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Climate change made Arctic hospitable to snowshoe hares November 5, 2015. Yereth Rosen - Long-eared, big-footed hares, denizens of the boreal forests of northern North America, likely became established in Arctic Alaska in the 1970s, following the growth of tall shrubs. Arctic Newswire

Katmai bear cam captures pair of mysterious deaths November 11, 2015. Hannah Colton - On October 21 a sow and two cubs wandered near Naknek Lake. But then something mysterious happened—the cub lay down and within hours died. Soon another adult bear was also dead. According to Katmai National Park and Preserve officials, they've rarely -- if ever -- witnessed a bear die of an unknown cause. KDLG

Mercury levels curb fish consumption in Jean Marie River, N.W.T. November 2, 2015. More than a decade ago, people in Jean Marie River started noticing "relatively high levels" of mercury in fish. Those levels led to limits on the types, size and amounts of fish that are safe to eat. Now the Jean Marie River First Nation is studying if permafrost is a possible origin of the mercury contamination. CBC

Pacific cod may have learned to hunt seabirds November 9, 2015. Yereth Rosen—Scientists from the Alaska SeaLife Center and University of Alaska have now examined remains of 74 birds collected from cod stomachs. The evidence appears to be the first documentation of Pacific cod making a practice of eating birds. <u>Alaska Dispatch News</u>

Video: GLACIER: Dr. Piers Sellers on Climate Change and the Arctic - August 31, 2015. The Arctic is warming twice as fast as anywhere else on Earth. Its seemingly remote location in the north might lead some to believe that what happens in the Arctic stays in the Arctic. But that is not the case. <u>YouTube</u>

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