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Sea Ice Secure, an award winning short film produced by Sustainable Futures North (SFN) and filmmaker Sarah Betcher, is now available for viewing on the project website: <http://www.sustainablefuturesnorth.org/>.

Sea Ice Secure is part of the *Tied to the Land* film series that showcases how 10 Northwest rural Alaskan villages are seeking effective ways of adapting to rapid changes in climate, weather and development. You will be immersed into the daily lives of active hunters, fishers and gatherers at home and while out in this arctic landscape when seen by air, land and sea. Stay tuned for the rest of the engaging short films to be released.

Sea Ice Secure focuses on five Northwest Alaskan rural coastal communities: Deering, Kivalina, Kotzebue, Point Hope and Nome that rely on sea ice for food security, transportation and to maintain a way of life that is imperiled due to the rapid change in climatic conditions. Several people from each village participated in interviews while fishing, hunting, and gathering by car, boat, aircraft, snowmachine, four-wheelers and foot.

Most recently, *Sea Ice Secure* won an honorable mention in the 2015 Greenpeace short film contest in which over 500 filmmakers across the United States submitted films showcasing local climate change stories.

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The Sustainable Futures North (SFN) project is concerned with developing a sophisticated understanding of the interactions among environmental security, natural resource development, and climate change in the North American Arctic and Subarctic regions.

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