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Alaska wild berry harvests becoming more variable October 13, 2015. Tim Bodony - A new study from the U.S. Geological Survey suggests that when it comes to berries in Alaska, harvests are becoming more variable, according to local observers. [KIYU](#)

Kachemak sea otter deaths under investigation October 13, 2015, Daysha Eaton - The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service has received about 200 reports of sick or dead otters over the past couple of months. They are running tests to try to find out the cause. In the meantime, they're asking for the public's help. [KBBI](#)

Remnants of Pacific hurricane hit Alaska October 10, 2015. Becky Bohrer - Oho was among a record number of tropical cyclones in the central Pacific so far this hurricane season, which officials attributed to unusually warm ocean temperatures from El Nino. [CBC](#)

Warming ocean temps may bode badly for pollock October 8, 2015. Hannah Colton - On Tuesday researchers wrapped up a month-long cruise through the unusually warm waters of the Bering Sea. They're investigating how the second year of a warming pattern is affecting the ecosystem, including the nation's largest fishery, pollock. [KDLG](#)

Mercury pollution increases as permafrost thaws October 13, 2015. Emily Gertz - As the freeze-thaw cycle continues in coming years, he said, bacteria that contain the genes needed to convert inorganic mercury to its toxic form, called methyl mercury, will "wake up from being dormant for thousands and thousands of years." [Barents Observer](#)

Video: Seldovia pink salmon die-off. September 6, 2015. An unusually warm summer on the heels of a winter with very little snow pack has resulted in the disappearance of Jakolof Creek near Seldovia Alaska, with serious consequences for spawning salmon. [YouTube](#)

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