

rescinded its previous decision. But it ordered the appropriate services to carry out scientific observations of the state of the broken ice in the channel, the variation in the temperature of the surface layer of water and the effect of the ship on the phyto and zooplankton.

Henceforth the Dikson maritime operations staff in the western sector of the Arctic was obliged to inform the population of the coastal villages about the movement of the nuclear-powered vessel and the radiation situation. Procedures are being worked out for withdrawing the "Taymyr" from the Gulf of Yenisey and the lower reaches of the river in the event of its breaking down, running aground or the emergence of other irregular situations.

Well, the passions in the Taymyr region over the "Taymyr" have gradually subsided. But it appears that it is still too early to consider the matter resolved

Everybody still remembers the history of the lighter carrier "Sevmorput'", which for a long time was unable to put in at far eastern ports due to the protests of the local inhabitants. Now the situation has repeated itself with the "Taymyr." Once again we have seen graphic evidence of the consequences of a lack of openness (glasnost) and an uninformed population. Have the necessary conclusions been drawn at the Murmansk Steamship Line and in the Ministry of the Maritime Fleet? For as you know, after the "Taymyr" the atomic icebreakers "Sovetskiy Soyuz", "Vaygach", "Oktyabr'skaya Revolyutsiya" and "Ural" will arrive for service in the Arctic...

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