

## Climate and Health E-News

### *Connecting People and Raising Awareness in the Interests of Public Health*

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#### Fairbanks on Track for Record Low Snowfall

Fairbanks has received 24.8 inches of snow this winter as of March 19th, one of the lowest winter accumulations of snow since record keeping began in 1904.

However, the low snow accumulation doesn't necessarily mean there will be a big wildfire season this summer. Fairbanks Daily News Miner > [full story](#)

UAA researchers look into main culprits of untimely deaths in state. Alaskans are dying from diseases such as cancer, heart disease, strokes and respiratory disease, plus injuries and suicide. But why are we dying in those ways? A new University of Alaska Anchorage report looks at underlying causes of the top 10 Alaska killers. Addictions and substance abuse play a role in nine of the state's top 10 causes of death, the researchers found. Poor diet and nutrition and exposure to harmful pollution are the next most significant factors in Alaska deaths. Climate change also makes the list. Anchorage Daily News > [full story](#)

Warmer summers could create challenges for nesting Arctic seabirds (March 24, 2010) - In tropical regions, seabird deaths are often due to introduced predators, ecto-parasites or fishery collapse. In the Arctic, however, causes of bird deaths are a bit unusual. For example, birds can crash into each other or cliffs during heavy fogs, they can be smashed into the water by Katabatic winds, or they can die in rock slides. Three northern biologists suggest that warmer temperatures could also create survival challenges for nesting Arctic seabirds. ... > [full story](#)

Podcast of UAA Forum on Climate Change and Human Health - On March 16th, the National Wildlife Federation hosted a forum at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, to explore climate change impacts on public health. Presentations were made by allergist Dr. Jeffrey Demain, State Epidemiologist for Alaska, Dr. Joe McGlaughlin, and Michael Brubaker, Director of the Center for Climate and Health at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. KSKA > [Listen to Podcast](#)

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