



Climate Change and Health in the Circumpolar North

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Observations: LEO Network - See our map for new posts about an unusual moose death in Aleknagik, and about bird-die off in Seldovia, Sand Point, King Cove and Port Heiden. [ANTHC](#)

Events: ClimeMap - See our map for media stories about hungry bears in Siberia, smoke in BC, and landslides in Sitka Alaska. [ANTHC](#)

Trending: Dead fish, wildlife In Aleutians may Be victims of toxic algae July 27, 2015 John Ryan - Scientists have been receiving reports of dead and dying mammals, birds and small fish in the Aleutian Islands. They think the killer might be toxic algae proliferating in unusually warm ocean waters. [Alaska Public Media](#)

Trending: Death of Gulf of Alaska whales triggers investigation August 20, 2015 Yereth Rosen - A mysterious die-off of large whales in the Gulf of Alaska is now classified as an “unusual mortality event”. Since May, 30 dead whales - 11 fin whales, 14 humpbacks, one gray whale and four unidentified cetaceans, have been identified. [Alaska Dispatch](#)

Trending: Lake Baikal on fire August 26, 2015 Wildfires now pose the greatest threat to Lake Baikal, a freshwater treasure on the UNESCO World Heritage List, which contains 20% of the unfrozen freshwater on the planet. Some 36 fires are burning over an area of 77,000 hectares, after a hot summer with a lack of rainfall. [Siberian Times](#)

Research: Giant earthquakes are shaking Greenland June 25, 2015 Chris Mooney – When vast icebergs break off at the end of tidal glaciers, they tumble in the water and jam the glaciers themselves backwards. The result is a seismic event detectable across the Earth. [Washington Post](#)

Adaptation: To feed a village Sarah Parsons – When whaling defines a culture, what happens when the hunting ground starts to melt? For people like the Inupiat and Siberian Yup'ik Eskimo, who rely on the land, oceans and subsistence whaling for their existence, life as they know it is changing. [Weather Channel](#)

Video: President Obama on the front lines of climate change - Later this month, President Obama will travel to Alaska and shine a spotlight on climate change. Climate change is one of the biggest threats we face, it is being driven by human activity, and it is disrupting Americans' lives right now. [Whitehouse.gov](#)

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