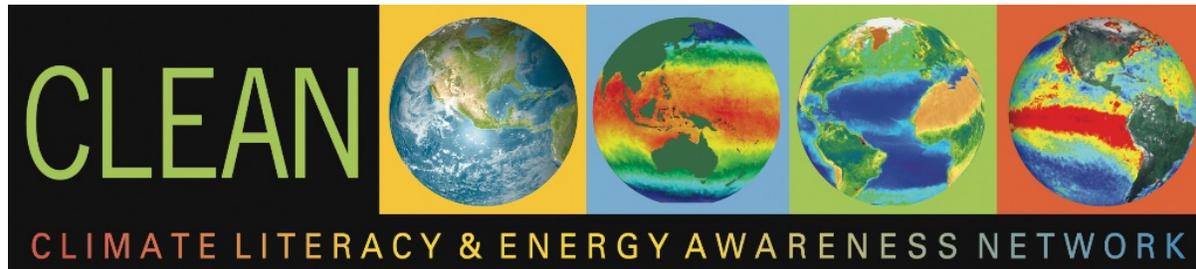
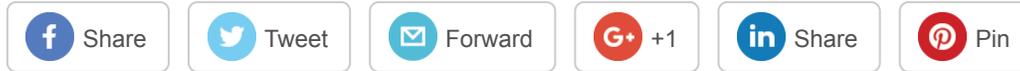


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February 15th, 2021

Topic: Critters and Climate Change

Animals are important parts of people's everyday lives, whether it is your dog or cat in the living room, or the birds out your window, animals are everywhere! As the climate changes, animals are suffering the effects. In this newsletter, you will find two resources on animals and climate change: 1) an activity that has students explore computer modelled climate change and the subsequent effects on caribou habitat, and 2) a video that discusses Arctic apex predators. We have also included an article that describes a recent study on how man-made structures alter the migration of species who are trying to move to escape their local changing climate conditions. Lastly, we want to hear from YOU! We are calling on our subscribers to share what they value in CLEAN.

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Activity: [Changes Ahoof: Could Climate Change Affect Arctic Caribou?](#)

Students run a simplified computer model to explore how climate conditions can affect caribou, the most abundant grazing animal in the Arctic.

Audience: Middle School

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background information in order to assess how climate changes will affect caribou in the Arctic. Students will be introduced to the climate model, will go through runs of the climate model and then have a class discussion. The activity ends with an assessment, where students will create a board game using their results and information provided.

CLEAN Resource Feature

Video: [A Warmer World for Arctic Animals](#)

This video documents the challenges that climate change presents for four specific Arctic predators: polar bears, arctic foxes, beluga whales, and walruses.

Audience: Elementary, Middle School, Informal

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This video engages students with animals in the Arctic. It discusses how apex predators such as polar bears, walruses, arctic foxes, and beluga whales are affected by changes in the Arctic food web. The Arctic food web is undergoing changes due to climate change.



In the News: [Man-made borders stop animals trying to avoid the effects of climate change](#)

This article discusses how animals have a need to migrate since their habitats are being altered because of climate change. It describes a recent study where scientists found man-made borders are obstructing the ability of animals to migrate. Solutions, such as permeable barriers, are suggested. It ends with the

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