UA Diving Control Board Spring 2024 Draft Meeting Agenda

June 17, 2024
11:00am - 12:00pm (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*
   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)*
   vii. Katrin Iken - *Professor of Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks*
   viii. Mack Hughes - *M.S. Student in Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks*
   ix. Michael Navarro - *Associate Professor of of Marine Fisheries UAS, Juneau*
   x. Schery Umanzor - *Assistant Professor Mariculture UAF CFOS, Juneau*

III. **Adoption of Agenda -** motioned by brenda seconded by schery none opposed

IV. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** (10.16.23) - motioned by brenda and seconded by katrin, none opposed

V. **Dive Safety Officer Update** - Brenda -

a. Fully into implementation of new dive logging system
b. Moved active divers files into google drive
c. Submitted AAUS Stats
d. AAUS manual out for comment and hoping to get go ahead to submit UA revisions.

VI. **Health and Safety Update** - Emily

a. Update on risk management discussions and diving activities
   i. Where DCB is housed (academic program vs. health & Safety)
   ii. Has not heard anything regarding diving and health and safety
   iii. getting a new director of health and safety at UAF

VII. **Brief Program Updates** -

a. Fairbanks - numerous dive projects out of UAF (arctic, K-Bay, PWS, SE AK) Dive class in March ~20 divers. Canceled Kelp forest Ecology.

b. Juneau - UAF had a couple divers get 100' cert and hopes to get more.

c. Juneau - PE S200, short course offered in F24 (Labor Day weekend), Winter-mester/ S25. Addresses the annual bottleneck of students in JNU unable to take OW courses elsewhere.

d. Juneau UAS - facilitated 100' certs, Undergrad research projects

e. Sitka - Issued ~150 certifications and certified ~40 individuals including 15 new scientific divers. working more with ADF&G and local Sitka Dive Rescue Team to provide training for their personnel. Scientific training included: PISCO sampling techniques, harbor clean up, USFS buoy surveys, Mariculture Bull Kelp research.

VIII. Old Business

a. Dive Manual Updates - Brenda / Joel

   i. Waiting Incorporation of anticipated AAUS changes

   ii. Brenda and Joel will send around updates to the Dive Safety Manual
      1. Joel will summarize changes to AAUS manual and send around

b. Approval of Dive Plans

   i. Discussion regarding authorized personnel to approve or deny dive plans in absence of DSO (tabled at last meeting)
      1. Regional DSO Discussion - Joel

   ii. Mike and Joel will explore a UAS DSO / DCB

IX. New Business

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X. Action Items

a. Brenda and Joel will get out Dive Safety Manual Updates to group

b. Joel will summarize AAUS dive safety manual and send out to DCB

c. Mike and Joel will approach UAS A&S Dean / Provost and petition the idea of a UAS Scientific Diving Program

XI. Resources

a. UA Scientific Diving Website
b. Scientific Diving Safety Manual (PDF)
c. American Academy of Underwater Sciences