

Sea Ice Outlook  
2019 August Report  
Individual Outlook

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**Name of contributor or name of contributing organization:**

Navy ESPC (Metzger et al.)

**Is this contribution from a person or group not affiliated with a research organization?**

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**Do you want your June contribution to automatically be included in subsequent reports?  
(If yes, you may still update your contribution via the submission form.)**

This is a new submission.

**What is the type of your Outlook projection?**

Dynamic Model

**Starting in 2017 we are accepting both pan-Arctic and pan-Antarctic sea ice extent (either one or both) of the September monthly mean. As in 2016, we are also collecting Alaskan regional sea ice extent. To be consistent with the validating sea ice extent index from NSIDC, if possible, please first compute the average sea ice concentration for the month and then compute the extent as the sum of cell areas > 15%.**

**a) Pan-Arctic September extent prediction in million square kilometers.**

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**b) same as in (a) but for pan-Antarctic. If your method differs substantially from that for the Arctic, please enter it as a separate submission.**

20.1

**c) same as in (b) but for the Alaskan region. Please also tell us maximum possible extent if every ocean cell in your region were ice covered.**

0.12

**"Executive summary" of your Outlook contribution (using 300 words or less) describe how and why your contribution was formulated. To the extent possible, use non-technical language.**

The projected Arctic 2019 September mean sea ice extent from the Navy Earth System Prediction Capability (ESPC) is 3.0 million km<sup>2</sup>. This projection is the average of a 10 member time-lagged ensemble using initial conditions from 1 July to 10 July 2019. The range of the ensemble is 2.7 to 3.2 million km<sup>2</sup>. The projected Antarctic 2019 September mean sea ice extent is 20.1 million km<sup>2</sup> with an ensemble range from 19.2 to 20.8 million km<sup>2</sup>. Note that our ensemble range does not represent a full measure of uncertainty.

**Brief explanation of Outlook method (using 300 words or less).**

We performed ensemble forecasts with the Navy ESPC using initial conditions on 2019-07-01 12Z through 2019-07-10 12Z. The atmospheric initial conditions are from NAVDAS-AR (Xu et al. 2005), which is part of the NAVGEM (Hogan et al. 2014) operational suite. The ocean/sea ice initial conditions are from the Navy's 3Dvar NCODA data assimilation system (Cummings 2005), which is a component of GOFS 3.1 using HYCOM and CICE (Metzger et al. 2014). SSMIS and AMSR2 ice concentrations are assimilated with NCODA (Posey et al., 2015). There was no bias correction performed on the results.

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Concentration (SIC).**

Sea ice concentration in the Navy ESPC forecasts was initialized from GOFS 3.1 (<https://www7320.nrlssc.navy.mil/GLBHycomcice1-12>).

**Tell us the dataset used for your initial Sea Ice Thickness (SIT) used. Include name and date.**

Sea ice thickness in the Navy ESPC forecasts was initialized from GOFS 3.1 (<https://www7320.nrlssc.navy.mil/GLBHycomcice1-12>).

**If you use a dynamic model, please specify the name of the model as a whole and each component including version numbers and how the component is initialized:**

Not Specified

**If available from your method.**

**a) Uncertainty/probability estimates:**

**Median**

**Ranges**

2.7 to 3.2 million km<sup>2</sup>

**Standard Deviations**

**b) Brief explanation/assessment of basis for the uncertainty estimate (1-2 sentences).**

The uncertainty estimate is the range of the 10 member ensemble.

**c) Brief description of any post processing you have done (1-2 sentences).**