

## **OC Overview for the week of October 1 2018**

### **Climate scientists are struggling to find the right words for very bad news**

The IPCC, otherwise known as the intergovernmental panel on climate change, duties include informing governments on climate change statistics and introducing global plans to limit more dire results. Their main concern, currently, is atmospheric warming. The panel goal is to contain warming to at most 1.5 degrees Celsius or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit. The outlook for reaching this goal is slim. The planet has already warmed 1 degree Celsius, leaving only .5 degrees left of this goal. In the newest report by the IPCC, the council pushes for change through the “Talanoa Dialogue,” where the countries under the Paris agreement now must discuss where and how they veered from their original goals in 2015 and how they must act now to ensure the 1.5 degree goal is reached. (via [The Washington Post](#))

### **U.S. Supreme Court declines to take Martins Beach case — a win for California's landmark coastal access law**

In the final verdict for Martins Beach, the beach-goers have won. This long disputed case was brought into national attention when a Silicon Valley Billionaire refused to open his gate to allow for beach access. Claiming private property rights; local beach goers and NGOs fought his claim. However, this case was more than just beach access rights. For many, it was a fight against unequal rights between the extremely wealthy and middle class America. (via [Los Angeles Times](#))

### **Rolling Back Regulations, and Arctic Sea Ice Keeps Melting**

[The New York Times](#) in this weekly column detail the current news relating to our planet's climate and climate change. In this issue, the column talks of the loosening of environmental policy within the U.S., the loss of government climate advisors, and the inevitable loss of Arctic Ice. Enjoy! (via [The New York Times](#))

### **Commercial fishing banned across much of the Arctic**

Nine nations that include Japan, Russia, and Norway have signed an agreement in Greenland which bans any commercial fishing in a zone the size of the Mediterranean Sea within a newly opened portion of the Arctic. As climate change continues to warm oceanic waters and the air, the Arctic melts, opening pathways never before explored. This pact will last 16 years and is intended to help give time for international agreements to be made surrounding the Arctic. (via [The Guardian](#))

### **A Global Ban on Fishing on the High Seas? The Time Is Now**

<https://e360.yale.edu/features/a-global-ban-on-fishing-on-the-high-seas-the-time-is-now>

### **The Right Story at the Right Time: Marine Genetic Resources in the News**

<https://nereusprogram.org/works/the-right-story-at-the-right-time-marine-genetic-resources-in-the-news/>

### **New tool developed by UBC researchers helps conservationists make smarter decisions**

[https://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2018-09/uobc-ntd091418.php](https://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2018-09/uobc-ntd091418.php)