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Adapting to climate change with floating houses (*August 26, 2011*) In 1953, the Netherlands experienced floods that destroyed 10,000 buildings and killed over 2500 people. Since then the Dutch have developed a culture of flood engineering that is helping develop strategies to adapt to rising sea levels. The [Rotterdam Floating Pavilion](#) is one such floating structure. [ScienceDaily](#)

Polar bear predation of bird rookeries caught on film (*August 31, 2011*) The last thing a nesting Guillemot would expect is a hungry polar bear scaling the cliff to feed on it's eggs. But that is just what happened in an event captured on film by photographer Dylan Coker in Russia's remote Arctic Archipelago of Novaya Zemlya. [DailyMail Online](#) *Note: similar polar bear behavior including [cliff climbing](#) and eating [goose eggs](#) has also recently been documented in Canada's Hudson Bay.*

Climate change may increase asthma in children (*August 30, 2011*) A study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that projected future levels of ozone could cause an increase in asthma-related emergency room visits by children. [ScienceDaily](#)

Dropping water levels raises concerns about wild rice (*August 4, 2011*) Since 1998 the water level in the great lakes have been below the mean level raising concerns among the Anishinaabe about climate change and the effects on wild rice. In 2010 a combination of heavy rain and root fungus resulted in one of the worst harvests in twenty years. [Circle of Blue](#)

Arctic Climate Events Map (*August 2011*) Our maps records events that have occurred in Alaska and other areas of the circumpolar north. If you know of events that we should add to our map, contact us by e-mail. [Google Maps](#)

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Regards - Mike

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