

Polar bear claim wins Rubber Dodo

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SARAH Palin may have seen the light — sort of — on climate change, but that did not spare her from being named America's environmental enemy of the year.

The Centre for Biological Diversity awarded Mrs Palin its Rubber Dodo award for her insistence — despite evidence to the contrary — that the polar bear population was rising across the Arctic. The Arizona think tank condemned the Alaska Governor as a "global warming denier".

"Her position on global warming is so extreme, she makes Dick Cheney look like an Al Gore devotee," director Kieran Suckling said.

The slap comes less than a week after Mrs Palin admitted the possibility of a human factor causing climate change.

Mrs Palin is also reported to have bought a tanning bed and moved it into the governor's mansion soon after her election.

A few months later, in May 2007, she said: "Skin cancer is caused, overwhelmingly, by overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and from tanning beds."

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