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Agency issues gag order to scientists  
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials in Alaska have issued an order barring government scientists from speaking about global warming, melting sea ice or polar bears while traveling, according to an agency memo. The agency is being sued to list polar bears as endangered. Only a spokesperson appointed by the service will be allowed to comment.

"This is obviously a gag order to keep scientists from talking honestly about climate change," says Kieran Suckling of the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental organization. Last year the Bush administration rescinded an order that NASA scientists not discuss global warming.