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LEO Network See new posts about unusual environmental events from the Local Environmental Observer Network. A black bear awakens in Pedro Bay, and belugas sighted in Toksook Bay - in January! [ANTHC](#)

Clime Map See news articles about events around the circumpolar north. A sea turtle strands in BC, and despite record snow in the east, low snow in Nuuk. [ANTHC](#)

Alaska's Inuit link steady food supply to environment December 28, 2015. Dan Joling - A report issued this month by the Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska, which advocates for Inuit coastal villages from southwest to north Alaska, calls for policies that protect Inuit traditional food and the Arctic environment. [CBC Canada](#)

New study predicts significant declines in B.C. native fish catches due to climate change January 13, 2016. Larry Pynn — Climate change will slash aboriginal fishing catches by as much as about 50 per cent by 2050 as marine species move farther north along the B.C. coast in search of cooler waters, a new study concludes. [The Vancouver Sun](#)

New arrivals in Kotzebue Sound preying on belugas January 28, 2016. Johanna Eurich - Kotzebue Sound is changing and beluga hunters are facing new competition. Researcher Manuel Castellote at the Alaska Fisheries Center placed underwater microphones in the Sound. Instead of belugas he found the source of the problem — killer whales. [APRN](#)

Mass seabird deaths prompt federal attention January 22, 2016. The National Wildlife Health Center has issued a bulletin on the deaths of common murrens over the last 11 months. Murre carcasses by the thousands have been found on beaches from the Alaska Panhandle to the East Aleutian Islands. [APRN](#)

Researchers: 'Blob' of Unusually Warm Ocean Water May be Causing Seabirds to Starve January 22, 2016. Tim Ellis -Thousands of the dead seabirds have been washing ashore along Alaska's coasts over the past several months. [Migratory bird expert Robb Kaler] says most scientists now believe a large area of abnormally warm water near the surface of the North Pacific, commonly referred to as "The Blob," is the root cause of the die-off. [KUAC](#)

Glacier silt inhibiting kelp growth in Bay January 21, 2016. Carey Restino — A recent study by the University of Alaska Fairbanks found that increased silt may be making it difficult for kelp to attach to underwater rocks. The silt may also be blocking sunlight to the bottom layers of the bay, limiting kelp's ability to photosynthesize. [Homer Tribune](#)

Video: Teaching kids to ski in villages across Alaska In 2011 U.S. Olympic cross country skier Lars Flora had an idea. If kids could be provided equipment and taught to ski, they could enjoy this fun and healthy activity all winter. With each year the Skiku program visits dozens of schools, teaching hundreds to ski. [Skiku.com](#)

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