

Minutes

DCB Meeting 5/2/2019

Approve the minutes of the November 2018 meeting

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Topics:

- 1) DSO update (Brenda)
 - a. Dive statistics: up to date. Sent to AAUS. Submitted the AAUS dive manual
 - b. KBay Diving Class updates: 26 students; 6 from Juneau. Should Sherry teach a UAS section? We can explore.
 - c. Jared was certified to 100 feet
 - d. Amanda was going to come down in June but sensors are not here so trip will be postponed
 - e. Designate Juneau as a dive site when you enter dive information (ie Juneau-Auke Rec)
- 2) Sitka diving update
 - a. Wrapping up last day of 2019 dive semester. Taught 14 divers who came to Sitka. Total dives (790 dives) Open water and Advanced and Rescue and Scientific Diving. Wrapping up the internship. Instead of 1 project they had 3 projects on the invasive tunicate: assess level of efficacy of treatments for eradication. Mapping could be improved. Another project was kelp ecosystems. Lastly, teamed with city and harbor master to clean up harbor. One student completed over 100 dives during the semester.
Lessons learned: some students could not complete the swim tests even though they were open water divers. They were not able to take the course. Now some of these students are working at ADFG. Jared taking a student.
 - b. Summer plans? Still looking into another diver to help with the class. They have 2 students who have Dive masters.
 - c. Reid going to Homer on Sunday for a 4-5 day camping trip for a June 1 start.
 - d. Can we review scientific boating safety group activity? Joel did review minutes. Joel is a personal member for the Boating organization. Have we thought anymore about joining as an organization? And we do not have the money. There is a lot of boating that goes on in diverse programs through UAF. Jared did a bit of homework: can cross training occur between agencies and UA? NOAA and USGS may be interested but it would have to go to higher levels. Neil Nickerson teaches a MASTERS boating course which provides a lot of sea time.
- 3) Juneau diving update

- a. 6 new divers
 - b. Could use more dry suits: An RFP: technology improvement grants for advanced equipment. Teaching Innovation grants. We have had Sitka send a dry suit for a diver during the summer. DUI rep gave a 50% off so Sitka got 4 more suits. Latex deteriorates in the building
- 4) Grad student DCB member update:
- a. Jared will get a dive plan for St Paul. Compressor being tested.
 - b. Brian: no update except nice writeup in SeaGrants Fishlines
- 5) Good of the order
- a. Mariculture positions: What can we think of in the form of Initiatives for dive program