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Scientists warn of unprecedented threats to oceans *June 22, 2011* The [report](#) prepared by a panel of international scientists warns that the oceans are degenerating far faster than predicted and that marine life is facing extinction due to a range of human impacts from over-fishing climate change. [Anchorage Daily News](#)

State officials publish bulletin on PSP outbreak in shellfish *June 23, 2011* State of Alaska Division of Public Health has published an Epidemiology Bulletin due to outbreaks of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) during May and June in two southeast communities, Metlakatla and Ketchikan. In total, 21 cases of PSP have occurred associated with cockles, blue mussels, and butter and little neck clams. [Read Bulletin](#)

Declines in salmon runs linked to decline in health *June 16, 2011* The Northwest Arctic region experienced a 233 percent increase in diabetes between 1990 and 2006, some of the highest rates in the world. These appear to parallel decline in access to traditional foods. Diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease can be prevented by maintaining a diet of foods like salmon and by remaining active. Healthy salmon runs are part of the solution to one of our most pressing health concerns. Nome Nugget

Health Impact Assessment – A Novel Approach for Understanding Climate Change in Alaska
June 23, 2011

Climate change is having a dramatic impact on the lives of Arctic people. Health impact studies performed in Point Hope Alaska identifies specific health effects and helps in development of community specific recommendations for adaptation. [International Journal of Circumpolar Health](#)

Alaska Climate Events Map – Visit our [Google Map](#) to see and read about the wildfires, algae blooms, salmon fishery closures and other incidents that have occurred around Alaska during the past month.

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Regards - Mike

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