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***Raising Awareness about Climate Change and Public Health in the Circumpolar North***

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**Circumpolar Climate Events Map** – See this week’s circumpolar climate news, incidents and events.  
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**Broad Aleut diet key to survival** *March 21, 2012.* During the 500 years Aleuts lived on Sanak Island on the Alaska Peninsula they were able to at times dramatically adjust their diet, which included some 122 species. As reported in [Science Now](#), ancient Aleuts were a key part of the marine ecology and survived through periods of climate change and scarcity at the top of the food chain.  
[Alaska Dispatch](#)

**Warm weather puts trees on fast forward** *March 19, 2012.* Because of high temperatures and the unusually early arrival of spring, trees and many other plants in New York are developing flowers, and grasses are growing two to three weeks earlier than usual, raising the specter of a long and intense allergy season and concerns about what could happen to fruit crops if there is a late frost.  
[ScienceDaily](#)

**Illness plaguing seals and walruses bring disease hunters to Alaska** *March 21, 2012.* Although the skin ailments that appear to be affecting seals and walruses have a generic name – *ulcerative dermatitis disease syndrome* – there are still many unanswered questions. Scientists and hunters here and in Russia want to better understand what’s causing the sickness and how concerned they should be. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

*Note: for the March update on the seal and walrus illness including regional summaries, [click here](#).*

**Video of the Week: Ice Fishing Greenland Style!!** *January 21, 2011,* This 3 minute video from the BBC Human Planet series documents ice fishing and the traditional practice of catching huge Greenland shark from thousands of feet beneath the Arctic sea ice. [YouTube](#)

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*Regards – Mike*

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