



Greetings from Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary!

As the new Communications and Outreach Coordinator for GRNMS, I would like to introduce myself to you:

My name is Amy Rath. Originally from Savannah, Georgia, my passion for the natural environment and sense of adventure led me across the North American continent to Alaska where I enjoyed a rewarding and adventurous life and career for

nearly a decade. While in Alaska, I challenged and developed myself professionally, obtaining a Bachelor of Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Physical Geography with a minor in Geology, and a concentration in Biological Sciences. I am now completing a master's in Natural Resource Management and Geography at UAF with a strong emphasis on marine environments and education.

Over the past decade, I have taken advantage of fantastic opportunities through UAF to work in some of the most amazing places, along Alaska's coastlines, in its gorgeous rivers and seas, and in rural Alaskan villages. Outside of work I soak up time outdoors, most often mucking around or paddling through a salt marsh. I pour energy into my life and my work and in return, it energizes my soul.

As I come on-board with GRNMS, I resign from my position as Education Specialist with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at the UAF, where I played a key role on ACEP's outreach team to disseminate information to the public and to educate Alaska's youth, with a goal to inspire our future work force, leaders, decision makers and community members.

I am incredibly excited to bring my diverse research and communications background to serve the outreach programs of GRNMS and I look forward to communicating with the local community and collaborating with its research programs. Please contact me with any questions, requests, or just to say hello at amy.rath@noaa.gov or 912-598-2397.

