

Science aides train

Scientific aides Howard Patkotak, Kenneth Tagorook and Barry Akpik recently participated in a week long training program at Hubbs-Sea World Institute in San Diego, California. The three CETA participants are currently employed with the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory in Barrow and are primarily working in the bio-acoustics program.

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