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 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