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**LEO Network** See new posts about unusual environmental events from the Local Environmental Observer Network. Early waterfowl spotted in Anchorage, early salmonberry blossoms, and more. [ANTHC](#)

**Clime Map** See news articles about events around the circumpolar north. Nome is recording record high temperatures, wildfires in Wasilla and Alberta, and more. [ANTHC](#)

**Report: Faster Response Needed to Minimize Salmon Die-Offs** May 3, 2016 Keith Ridler - Northwest fisheries managers must respond faster to reduce fish kills of sockeye salmon in the Columbia River Basin if warm-water conditions return, a draft report taking a hard look at last summer's massive die-off says. [The Seattle Times](#)

**Canada is Losing Its Last Reindeer Herder** May 4, 2016 Savannah Scott - Over a decade since [Henrik Seva began] helping Canada's indigenous population, he's decided to return home to his clan in Sápmi to fight for his own people, who face a host of problems including deforestation and a dwindling population. This poses a huge problem for Canadian Reindeer, which now has to find a qualified replacement before his departure in July. [Vice](#)

**Despite Winter Darkness, Solar Power Might Work Better in Rural Alaska Than You'd Expect** May 8, 2016 Annie Zak - Sunlight actually might be for remote areas trying to diversify their energy sources. Villages here [in Barrow], some with the help of the federal government, are looking to solar as an alternative to fuel. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

**Thousands of Alaska Walruses Have Hauled out in a Surprising Spot. What Now?** May 6, 2016 Lisa Demer - Unexpectedly, the walruses showed up. Thousands of them hauled out this spring on a sandy Bristol Bay beach where no one remembers seeing them before. It's a setting for conflict between protection for the walruses and commercial fishing, brown bear hunts and air travel. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

**Alaska Birch Pollen Is Getting So Bad, Even Those without Allergies Might Suffer** May 3, 2016 Chris Klint - Spiking levels of birch pollen in Fairbanks, Anchorage and much of the rest of Alaska, with doctors seeing an influx of allergy and asthma patients, have gotten so bad that those who aren't allergic may be experiencing reactions to the airborne irritant. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

**Mystery Disease Showing up in Bering Sea Ribbon Seals** May 10, 2016 Yereth Rosen - Five years after a mysterious and sometimes disease struck Arctic Alaska ringed seals, causing them to lose their fur or bleeding lesions, there are signs of the disorder or something similar to it among a different species of ice-dwelling seals. [Alaska Dispatch News](#)

**Radio** - With warming ocean temperatures, the risk for paralytic shellfish poisoning can linger all year round. And Alaska has only one FDA-certified laboratory to test commercial shellfish. [Alaska Public Radio](#)

**Video - Inside the Alberta Wildfires.** May 9, 2016. On May 1, 2016, wildfires began to ravage the city of Fort McMurray in Alberta, Canada. More than 80,000 people were forced to evacuate from their homes. [YouTube](#)

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