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Massive walrus herd hauls out near Point Lay – *Anchorage Daily News (September 26, 2010)* It's the third time in four years that herds of walrus have been spotted on northwest Alaska shores. In that time, the [Point Lay](#) haul-out appears to be the largest, a writhing, groaning example of a phenomenon scientists blame on rising temperatures and melting sea ice. [Read Article](#)

Skate may be first documented in Chukchi – *Center for Climate and Health (September 29, 2010)*. A skate that washed up on the beach in [Kivalina](#) may be the first documented in the Chukchi Sea. Several [species](#) are found in the Bering Sea but not this far north. NOAA research biologist, Dr. Duane Stevenson tells CCH that this may be the first documented occurrence of a skate of any kind in the Chukchi Sea. "To my knowledge no skates have ever been reported in the Chukchi Sea. Our surveys have recorded skates as far north as 63 degrees, just south of St. Matthew Island, which I believe is about 700 km from Kivalina." The skate was sent to a State lab for identification and archive. Thank you Mida Swan for the photo and Dr. Stevenson for the technical support.



Skate found in Kivalina

First Regional Climate and Health Summit Held in Northwest Arctic – A two day summit held September 16 and 17 in [Kotzebue](#) involved individuals from local and regional governments and organizations, and state and federal agencies and universities. It was hosted by the Maniilaq Association, the regional tribal health entity, and by the Center for Climate and Health at ANTHC. Topics included climate change impacts, methods for assessment, climate models, permafrost change, water and sanitation, and food safety and security. Participants focused on developing a community-based monitoring system, and training was performed by the National Weather Service to register the only community based extreme weather event "spotters" in the region.



Kotzebue Climate and Health Summit

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