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LEO Network - See observer posts about unusual events from the Local Environmental Observer Network. Early blueberries in Mountain Village, an unusual fish in the Koyuk river, the changing habits of sheep near Chistochina, and more. ANTHC

Clime Map - See news articles about events around the circumpolar north. Two orca whales wash up along Belcher Islands, record temperatures in northern Alaska, early wild mushrooms and berries in Finland, and more. <u>ANTHC</u>

Utsjoki Residents at Odds over Tenojoki Salmon Fishing Restrictions July 14, 2016 Uutiset News Reporter — Salmon fishing disputes that have plagued the Tenojoki river area for decades have risen to the surface once again after hard-line gear restrictions were implemented by Norwegian and Finnish government authorities. Residents of Utsjoki, the northernmost city in Finland, stand sharply divided over the new proposed rules. [Rauna Guttorm] says the new restrictions on drift net fishing would limit the fishing season to two weeks, which would make the time-intensive process of lowering and raising the weir network pointless. **Uutiset News**

High-Tech, Made-for-Nunavut Community Freezer on Its Way to Sanikiluaq July 6, 2016 John Van Dusen - Hunters in Sanikiluaq, Nunavut, will soon have more storage for seal, beluga and caribou meat thanks to a new community freezer on its way up this summer by sealift to the Belcher Islands. The community's current freezer has been out of commission for years, rusting away. CBC News North

As First Large Cruise Ship Sails Through Northwest Passage, Coast Guard Fears for Increasing Traffic July 11, 2016 John Van Dusen - As a large cruise ship gets ready to sail the Northwest Passage this summer, the commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard expects more to follow and with it more risk in changing Arctic waters. "What concerns us are the companies don't take as much care, don't do as much planning, don't have all the safety measures in place." CBC News North

Populations on the Rise in Alaska Villages Threatened by Erosion, Changing Climate July 11, 2014 Yereth Rosen - Some Alaska villages perched on thawing and eroding permafrost may have to move soon to more solid ground inland, a daunting prospect. So will, on their own, abandon their threatened communities and avoid the need to pay for such costly community relocations? Probably not, experts say. <u>Alaska Dispatch News</u>

Mapping Project Preps Barrow for Coastal Change July 8, 2016 Shady Grove Oliver - The storms that have wreaked havoc on the coastline combined with thawing permafrost mean Barrow and the North Slope could look very different in coming years. A multi-year, interagency, mapping project this month culminated in the launch of an information hub on coastal change in the area that scientists and researchers hope will help the community be more prepared for what's to come. The Arctic Sounder

Ice algae: The Engine of Life in the Central Arctic Ocean July 12, 2016 Alfred Wegener Institute - Algae that live in and under the sea ice play a much greater role for the Arctic food web than previously assumed. In a new study, biologists of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) showed that [it is] not only animals that live directly under the ice [that] thrive on carbon produced by so-called ice algae. Even species that mostly live at greater depth depend to a large extent on carbon from these algae. EurekAlert!

Veterinarian Proposes Overhaul of Vet Laws in Alaska July 8, 2016 Diana Hecker - In a public meeting last week at the Northwest Campus, veterinarian Eric Jayne held a presentation about a proposal that aims to reestablish the role of the Alaskan Board of Veterinary Examiners to ensure that the "veterinary needs of Alaskans are met thoroughly, competently and fairly." Nome has not had a practicing veterinarian since Dr. Derrick Leedy retired in December 2014. The Nome Nugget

Video: Flood in Krasnoyarsk Reported by the Siberian Times on YouTube

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