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Tamamta (all of us): Transforming fisheries education, research and governance

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Alaska is home to 229 federally recognized Tribes; Indigenous Peoples have stewarded fisheries in Alaska for tens of thousands of years, yet Tribes and Indigenous Peoples are still fighting for basic inclusion in fisheries education, research, and governance systems. This talk will explore the Tamamta (All of Us) Program with particular attention to our learning in the program across Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and faculty as we grapple with how to have difficult dialogues and transform systems to help advance equity across our varied positionalities and experiences. We advocate for ontological (ways of being) and epistemological (ways of knowing) pluralism and institutional and policy change that centers Indigenous governance and wellbeing.

Courtney holds a PhD in environmental anthropology from the University of Washington. She has devoted her career to working with fishing communities to understand social and cultural dimensions of fishery systems and to improve education, research, and policy processes to better include these elements. Courtney partners with Indigenous communities to promote social and environmental justice goals. She has been honored with the Denali Award from the Alaska Federation of Natives and the Emmeline Moore Prize from the American Fisheries Society.

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