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

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**One of the hottest years on record, but not for Alaska:** [UN Report](#) *November 28, 2012*. This was a year that started out cool before becoming unusually hot, peppered with extreme weather events and record-shattering sea ice melt and growth. But Alaska's temperatures were, below average. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

**World must pay more attention to thawing permafrost:** [UN Report](#) *November 27, 2012*. The world needs better understanding about how permafrost is being impacted by climate change, says a report by the United Nations Environment Program. Homes, businesses, and other infrastructure, built on ground that used to stay frozen, may collapse if the ground thaws. The report recommends the creation of permafrost monitoring networks. [Nunatsiaq Online](#)

**Climate change: believing and seeing implies adapting** *November 22, 2012*. Communicating the need for climate change adaptation to stakeholders such as European forest owners is a challenge. A new study shows that when owners see the effects of climate change, they are more likely to have taken adaptive measures. [ScienceDaily](#)

**Washington State confronts ocean acidification** *November 27, 2012*. Washington Governor Chris Gregoire ordered state agencies to address the ocean's increasing acidity, making it the first state to adopt such a policy. Ocean acidification poses a threat to a \$270 million shellfish industry. [Washington Post](#)

**Video of the Week: Newtok, Keeping Culture.** This is part four of a five-part series which aired recently in Alaska. This segment looks at how Newtok is using its Yup'ik culture to cope with climate change. . [KTUU](#)

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