



## Climate and Health E-News

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

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**LEO introduces Alaska Region Maps** – The Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network introduces Alaska regional maps. On our home page you can view a LEO posts for Aleutian and Pribilof, Bristol Bay, Bering Strait, Interior, North Slope, Northwest Arctic, South central, Southeast, and Yukon and Kuskokwim. [ANTHC](#) Visit our map [archives](#) or follow LEO on [Facebook](#)

**Map update of Circumpolar Climate Events** In Alaska there were wildfire evacuations in Two Rivers and on the Kenai River, erosion is contributing to increased boating accidents; Finland sees record heat; in Canada extreme rain cause floods in Toronto, and Ontario wonders what happened to the Monarch butterflies. [ANTHC](#)

**Thriving tundra bushes add fuel to Northern thaw** July 4, 2013. Carbon-gobbling plants are normally allies in the fight to slow climate change, but some but the spread of shrubs could exacerbate warming in northern latitudes by anywhere from 0.6°C to 1.8°C per year." [Phys.org](#)

**Researchers develop bird vaccine for West Nile Virus** July 9, 2013 University of British Columbia researchers have developed a vaccine that may halt the spread of the mosquito borne pathogen, West Nile Virus among bird species. [ScienceDaily](#)

**Ninety-seven year old women says health secret is blueberries** July 1, 2013. Carita Ström's earliest childhood memories are of picking berries in the forests between Espoo and Kirkkonummi Finland. "I have been eating blueberries my entire life. Also, my husband Lasse drank a mixture blueberries and milk every morning. And he lived to be 93," [Yle](#)

**Video of the Week: Toronto floods** July 8, 2013 The storm that hit Toronto this week had extreme rain and resulted in flash flooding. This CBC video provides a collection of scenes of the storm impact. [CBC News](#)

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*Regards – Mike*

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