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XO,

Neither [REDACTED] nor I were aware of the plan for dive ops yesterday afternoon so we didn't think to secure the sonars while we were ice docked.

Typically during dive ops there is a request from ECC to secure the sonars while divers are in the water but neither of us were aware of such a request yesterday.

That said, I have been in the water during a swim call, on another ship when similar (but not identical) sonars were operating and the sound levels were so low that I didn't notice that the sonars were on. I believe that the narrow beam patterns of these mapping sonars coupled with their relatively low source levels (compared to US Navy ASW sonars) produces very little risk.

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