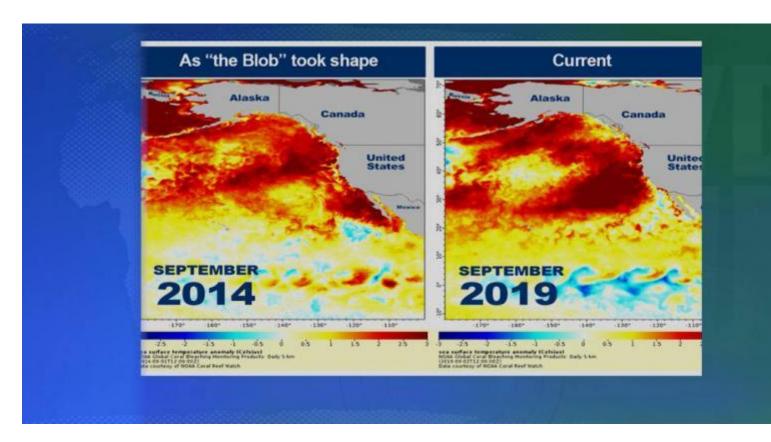
## Heating of Pacific Ocean threatens marine life and endangered species



New York, September 9 (RHC)-- In climate news, U.S. scientists say a massive area of the northeastern Pacific Ocean is five degrees Fahrenheit hotter than average, in a warming event rivaling the so-called Blob of 2014.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration warns it's the second-worst marine heat wave observed since the agency first began collecting satellite data in 1981. The warm waters threaten to spawn a massive algal bloom and could decimate fish populations, threatening sea lions, endangered orcas and humpback whales.



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