

## **“The Calvineers Movie”: Documenting the power of conservation through education**

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In the documentary film “The Calvineers Movie”, a STEM conservation group of youth educates and informs the public and world of the challenges faced by the North Atlantic right whale. The Calvineers are a successful example of a pilot rural Maine STEM project in action. Currently in production, “The Calvineers Movie” documents the decade-plus work of principle investigator Bill McWeeny and his group The Calvineers, a North Atlantic right whale conservation group from the Adams School in Castine, Maine. The Calvineers are not only featured in this film as doing educational outreach, but also as student investigators interviewing key scientists and industry leaders about their related works via “Calvincast” podcasts. “Calvincast” podcasts amplify voices of the young people who are now, more than ever, speaking out to educate the world at large of the dangers to our fragile planet, including those to the North Atlantic right whale.