

**Local Environment Observer (LEO) Network** – See our <u>2015 Map</u> for new observations about increasing pike numbers in Quinhagak, and an unusually bloom of salmon berries in Sitka. You can Like Us on <u>Facebook</u> and visit our <u>LEO Map Archive</u>.

**Circumpolar Climate Events** – Find links on our <u>2015 Map</u> to reports about early bears in Alaska, early ticks in Finland, and early wildfires in Khakassia and early thermal spring in Finland.

**Climate change in the Bering Strait Region** April 2015. This book documents the environmental impacts of climate change, as described by residents of seven communities in Northwest Alaska. It also describes community effects include loss of infrastructure, flooding and erosion, changes in the quality of community source water, and new challenges related to subsistence practices. <u>ANTHC</u>

Whitehouse exploring how climate change makes you sick. April 7. 2015. *Juliet Eilperin* – President Obama launched an initiative Tuesday aimed at highlighting the connections between climate change and public health, bringing both medical and data experts to the White House. <u>Washington Post</u>

A new industry for Alaska – bulk water exports beginning from Sitka Yereth Rosen - April 14, 2015. Decades ago, Gov. Wally Hickel was ridiculed for his idea of an ocean pipeline to parched California. Now entrepreneurs are hoping that they can make good on his general concept by selling clear water from Southeast Alaska's rainforest to users in the dry south. Alaska Dispatch News

**Tweets turned into flood maps that could help save lives** April 14, 2015. *Megan Rowling* - Tweets about major floods are being turned into a mapping tool that could be used by emergency services and disaster response teams to save lives and provide aid, Dutch researchers said. When a crisis strikes, people use social media to spread the word. <u>Reuters</u>

**New early warning system to detect harmful algal blooms** April 7, 2015. EPA has announced that it is developing an early warning system for harmful algal blooms. The mobil app use satellite data from NASA, NOAA, and the U.S. Geological Survey to inform water operators about emerging hazards in freshwater lakes and reservoirs. <u>EPA</u>

**Video – From climate risk to climate solution, and animated introduction** This educational video by the International Panel on Climate Change Climate describes the relationship between risk and vulnerability and actions that can be taken to prepare for a safe and healthy future. <u>Vimeo</u>

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