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

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**Decline in king salmon is rooted in the sea state biologists say** *June 23, 2012.* Widespread failures of king salmon returns are not thought to be freshwater-based. State biologist Tom Vania says, "There are a lot of changes going on in the ocean environment right now surrounding global warming. Our understanding of what that's going to do to anadromous species we probably won't know for a number of years." [Anchorage Daily News](#)

**Nets, salmon seized during Kuskokwim subsistence closure,** June 21, 2012. State and federal wildlife officials seized 21 nets and 1,100 pounds of salmon from subsistence fishermen in Southwest Alaska, Alaska State troopers say. The seizures came during a closure on the Lower Kuskokwim River. Low salmon runs there have again hammered cash-poor village residents who rely on salmon as a traditional food source. [Anchorage Daily News](#)

**Nunavut residents protest high food prices** *June 22, 2012.* Protest against the high prices of food has been occurring across Nunavut this month. Protesters gathered outside the main store carrying signs with food prices listed on them. In communities in the High Arctic, like Grise Fiord, two liters of milk costs \$14.00. [CBC](#)

**Musk ox sighted in Northern Alberta** June 23, 2012. Musk oxen appear to be moving further south. Staff at the Andrew Lake Lodge at the NWT – Alberta border were shocked to find the large animal near one of their cabins. It is unclear why the animal travelled so far out of its usual habitat, but they do seem to be migrating into the tree line. Last year, a herd was spotted near Fort Resolution, NWT. [CBC](#)

**Network gathers local climate change observations** *June 22, 2012.* The reports started coming in about a decade ago. Things were changing and people were noticing. But who do you tell when you see something you've never seen before in your community? It was from this need that the Local Environmental Observer network or LEO was born. [Arctic Sounder](#)

**Video of the Week: Salmon and gear seizures in Alaska** *June 24, 2012,* The reasons for failure of the king salmon fishery across Alaska remains a mystery, but the stress and consequences of the closures are being felt by local fishermen who depend on the salmon, and by the wildlife officials and agencies tasked with enforcement and management. This 1 minute video documents a recent confrontation and underlines some of the impacts of the salmon crisis on Alaskans. [YouTube](#)

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