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New research suggests that policy and a lack of protection of Indigenous rights, more than environmental change or the high costs of food and fuel, are the primary drivers of food insecurity in the rural North. This is one of several findings in a newly published paper by UAF affiliated faculty Philip Loring, Assistant Professor at the University of Saskatchewan and Craig Gerlach, Professor at University of Calgary. The paper, which appears in the September 2015 issue of *Arctic*, synthesizes the academic literature on food security research for the North American Arctic and Subarctic. Loring and Gerlach argue that solutions to northern food insecurity should focus on improving local peoples' flexibility to respond to environmental change, and on supporting their right to pursue food security on their own terms.

In conjunction with this paper, the Sustainable Futures North (SFN) project has released the "Tied to the Land" film series of four short films by Alaska filmmaker Sarah Betcher, which showcase how people in Northwest Alaska are seeking effective ways of responding to rapid changes in climate, weather and industrial development. Additionally, SFN has released three fact-sheets on food insecurity in three regions of the North American North: Bristol Bay and Kotzebue Sound in Alaska, and Baffin Island, Nunavut, Canada. The films and fact sheets can be found on the SFN homepage: www.sustainablefuturesnorth.org.

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