

## **Public Service Announcement**

## **Changing ice conditions**

**Start Date:** June 17, 2016 **End Date:** June 30, 2016

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Nunavummiut are reminded to use caution when travelling on ice this time of year. Being prepared can save your life:

- Do not travel over fresh water ice on lakes and rivers.
- Before going on sea ice, consult your hunters and trappers organization or Wildlife Office about known open water and strong current areas.
- Be alert and pay attention to your surroundings thin ice may be different in colour and appearance and should be avoided.
- Avoid areas with known strong currents by taking a different route or travelling over land where possible.
- Travel with a communications device and make sure the device is firmly attached to your clothing.
- Share your travel plan with family and friends, and include this information on the SPOT sign-out form.
- Travel with a companion or in a group, and carry extra supplies, gas, food and equipment for 72 hrs.
- Use caution in areas where there is a lot of surface water on the ice.
- Know when the tides are predicted to change, you may not be able to get to shore in many areas when the tide is rising tide charts can be downloaded at www.tides.gc.ca.
- Monitor the weather for the areas where you are travelling.

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