



Health Impact Assessment in Climate Change Decision-Making

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Abstract: This paper describes the methodology and results of a Climate Change Health Assessment developed by Alaska Tribal Health System. There are nearly 110,000 Alaska Natives, half of whom live in rural and remote areas of Alaska. Climate change assessment has generally aggregated information above local resolution, limiting their value for community planning and policy use, and incompletely considering health impacts. Successful local and regional partnerships have contributed to climate trend analysis and modeling. The strong local evidence based approach, encouraged the development of a community-minded response strategies. The process informs stakeholders about climate change vulnerability, and is contributing to the development of new health assessment methodologies for rural Alaska. The presentation will describe the process, and findings from the case study.