



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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The purpose of this letter is to provide third party verification of the quality of Alpena Community College's curriculum.

By signing this letter, I certify that I am a knowledgeable professional in the field of marine operations and research illustrated by my current position of Superintendent with NOAA'S Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and have verified the industry validity of the material presented in the following course(s)/program(s):

- AAS in Marine Technology
  - Ocean & Great Lakes Issues: Working and Science at Sea
  - United by Water: Underwater Archaeology & Maritime History
  - Intro to Submersible Robotics with Build
  - Hydraulic & Pneumatic Power
  - ROV Capstone Project
  - Research Diver: Theory and Practice
  - PC Base Data Acquisition and Control

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jefferson J. Gray".

Jefferson J. Gray  
Superintendent, Thunder Bay NMS

