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THIRTY DAY FORECAST FOR HUDSON BAY AND APPROACHES FOR DECEMBER ISSUED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN ICE SERVICE ON 02 DECEMBER 2005. THIS IS THE LAST 30 DAY FORECAST FOR THE 2005 SEASON.

Temperatures, over the second half of November, have been above to well above normal except slightly below normal over southwestern Hudson Bay. Ice conditions are about two to three weeks behind normal in southern Davis Strait and in Hudson Strait Hudson, but a week to 10 days behind normal in Hudson Bay.

Forecast ice conditions for 02<sup>nd</sup> December to mid-December

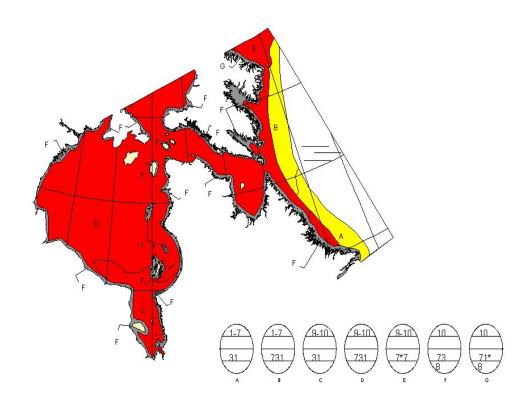
Above normal temperatures will generally prevail in Hudson Strait and along the Labrador while below normal temperatures are expected over Hudson Bay. Ice in Hudson Bay will continue to expand southeastward and at mid-December the northern half of the bay will be covered with greywhite and first year ice while grey ice generally predominates in the southern half. Ice will gradually spread over Hudson Strait during the forecast period and at mid-December greywhite and grey will be covering most of the strait. Ice in Davis Strait will continue its southward progression and reach the northern tip of Labrador by mid-Month. New and grey ice will slowly develop in bays and inlets along the northern Labrador coast.

Forecast ice conditions for mid-December to December 31st

Near normal temperatures are expected over the forecast area. First year ice will gradually spread over most of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait during the period. Ice development will continue along the Labrador coast but at the end of December ice conditions there will still be about two weeks behind normal.

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## Forecast ice conditions for 31 December 2005



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