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Ocean Lovers Wanted

Share your Experience and Love of the Ocean for our Youth

We are looking for experienced Ocean People who would like to share their knowledge and skills about the ocean. Whether it is fishing, canoeing, or farming we would like to have you be a part of shaping our next generation's life and their experience with the ocean. This is a great opportunity to share and maintain the culture surrounding our islands and our oceans.

Do you?

- Have a deep understanding of the ocean and how it is important to our islands and culture?
- Have a willingness to share your skills and knowledge with our youth regarding ocean conservation?
- Have an interest in providing information about customs, beliefs, and practices that are tied to our ocean?
- Want to work with middle school and college students?
- Value a learning exchange with our youth about how science compares with traditional knowledge?

If you answered yes to these questions, we hope that you would consider working with Project HOPE - Healthy Oceans and People Empowerment - a project funded by the Administration for Native Americans(ANA) with a goal of improving 6th grade public school science test scores through ocean conservation awareness.

Our test method is aimed at utilizing an inter-generational exchange of culture and science between students and elders. Our design uses conservation teams consisting of 1-2 Ocean Elders, 2-3 NMC ENRO college students and \pm 30 6th grade students. Initially there will be 3 conservation teams who will do a variety of ocean conservation related activities, a stewardship project, and attend an ocean conservation camp. We anticipate

we need you for 2-3 hours per week and it might be on varying days both on weekdays and weekends. Our activities will run from approximately February to June. Expenses related to your participation will be covered by our grant. You will be asked to sign a letter of commitment, contribute to surveys and help keep track of your participation.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated and needed for our community to preserve our biggest natural resource surrounding our islands. The ocean is our way of life. We need you to share what that means to you and what it means to our youth for generations to come. Thank you in advance for your consideration!