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Local Environment Observer (LEO) Network – Please see our [2015 Map](#) for new observations about continued high PSP levels in Sand Point, the lack of snow and related water concerns in Nanwalek, and a very early game of golf in Palmer. We hope you will like us on [Facebook](#) and visit our [LEO Map Archive](#).

Circumpolar Climate Events – Find links on our [2015 Map](#) to articles and stories about early bears on Sakhalin Island, great conditions for birch trees in Fairbanks, cooling sea water in Iceland, and the mild winter in Whitehorse. See also our [map archive](#).

Some Alaska animals may benefit from climate change while others suffer March 28, 2015 *Yereth Rosen* - As trees spread north with rising temperatures, so will some wildlife species. Tree-dwellers like northern goshawk are among the projected climate winners along with tree grazers like moose. Expected losers include tundra swans, caribou, pikas, marmots and lemmings. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

Hunting restrictions on two Alaska caribou herds March 29, 2015. *Jillian Rodgers* - It's been 30 years since hunting restrictions, but with dropping numbers in the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk herds, the Board of Game had no other option. Restrictions on bag limits and season length will affect both resident and nonresident hunters. [The Arctic Sounder](#)

Trying to balance subsistence and conservation of Kuskokwim salmon March 28, 2015. *Lisa Demer* – On the Kuskokwim River, salmon dried or frozen is running out after the lowest harvest of king salmon on record. Now managers are turning to villages to help plan, with restricted fishing in a region that depends on salmon as a main food source. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

Bad news for BC's wild sockeye April 2, 2015. *Randy Shore* - Nations around the Pacific Ocean may have to cap the number of hatchery salmon they release if wild sockeye salmon runs are to return to sustainable levels, according to a new study. [Vancouver Sun](#)

With arrival on Kenai Peninsula, cluster flies make first Alaska appearance. March 30, 2015. *Yereth Rosen* -Cluster flies have been showing up at the Kenai National Wildlife Headquarters. Matt Bowser, an entomologist collected 35 specimens between mid-February and mid. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

Video: Alaska called – they want their winter back. March 11, 2015. *McCoopstar* - Did you have a cold winter? Alaska didn't get theirs. Filmed in February in Nome and Anchorage, Alaska. [YouTube](#)

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