

**Assignment 2: “State of Fear”**

Geo 09

DUE: in class, October 8<sup>th</sup>

From the footnotes and references found in “State of Fear” select one article to review. The article must be from a peer-reviewed scientific journal\*.

1. In one paragraph, state the primary observations and conclusions of this article. Use your own words where possible.
2. Does Michael Crichton represent the paper’s point of view correctly? Would you have come to the same conclusion from your reading of the article?
3. Read an article that has the opposing viewpoint [ask Susan Kimball (the Science Librarian) for help finding such an article]. In comparing the two articles, can you make any definitive statements on the issue at hand? If not, is there a preponderance of data that allows you to come to a conclusion? Or construct an informed hypothesis?

\*(References to newspaper articles, books, and web-based documents are no more reliable than an op-ed piece – because they have not been peer-reviewed. Thus, they are not used to support hypotheses in scientific research or in rigorous analyses).