



UA Diving Control Board Fall 2024 Draft Meeting Agenda

Oct 23, 2024

3:00pm - 4:00pm (Held over Zoom)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

I. Call to order

II. Establishment of Quorum

a. In attendance:

- i. [Brenda Konar](#) - DSO, Professor of Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks
- ii. [Joel Markis](#) - DCB Chair, Associate Professor of Applied Fisheries UAS, Sitka
- iii. [Amanda Kelley](#) - Associate Professor of Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks (absent)
- iv. [Carter Johnson](#) - Ph.D. Student in Fisheries UAF CFOS, Juneau
- v. [Emily Reiter](#) - Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management UAF, Fairbanks
- vi. [Hannah Kepner](#) - M.S. Student in Biological Oceanography UAF CFOS, Fairbanks (non-voting) (absent)
- vii. [Katrin Iken](#) - Professor of Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks
- viii. [Mack Hughes](#) - M.S. Student in Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks (resigned)
- ix. [Michael Navarro](#) - Associate Professor of Marine Fisheries UAS, Juneau
- x. [Schery Umanzor](#) - Assistant Professor Mariculture UAF CFOS, Juneau (absent)

III. Adoption of Agenda *brenda moves Katrin seconds* - none opposed

IV. Approval of [previous meeting minutes \(6.17.24\)](#) *Brenda moved Carter seconds* - none opposed

V. Dive Safety Officer Update - Brenda

- a. AAUS dive logging has been updated and we are working through some of the challenges of a new system but an overall positive change.

VI. Brief Program Updates -

- a. Fairbanks - Spring dive classes are a go!
- b. Juneau - CFOS - pumpkin carving contest this weekend, ongoing dive related projects and proficiency dives. Carter and James are now 100' certified. Underwater Photo Shoot at the brewery in Juneau.
- c. Juneau - UAS We're teaching the scientific diving prereq courses and training course at UAS for small groups of students (<6 per semester); prereq courses are in the [catalog](#) as PE S200 (open water/drysuit certs) and S210 (rescue/advanced certs). Over the summer, and possible Augustmester to align/not overlap with UAF and UAS Sitka, Scientific Diving (BIOL S293) is proposed to be added to the UAS BIOL program and will run this summer, session 2, as a trial.
 - i. F24 and S25 - PE s200

- ii. Summer 25
 - 1. Session 1 - PE S200 and S210;
 - 2. Session 2 - BIOL S293.
- iii. Needed transfers between programs can be done with course substitutions, if amenable.
- d. Sitka - 14 in Open water class and 14 admitted to Dive Semester in Spring 2025
 - i. bringing 2 former students in to help deliver dive semester

VII. Old Business

- a. Dive Manual Updates - Brenda / Joel
 - i. AAUS Updates have been incorporated
 - 1. [UA Scientific Diving Standards Manual Oct 2024 FINAL DRAFT](#)
 - Joel will add 1 year time lapse on requalification procedures
 - change DCB-appointed diver to check out diver
 - 2. [UA Dive Manual vs. AAUS Checklist 2024](#)

VIII. New Business

- a. Mack Hughes graduated and is no longer affiliated with UA
 - i. Solicit UAF - Student Representative (possible Chelsie Kov... UAA Lives in Anc)
- b. Spring DCB Meeting **March 19th 2:00 pm**

IX. Action Items

X. Resources

- a. [UA Scientific Diving Website](#)
- b. [Scientific Diving Safety Manual \(PDF\)](#)
- c. [American Academy of Underwater Sciences](#)