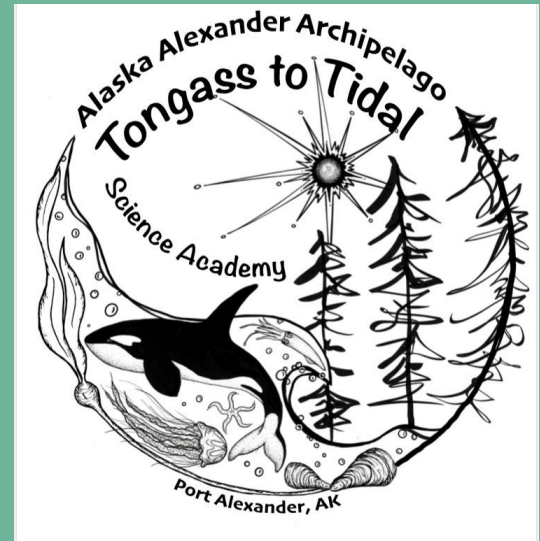


What is AAATTSA?

- 9 week program during Quarter 1
- Recruited 6 students nationwide
- Studied Environmental and Ecological Sciences with a Friday field day.
- Port Alexander locals and Sitka locals shared their wealth of knowledge about various Tongass and Marine topics
- Students connected with college students that attended OuterCoast this fall
- Students attended the annual Sitka Whalefest



AAATTSA Program Stands on 3 Pillars

**Environmental and
Ecological
Studies**

Leadership

Service and Labor

Quotes from 2021 AAATTSA Students

"AAATTSA has been an experience that was life-changing and eye-opening."

"AAATTSA was a singularly interesting experience. One that will probably stick with me through the years."

"I really hope that the program continues so others can have this unique experience."

"I made lifelong friends and found myself a home away from home."

"Not only did it bring a random group of six teenagers together to form bonds that I hope will last a lifetime, but it also gave us a look at how important our environment is and a list of possible careers and futures none of us really considered until AAATTSA."

"Coming from a small reservation in Arizona, this program has really changed my life."

"Coming here was an amazing opportunity, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in seeing what it's like here."

Week 1

Completed
Kayak
Training

Went on a
field trip
longlining for
halibut

Went
wilderness
camping







Week 2



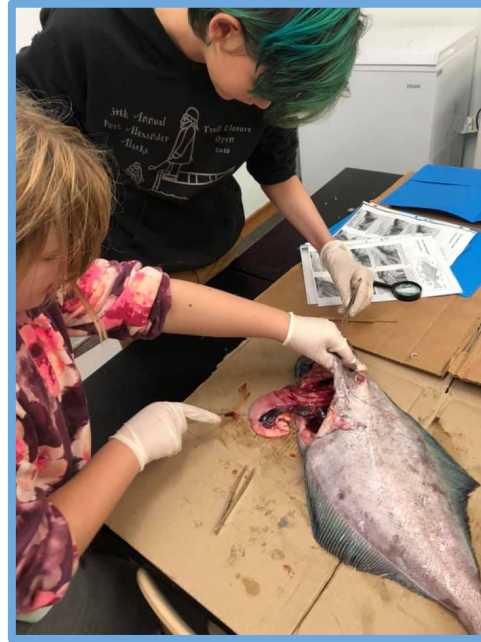
- Alison from AMSEA came out
- Students become trained in cold water safety education

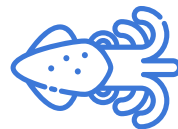
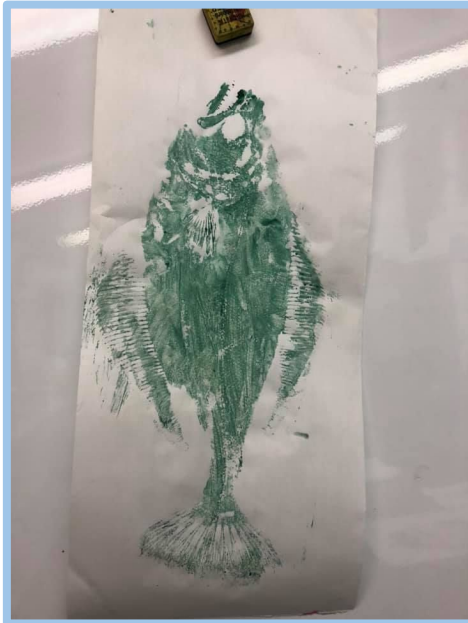
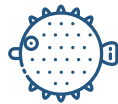
Week 3 ~ Ecology of the Ocean

~ Researched 5 fish in the first Zone AND presented

~Made fish prints

~ Dissected fish





Week 4 ~ The Tongass National Forest

- Understood Old Growth and why it's important for sustainability of all organisms
- Went on a field study to identifying fungi



Week 5

Explored the effects of Glacial melt on ecosystems.



Week 6- Ocean Acidification

- Learned about the impacts acidification has on organisms
- Gathered samples of water from:
 - Ship's Cove
 - Red can
 - Pyramid Cove
 - Front dock
 - Back Lagoon
 - The Point
- Tested the pH level of the different samples.



Marine Debris Data Analysis

Type of Debris	Frequency
Plastic	150
Paper	100
Food	50
Glass	20
Metal	10
Textiles	5
Other	5

Legend:

- Plastic (Blue)
- Paper (Green)
- Food (Yellow)
- Glass (Red)
- Metal (Purple)
- Textiles (Orange)
- Other (Pink)

Explored:

- Where our garbage goes
- Waste Audit
- Marine Debris Clean Up
- Created art from Marine Debris

Marine Debris



Week 8 and 9 – FUNDRAISING



Built a boardwalk, gathered help for various families, trimmed bushes, and created a GoFund Me account

2021 Whalefest



Attended Whalefest at a watch party, Raptor Center, Sitka Sound Science Center, Snorkeling, and Wildlife Cruise.

**Thank you for supporting us during the pilot
year!**

