

## ***Climate and Health E-News***

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**New Bulletin Describes Thawing Arctic Ice Cellars** - ANTHC's Center for Climate and Health has published a new bulletin entitled, *Climate Change Effects on Traditional Food Cellars in Barrow, Alaska*. The bulletin is a collaboration between the North Slope Borough, the Inupiat Community of North Slope, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and ANTHC. It describes thawing cellars as well as outlining a process for performing local ice cellar (sigluaqs) surveys and studies. > [full bulletin](#).

**Yukon Flood Hazard Subsiding** - The Anchorage Daily News reported on May 12th that the flood risk between the communities of Ruby, and Galena had subsided and that advisories had been cancelled for Red Devil on the Kuskokwim where there was minor flooding. John Madden, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Alaska, said the conditions this spring are not the same as those that led to the historic flooding of 2009. > [full story](#).

**Great Blue Heron in Quinhagak** - Willard Church Jr. of Quinhagak reports that on April 29th, a hunter shot a bird that he thought was a [Sandhill Crane](#), but it turned out to be a [Great Blue Heron](#), raising questions among local residents about what the heron was doing in the Yukon Kuskokwim. According to the *Guide to Birds of Alaska* by Robert H. Armstrong, Great Blue Herons are *unusual* in Southeast and Southcentral, Alaska but not listed as being found anywhere else in the State. Was this a wayward bird or northern expansion of the species? The bird was sent up to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel, and tentatively the plans are to have it mounted and displayed at the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

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