



Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network – View our July map for observations from LEO Network members about an interesting insect in Nome, is it a tick? Sea otter stranding in Kachemak Bay, an unusual catch in Golovin, early season blooms on McDonald Spit, summer of berries and bees in King Cove and an interesting insect in Anchorage. [ANTHC](#) Visit our map [archive](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Climate Events in the Circumpolar North - View our July map to see news reports from across the circumpolar north. Wildfires in NWT and Norway, jokulhalaups in Juneau, jokulhalaups and earthquake swarms in Iceland; another giant sinkhole in Fairbanks, a wayward ice seal in Prince William Sound, and a poor start to walrus harvest for St. Lawrence Island. [ANTHC](#) See our map [archive](#) [here](#).

King crab – An invasive species in the Barents Sea July 3, 2014 *Lyle Kendrick* - Soviet scientists introduced King Crab during the 1960s. During the early 1990s, fishermen, managers and many scientists viewed the king crab as a valuable fishing resource. But in 2000, scientists began to emphasize that the king crab was wreaking havoc on benthic organisms at the bottom of the ocean, denting the food chain and causing some other species to disappear. [Barents Observer](#)

Preliminary Figures Show Dismal Walrus Harvest From Poor Weather July 10, 2014. *Zachariah Hughes* - For the second year in a row, the number of walrus harvested for subsistence on St. Lawrence Island is far below normal. "It's about half of what the average take has been over the last 10 years or so," said Jim MacKracken, who supervises the walrus program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which tracks population numbers based on strikes and successful harvests hunters report back. [Alaska Public Radio](#)

How Alaska's resources and changing climate connect, clash. July 16, 2014. *Erin McKittrick* -Alaska's natural resources, such as fish, metal ore, and predominately oil, play a pivotal role in the state's economy. A new [article](#) in the journal *Environment - Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, explores how climate changes has major effects on ecosystems, as well as on the people and industries that depend on them. How can the state balance the economic potential of its undeveloped resources with the cost of their use? [Science Daily](#)

Video of the Week – Giving a microphone to the world's most remote people. PBS recently published a story on people who depend on several rivers of the world for their survival. One of the rivers was the Stewart of Canada. Scientists are studying the Stewart and Yukon rivers and training local villagers to understand "what is normal" and what the problems with the river are. [PBS News](#)

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