

# 2021 Alaska Ocean Leadership Awards

## Walter J. & Ermalee Hickel's Lifetime Achievement Award

\$1,000 cash prize

Sponsored by: The late Governor Walter J. Hickel  
and the late Ermalee Hickel

Awarded to an individual or institution that has made an exceptional contribution to management of Alaska's coastal and ocean resources over a period of 20 or more years.

2010 Recipient: Senator Ted Stevens and Dr. Vera Alexander  
2011 Recipient: Dr. Clarence Pautzke  
2012 Recipient: Caleb Pungowiyi  
2013 Recipient: Clement V. Tillion  
2014 Recipient: Stan Stephens  
2015 Recipient: Al Burch  
2016 Recipient: Captain Ed Page  
2017 Recipient: Dorothy Childers  
2018 Recipient: Mead Treadwell  
2019 Recipient: Darryl Schaefermeyer  
2020 Recipient: Molly McCammon

## Stewardship and Sustainability Award

Sponsored by: Jason Brune

Awarded to an industry initiative that demonstrates the highest commitment to sustainability of ocean resources.

2010 Recipient: The Marine Conservation Alliance  
2011 Recipient: Shell Alaska Venture  
2012 Recipient: North Pacific Fishery Management Council  
2013 Recipient: Holland America Line  
2014 Recipient: Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center  
2015 Recipient: Alyeska Pipeline's Vessel of Opportunity Program  
2016 Recipient: SeaShare  
2017 Recipient: ConocoPhillips  
2018 Recipient: Major Marine Tours  
2019 Recipient: Eklutna, Inc.  
2020 Recipient: Alaska Wildland Adventures

## Marine Research Award

\$500 cash prize

Sponsored by: Drs. Clarence Pautzke and Maureen McCrea

Awarded to a scientist, team of scientists or an institution that is acknowledged by peers to have made an original breakthrough contribution or a career spanning achievement in any field of scientific knowledge about Alaska's oceans.

2010 Recipient: Dr. Gordon Kruse  
2011 Recipient: Dr. Jeremy Mathis  
2012 Recipient: Jan Straley  
2013 Recipient: Drs. Katrin Ilken, Brenda Konar,  
Russ Hopcroft and Bodhil Bluhm  
2014 Recipient: Dr. Tom Weingartner  
2015 Recipient: Drs. Jacqueline Grebmeier and Lee Cooper  
2016 Recipient: Dr. Gunnar Knapp  
2017 Recipient: Dr. Stanley "Jeep" Rice  
2018 Recipient: Dr. John "Craig" George  
2019 Recipient: Lloyd Lowry and Kathy Frost  
2020 Recipients: Dr. Carin Ashjian; Alaska Beluga Whale Committee

## Marine Science Outreach Award

(Formerly Ocean Literacy and Ocean Media Awards)

\$500 cash prize

Sponsored by: Alaska Ocean Observing System

Awarded to a person, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to ocean literacy via formal or informal education, media or other communications about Alaska's marine ecosystems.

### Ocean Literacy

2010 Recipient: Kenai Fjords Tours Marine Science Explorer Program  
2011 Recipient: Elizabeth Trowbridge - CACS  
2012 Recipient: Kurt Byers & Sea Grant Staff  
2013 Recipient: Bonita Nelson

### Ocean Media

2010 Recipient: Elizabeth Arnold  
2011 Recipient: Marine Conservation Alliance  
2012 Recipient: Deborah Mercy  
2013 Recipient: Thomas Litwin and Lawrence Hott

### Marine Science Outreach

2014 Recipient: Laurie "Poppy" Benson  
2015 Recipient: Benjamin Carney  
2016 Recipient: Susan Saupe  
2017 Recipient: Phyllis Shoemaker  
2018 Recipient: Paula Cullenberg  
2019 Recipient: Marilyn Sigman  
2020 Recipient: Dr. Switgard Duesterlo

## Hoffman-Greene Ocean Youth Award

\$500 cash prize

Sponsored by: Dale Hoffman

Awarded to an individual or team of Alaskan youth up to 19 years old who has displayed a dedication to promoting the understanding and stewardship of Alaska's oceans.

2013 Recipient: Ahmaogak Sweeney  
2014 Recipient: Pribilof Student Marine Research Student Team  
2015 Recipient: Alisa Aist  
2016 Recipient: Sofia Astaburuaga Larenas  
2017 Recipient: Cade Emory Terada  
2018 Recipient: Kyrstyn Kelly  
2019 Recipient: Karl Pfeiffenberger

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## Ocean Ambassador Award

The Ocean Ambassador Award was created to recognize an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions in promoting public awareness and appreciation of Alaska's oceans, coasts, and marine ecosystems.

2015 Recipient: Ray Troll  
2016 Recipient: Arliss Sturgulewski  
2018 Recipient: V Rae  
2020 Recipient: Fran Ulmer