



UA Diving Control Board Spring 2024 Draft Meeting Agenda

June 17, 2024

11:00am - 12:00pm (Held over Zoom)

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- 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 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](#)