2014 PAN-ARCTIC OUTLOOK

June Report based on May Data

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My estimate from the max value this spring is 4 million square kilometers. That is close to the values of the minima i 2008 and 2011.

Since my estimate is based on the average of the years since 2007 and the strange short term peaks of ice area this spring, the mean value is probably more uncertain as a prognosis this year. If the short term peak is removed the value drops to 3.8.

Taking this into account my best estimate for this autumn is in the range 3.8-4.0, million square kilometers.