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Interior Secretary to work on solutions for threatened villages February 16, 2015. *Alex Demarban* - During a press conference in the glaring sun overlooking frozen Kotzebue Sound, U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell was asked what it's like to be in the Arctic where it was warmer than in Washington, D.C. "It is a good backdrop for what I heard in Kivalina and what I'm hearing here," she said. "It is crazy warm here." [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

Climate change will lead to Atlantic – Pacific species mix February 4, 2015. *Trudy Pettersen* - Almost 3 million years have passed since the environment of the Arctic facilitated extensive exchange of species between the northern Pacific and the Atlantic. "We predict that the exchange of species will start accelerating in 2050," says the study's author. [Barents Observer](#)

Seabird decline could signal drop in ocean productivity February 10, 2015. *Lori Townsend* - Seabirds are on the decline in the North Pacific, from the Western Aleutians to Vancouver Island. Scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey compiled and filtered the data of hundreds of thousands of surveys of different species conducted in the last 40 years to document the decline. They say the decline could signal a drop in the overall productivity of the ocean. Listen: [Alaska Public Media](#)

Gloominess at record level in Finland February 8, 2015 Finland's meteorological institute uses hours of sunshine to develop a gloominess index. Southern Finland gets an average of 20 to 40 hours of sunlight between November and January. The town of Jokioinen in Häme had 3.6 hours of direct sunlight in November and 5.1 hours in January - making it the gloomiest for 30 years. [Yle](#)

Video – Google Maps Nunavut's Capital July 3, 2013. Canadian Geographic's Nick Walker sits down with Inuit place name researcher Lynn Peplinski, who is racing across Canada's North to document and map as many traditional Inuit place names as she can — before much of that important knowledge passes on with the elders who hold it. [YouTube](#)

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