



**Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network Map** – View our January map to see our most recent posts from Local Environmental Observers, including on the lack of snow and ice in Alaska’s Bristol Bay and Bering Straits regions and time lapse images of bank erosion and the resulting loss of the fuel farm header in Port Heiden. [ANTHC](#) Visit our [archives](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#)

**Climate Events in the Circumpolar North** - View our January map to see media reports from the circumpolar north. Record high temperatures, wind storms and flooding in Alaska. Thaw related flooding in New Brunswick Canada and record cold and dangerous ice conditions in Finland. [ANTHC](#)

**Climate change science haiku** December 16, 2013. *Anna Fahey* - At over 2,000 pages, the new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [report](#) can be daunting. NOAA oceanographer Greg Johnson found himself paring the key takeaway messages into poetry. Johnson’s daughter, an artist, inspired him to try his hand at watercolors. The result, a [nineteen page haiku](#) of current climate change science. [Sightline Daily](#)

**Bleak king salmon run predicted for Kenai River** January 22, 2014. *Craig Medred* - A [report](#) prepared for the Alaska Board of Fisheries suggests the Kenai run might not meet minimum escapement. The forecast is for a total run of 19,700 fish, but warns that "there is some uncertainty in the 2014 forecast estimate. Scientists do not know what has caused Kenai king runs to crash, but ocean conditions are suspected. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

**Lured by bowhead whale scraps, polar bears increasingly coming ashore in Arctic Alaska.** January 22, 2014. *Yereth Rosen* – In Alaska’s far north, fall sea ice is now largely gone and open water means better seasonal whaling opportunities for hunters and better shore scavenging for polar bears. According to a report published in the journal *Ursus*, more than 200 polar bears gathered during the winter of 2010-11, at a pile of bowhead whale bones left on the beach of Point Barrow. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

**Deep freeze has silver lining for natural world** January 8, 2014. *John Flesher* - From a field station in northern Wisconsin, where the previous night’s low was a numbing 29 degrees below zero, climate scientist John Lenters studied computer images of ice floes on Lake Superior with delight. The extreme cold may help raise low water in the Great Lakes, protect shorelines and wetlands from erosion, kill insect pests and slow the migration of invasive species. [AP](#)

**Video of the Week – Norway’s Magical Ice Music Festival** The world's only festival of ice music, was held in Geilo, Norway on January 16-19th. At last year's festival, the Guardian followed the process as sculptors and musicians made the instruments from lake ice recorded the otherworldly sounds they produce and captured the final haunting performances in a purpose-built auditorium made out of snow. [YouTube](#)

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*Regards – Mike*

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