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No Fukushima radiation in Alaska seafood December 1, 2015 Dan Joling -Alaska health authorities pronounced Alaska salmon, cod, halibut and other species free from radioactive contamination connected to the power plant damaged in Japan more than four years ago. Sampling has never detected radioactive contamination from Fukushima in Alaska, but that has not stopped the rumors. <u>Associated Press</u>

Return of the Caribou November 27, 2015. Peter Mather - It has been two long years since the Porcupine caribou herd have visited the part of their traditional wintering grounds along the Dempster Highway. When I heard that the caribou had finally returned, I loaded up my camper and headed straight North. <u>Yukon News</u>

Rapid plankton growth a sign of carbon dioxide loading November 27, 2015. A microscopic marine alga is thriving in the North Atlantic to an extent that defies scientific predictions, suggesting swift environmental change as a result of increased carbon dioxide in the ocean. <u>ScienceDaily</u>

Alaskans - take action on harmful algal blooms December 2, 2015. Bruce Wright - NOAA has reported that during 2014 and 2015, the sea surface temperatures as much as 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit higher than average. The summers of 2014 and 2015 were also noteworthy with record-breaking PSP levels. The climate talks in Paris are too little, too late to stop HABs in Alaska. The oceans will continue to warm, and PSP and domoic acid are destined to become greater threats. We need to protect ourselves and our fisheries. <u>Alaska</u> <u>Dispatch News</u>

Could market squid be a new commercial catch? November 30, 2015. Matt Miller -Market squid eggs were found this past summer in a salmon capture device at the NOAA's Little Port Walter Field Station on Baranof Island. Although squid are native to Southeast, this is the first time evidence of market squid spawning at the research station, which has been there since the 1920s. <u>KTOO</u>

Starving sea birds pop up in Anchorage and Fairbanks November 23, 2015. Monika Gokey - An increase in dead or starving common murres has expanded beyond coastal communities and into urban areas in recent weeks. An Anchorage bird rehabilitation center that usually sees one or two murres a year has gotten 20 this month. All were starving.

Tribes salvaging timber after fires November 21, 2015. Lynda V. Mapes -First came the fire, now come the loggers. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation are unleashing a salvage logging operation in an emergency cut to get what value the tribes still can from charred and blackened trees. It's a logging blitz nearly military in scope and one of the biggest ever in Washington: as many as 120 log trucks hauling more than half a million board feet of timber a day. <u>Seattle Times</u>

Video: Kivalina Alaska Uncertain Future - November 17-18, 2015. the next installment in a series explores the impacts of climate change on Kivalina, Alaska, a coastal Inupiat community located about 80 miles above the Arctic Circle. <u>KTVA</u>

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