



Climate Change and Health in the Circumpolar North

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Policy: Arctic Delegates Call for 'Urgent Action' on Climate Change. After hearing President Obama declare that climate change is the defining issue of the century, leaders from 19 nation states and the European Union said in a joint statement Aug. 31 that they're committed to "urgent action" aimed at slowing the pace of global warming in the Arctic. [Nunatsiaq Online](#)

Trending: Rabbit fever can be a serious illness August 13, 2015 Riley Woodward - Earlier this summer, a North Pole man was sickened with tularemia after skinning an infected hare. This does not mark an outbreak in Alaska, but some [states](#) are seeing multiple cases this year. [Fairbanks News Miner](#)

Trending: Baikal fires close to catastrophic September 2, 2015 Olga Gertcyk - Nikolai Shmatkov, director of WWF-Russia's forestry program, says the frequency and intensity of forest will only get worse in the future. See amazing [video](#). "Forestry needs a set of measures to adapt to changing circumstances." [Siberian Times](#)

Monitoring: Caribou herd down to around 16,000 animals September 4, 2015 Guy Quenneville - The N.W.T. government says the Bathurst caribou herd may be down to as few as 16,000 animals. "The number of animals has continued to decline even without the added pressure of harvesting," wrote Ernie Campbell, the deputy minister of Environment and Natural Resources. [CBC](#)

Research: Bumble bees and the climate squeeze September 9, 2015 Randy Simons - Unlike many insects, bumblebees’ furry coats allow them to adapt to cooler temperatures – but this also means they can easily overheat. As global temperatures rise, bumblebee species have been relocating to cooler areas, with some moving nearly 200 miles north of their native habitat. [Earth Wise](#)

Adaptation: Village relocation effort given boost by President September 2, 2015 Zachariah Hughes – The White House is adding funding and capacity for a wide array of programs in Alaska connected with global warming. The federal government is tapping the Denali Commission as the lead agency to address the relocation of coastal communities. [Alaska Public Media](#)

Video: A video postcard from Wales Alaska - Youth in Wales, Alaska interviewed community members for this video for the McDonnell Polar Bear Point Exhibit in the Saint Louis Zoo. Residents shared their feelings about subsistence lifestyle [Alaska Teen Media](#)

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