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### **Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Sponsors Thunder Bay International Film Festival**

*Alpena, Michigan, January 23, 2018* – Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) recently joined forces with local businesses to sponsor the fourth annual Thunder Bay International Film Festival.

For five days each January, the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary provide Alpena and the surrounding communities a unique opportunity to view films from around the world through a partnership with The International Ocean Film Festival. The various film screenings are accompanied with social events, educational activities, and opportunities to meet filmmakers. This year, there were over 60 films available for viewing during the five-day period with screenings being held in Roger City, Harrisville, and Alpena.

The film festival also included a student film competition, allowing students in grades K-12 to submit a short film of five minutes or less explaining what sanctuary means to them. The winner of this competition then goes on to compete in a state level film festival competition.

AAACU is proud to support the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary by sponsoring the Thunder Bay International Film Festival and providing community members and youth the opportunity to learn and create.

*AAACU serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 8 locations: the main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Atlanta, Oscoda, Tawas, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of December 31, 2017, AAACU provides service to 28,640 members with total assets equal to \$331,997,647.*