SYLLABUS

Climate Change Seminar Series
FISH 492/692, BIOL 492/692
Fall 2015

Credits: 1 (or none), pass/fail
Prerequisites: none
Location: 201 O’Neill, Fairbanks
Meeting time: 1-2pm, Wed.

Instructor information: Mark Wipfli, IAB; co-instructors Todd Brinkman, IAB; Erik Schoen, IAB
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Course readings/materials: As recommended by presenters

Supplementary readings: None

Course description: Climate change seminar series. Course content will focus on a wide range of climate change topics – ecological, biological, political, and social, across marine, freshwater, terrestrial, and atmospheric systems. Class will meet once weekly and will consist entirely of seminars given by guest speakers specializing on climate change topics and issues. Students taking the seminar for credit will be required to attend class and engage speakers. Pass/fail grades will be based on attendance and participation. Students are required to introduce at least one speaker, and are responsible for preparing the introduction (through communication with the speaker) for their chosen/assigned speaker. This needs to be completed within the first two weeks of the term and the introduction sent to the instructor.

Course goals: Provide students with a fundamental understanding of the many facets of climate change, including causes and consequences, and potential political and social implications.

Instructional methods: One-hour seminar which includes a Q&A session and discussion, presented in Fairbanks. Class is video-conferenced (VCON) to other campuses within the state.

Course calendar: Meet for one 1-hr seminar per week. There is no exam.

Course policies: Attendance is required for those taking the course for credit.

Evaluation: Pass- all classes attended, with the exception of pre-excused absences.
Fail- one or more seminars not attended.

Support Services: Negotiated upon request.

Disabilities Services: The Office of Disability Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. The instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.