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**LEO Network** See new posts about unusual environmental events from the Local Environmental Observer Network, - a fin whale stranding on St. George, winter caterpillar in King Salmon and an increase in lynx in Kivalina. New members please select ‘Join’ (upper right corner) to have full site access. [ANTHC](#)

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**How Arctic Communities Respond to Climate Change.** February 5, 2016. Emily Schwing - The diet or children in Arivit Nunavut contained almost no local foods. A range of factors has contributed to the shift – from a decline in traditional hunting practices to the thawing of food cellars dug deep into the permafrost. [Arctic Deeply](#)

**For the first time, researchers have documented algae-related toxins in Arctic sea mammals.** February 11, 2016. Yereth Rosen - Toxins produced by harmful algal blooms are showing up in Alaska marine mammals as far north as the Arctic Ocean — much farther north than ever reported previously. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

**Melting Greenland Ice Changing Ocean Circulation, Earth’s Gravitational Field.** February 8, 2016. Sima Sahar Zerehi - Greenland is losing about 8,300 tonnes of ice per second each day, a rapid mass loss that’s changing the Earth’s gravity field so quickly that we can detect it with satellites. [CBC News](#)

**Yukon Research Project Looks for Best Solar Panels for North.** February 5, 2016. - A Yukon solar energy company has teamed up with researchers at Yukon College’s Cold Climate Innovation Centre to determine what kind of solar technology works best in the North. [CBC News](#)

**OPINION: Speed of response to climate change still stuck on standard time.** January 15, 2016. Carey Restino - Unfortunately, we aren’t used to reacting very quickly to change. We react to emergencies, to some extent, especially if they involve people or valuable assets like ships or buildings. But seabirds? Well, certainly, there are those who are concerned. [The Arctic Sounder](#)

**Video: NASA | GPM: One Year of Storms** This video shows a look back at the snowstorms, tropical storms, typhoons, hurricanes and floods captured and analyzed by the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) mission from around the globe during 2015. [NASA](#)

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