

Dear Variname,

Here at the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences exciting things are happening. Despite a down economy, some of our investments are paying off. The Alaska Region Research Vessel has passed the final design review phase and has been funded by the National Science Foundation. The Lena Point Fisheries Building has been completed, and faculty, students, and staff have moved in! More people are choosing to advance their education as they seek new job skills or change careers, and the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences is ready to prepare them for a brighter future.

Now is an exceptional time for you to support your alma mater. Your gift can help students learn in the freshwater river systems in Interior Alaska, study and work near the longest coastline in the United States, and gain knowledge about some of the most productive and sustainable marine ecosystems in the world.

We ask our alumni to help support students who seek a quality education in the fisheries and ocean sciences. Your gift can support the Marine Advisory Program, increase student recruitment and retention efforts, boost opportunities for students to travel to conduct research, hire additional faculty to train the next generation of fisheries and ocean sciences professionals and many other important opportunities. To learn more, please visit us on the web at [www.sfos.uaf.edu](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu).

Take the time to think about the future, remember the past, and please consider supporting the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. If you have questions or would like to talk about our school, please give me a call at 907-474-7210.

Sincerely,

Denis Wiesenburg

Dean, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences

**P.S.** The students of today will become tomorrow's leaders in the study of our oceans and fisheries, enhancing the reputation of a degree from UAF as you have done before them.

*Your gift continues that momentum!*



### The Alaska Region Research Vessel

After decades of planning and research, UAF is in the final stages of securing funding from the National Science Foundation for a new 254-foot, multimillion-dollar arctic research vessel. The Alaska Region Research Vessel will move science in Alaska forward by moving scientists and students from many disciplines into the marine environments of the Arctic and sub-Arctic. The vessel, recently called "the new U.S. flagship for polar research" by *Nature* magazine, will be docked in Seward, Alaska. The ship is expected to be completed and science-ready in 2013.

We change lives. You make it happen.



### The Lena Point Fisheries Building

Our faculty, staff and graduate students who live, work and study in Juneau now have a brand-new, state-of-the-art building. Completed in November 2008, the Lena Point Fisheries Building is a 29,000-square-foot facility that includes running saltwater laboratories, teaching laboratories, classrooms and offices. The building is equipped with high-tech distance learning equipment that lets students and faculty in Fairbanks, Juneau and our other locations take classes together and collaborate across great distances. The building is next to the Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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