

## Jasmine Novack Artist statement

Having grown up just blocks from the Mukilteo beach gave me a childhood that was full of exploration and wonder. That led me to be curious about what was under the surface of our dark and mysterious water, and I became scuba certified as an adult. Diving gave me access to a world that many people do not get to see, and has given me a sense of purpose and direction in my art.

I've been a cold diver now for over 16 years and derive the inspiration for my work from my experiences while diving. I am a self taught painter that obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, and focused mainly on marine sciences and environmental justice. My education has helped me navigate and understand the water, and has allowed me to feel safe and comfortable in the often turbulent and murky diving conditions of the PNW. I then learned how to use a camera to capture the things I saw on my dives, and I take those photos into my studio to translate them into paintings.

I hope my work will spark curiosity for the darker places of the ocean, and bring awareness to a world that is mostly unseen and often overlooked.

### Education:

University of Washington, Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies