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THIRTY DAY FORECAST FOR WESTERN ARCTIC WATERS FOR MID-OCTOBER TO MID-NOVEMBER ISSUED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN ICE SERVICE ON 18 OCTOBER 2005. THIS IS THE LAST 30 DAY FORECAST FOR THE SEASON.

During the first two weeks in October temperatures were generally below normal. The main pack along the Alaskan coast is farther offshore than normal. Otherwise the ice conditions over the area are near normal.

Forecast ice conditions for October 18th to October 31st

Near to above normal temperatures are expected over the forecast area. The ice between the Alaskan coast and the main ice pack will continue to develop and at the end of October greywhite ice will be the predominant ice type there, as well as along the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula. The Mackenzie Delta will become consolidated towards the end of the month. New then grey ice will gradually develop in Amundsen Gulf as well as in the Waterways during the period.

Forecast ice conditions for 01st November to mid-November

Near normal temperatures are expected during the first half of November. Thin first year ice will gradually develop along the Alaskan coast and in the eastern section of the Waterways during the period. At mid-November greywhite ice will predominate in Amundsen Gulf as well as in the western section of the Waterways. At that time most of Queen Maud Gulf will be consolidated.

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Forecast ice conditions for 15 November 2005

