## Alaska Coastal Academy

## Utilizing unique facilities and expertise to provide marine science education for the coastal future of Alaska

Offering a step forward for the youth of coastal communities with actual and practical marine science education through participation in real marine science projects. The Alaska Coastal Academy will help open the door for the indigenous, Alaska Coastland peoples to become our leaders toward the future with the expertise, contacts and experience to control their own destiny to the benefit of all.



A few of the issues faced by the youth of Alaska includes coastland erosion, exploitation, commercial over fishing, cultural incompatibilities, retreating sea ice, loss of control over their own destiny.



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For Young Alaskan Coastal People, Leaders of the Future

This endeavor needs likeminded leaders that can see the issues and goals for our coastal dwellers along the stunning 6,400 miles of shoreline of Alaska.

The purpose is to provide a hands on, <u>real connections</u> between the villagers and scientific community by working on projects together for the benefit and education of both parties. The young coastal people will then grow into management with contacts, experience and knowledge needed to deal with the future of one of greatest resources.

To facilitate this project, I will provide a center on a 90 acre inland Island Village as well as two research vessels well over 100 feet in length as well as guidance from my long 50 year history of Oceanographic projects throughout all Alaskan waters, 30 years with an unmatched record for "No down time – No Incidents – 100% Completion on Schedule. My clients have been State, Federal, Universities and major corporations here in Alaska for over 30 years.

The concept is simple; provide a live on the job training program for the young of our coastal communities working side by side with professionals on real marine science projects. The end result is of course that many of our "students" will become the shakers and movers in Alaska's future.

Can it be done? Of course, I've already done it in many smaller, separate projects over many decades. That's why I know it works! Now, that I have retired, I can bring everything together and completely focus on this long range educational project for Alaska so we can move forth into future with strong, experienced leaders.

If you would like to participate we have openings for;

- Board positions
- Support staff
- Management and business services
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