

***Interactive comment on “Brief Communication:  
Does it matter exactly when the Arctic will become  
ice-free?” by J. K. Ridley et al.***

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In regards to this brief communication, I am in agreement with the reviewers comments that not much new knowledge is gained in this brief communication. If the intent is more of a suggestion to the sea ice community to use consistent language when talking about ice-free conditions, then such a discussion is better suited for a journal such as EOS, which publishes opinion pieces such as this (see recent EOS article about What Darkens the Greenland Ice Sheet (<https://eos.org/opinions/what-darkens-the-greenland-ice-sheet>)).

Thus, I feel that unless major revisions are made as per the reviewers comments this communication is not suitable for publication in The Cryosphere

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