

**Sea Ice Outlook**  
2021 August Report  
Individual Outlook

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

EMC/NCEP-UFS

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

**Name and organization for all contributors. Indicate primary contact and total number of people who may have contributed to your Outlook, even if not included on the author list.**

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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.)**

Include this submission in this month's report ONLY

**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.**

3.69

**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.**

20.46

**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.**

**"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 minimum sea ice extent from the NCEP Unified Forecast System (UFS) model July initial conditions (ICs) using 62-member ensemble forecast (2 runs each day 00Z July 1-31 with C96 and C192) is 3.69 million square kilometers with a standard deviation of 0.34 million square kilometers. The corresponding number for the Antarctic (maximum) is 20.46 million square kilometers with a standard deviation of 0.84 million square kilometers.

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

We used the NCEP UFS model with 62-case of July 2021 initial conditions (2 runs each day 00Z July 1-31 with C96 and C192).

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

CSIS: NASA Team Analysis from NSIDC (July 1-July 31, 2021)

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

CSIS: CPC sea ice initialization system (July 1-July 31, 2021)

**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:**

a) Model Name: NCEP UFS

b) Component	Name	Initialization
Atmosphere	NCEP GFS	NCEP CDAS
Ocean	GFDL MOM6	NCEP GODAS

ICE

CICE5

CPC CSIS

c) 62 ensemble members (July 1-July 31 2021, each day 00Z with C96 and C192)

**If available from your method.**

**a) Uncertainty/probability estimates:**

**Median**

**Lower error bound**

**Lower error bound**

**Standard Deviation**

0.34

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

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