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artist statement

I grew up in a Southern California suburb where life was rich with consumerism, concrete and sprawl. The climate was warm and unchanging. Some would call it paradise.

Then I escaped. I never really imagined it was so easy until it happened. I became a fisherman and sought out the northern latitudes as a means to live a more physically challenging life.

Arcticness is a group of images from the far North that I've compiled over the past 3 years. These are outtakes from the visual journal of my life as a fisherman in the Bering Sea, and my wanderings around Arctic Norway during the off-season. With these photographs, I strive to inspire the adventure of escaping common life.

biography

Corey Arnold is a commercial fisherman and fine art photographer based in Portland, OR. He has lived in Oslo, Norway for the past four years while commuting seasonally to Alaska, where he works on a crab-fishing boat in the Bering Sea. Corey graduated with a BFA from the Academy of Art San Francisco in 1999.

His recent project involves photographing fishermen and whalers in remote regions of Arctic Norway and Alaska. In 2005, he received an American-Scandinavian Foundation grant for the project. Corey's work has been exhibited worldwide and has been printed in recent publications such as *Italian Rolling Stone*, *Giant Robot*, *Outside*, *Juxtapoz*, *RE:UP*, *Men's Journal*, *Norwegian Adbusters*, and *National Fisherman*, among dozens of others.

When not fishing or photographing, Corey can be found skateboarding or pondering the landscape design of his backyard. coreyfishes.com