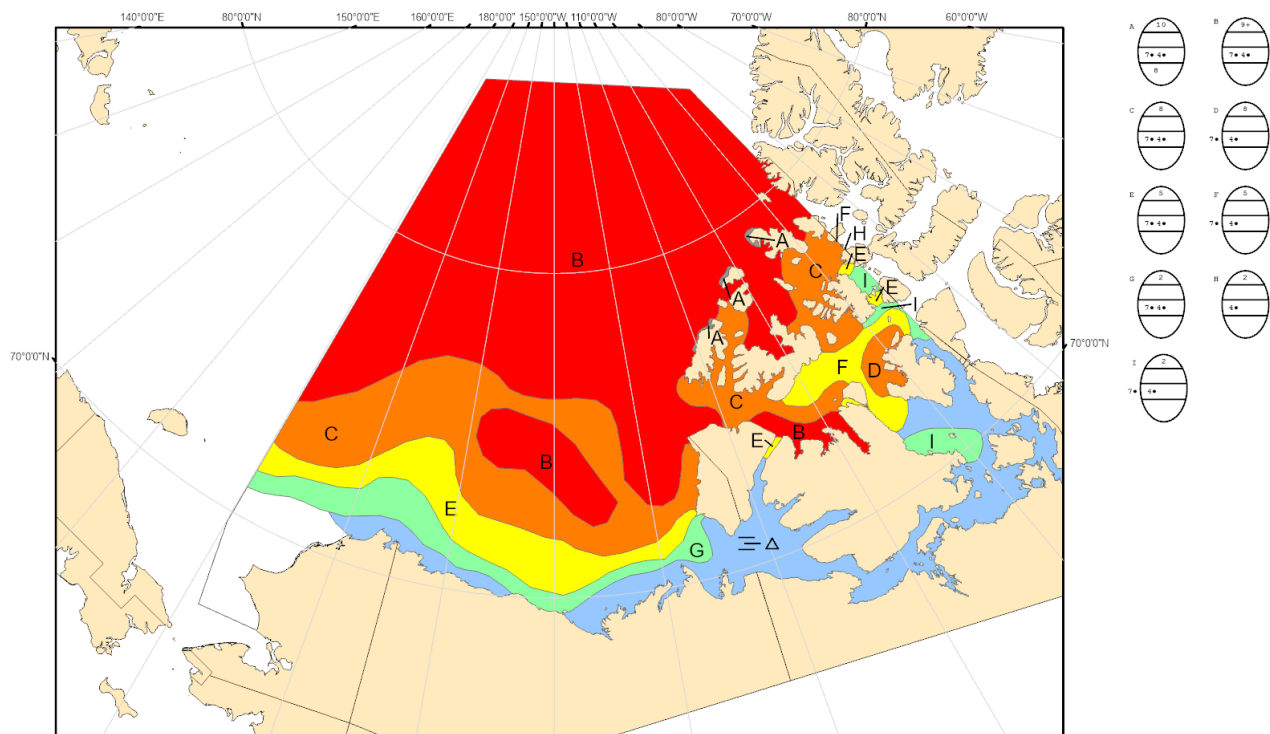
M'Clure Strait.

July 30-August 10

- 8-9+ tenths first-year and old ice.

August 11-30

- 7-8 tenths ice with areas of 9-9+ tenths ice.



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