



## UA Diving Control Board Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes

Apr 2, 2025

2:00pm - 3:00pm (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 (absent)
- iv. [Carter Johnson](#) - Ph.D. Student in Fisheries UAF CFOS, Juneau (absent)
- v. [Emily Reiter](#) - Environmental Health, Safety, and Risk Management UAF, Fairbanks
- vi. [Katrin Iken](#) - Professor of Marine Biology UAF CFOS, Fairbanks
- vii. **Vacant** - UAF CFOS, Fairbanks
- viii. [Michael Navarro](#) - Associate Professor of Marine Fisheries UAS, Juneau
- ix. [Schery Umanzor](#) - Assistant Professor Mariculture UAF CFOS, Juneau (absent)

### III. Adoption of Agenda - Brenda Motioned - None Opposed

### IV. Approval of [previous meeting minutes \(10.24.25\)](#) - Brenda Motioned - None Opposed

### V. Dive Safety Officer Update - Brenda

- a. Working on updating [UA Scientific Diving website](#)
  - i. Made Log dives button bigger
  - ii. Planning to take off word dive plan template so that folks are only pointed to AAUS Dive Planning Feature (note: we access this through our current dive logging platform).
  - iii. Recommendation of adding Dive Planning Instructions to website as well
- b. Revised Dive Safety Manual approved by AAUS and now Posted on Scientific Diving Website
- c. Brenda Submitted Annual Dive Statistics and they are posted on the website.

### VI. Brief Program Updates -

- a. Fairbanks - Spring Scientific Diving class had 16 students. I had two diving students in the Nearshore Ecology class
- b. Juneau - CFOS - a dozen divers came to Sitka in March to dive and explore Sitka.
- c. Juneau, UAS (Mike Navarro)- In Jan/Feb, we helped with swim and SCUBA skills pool work for 3 JNU students enrolled in Brenda's class. UAS-JNU offers small-

enrollment courses, 2-3 students. Spring - 2 OW/drysuit courses; one over Spring break, possibly/likely one more at the end of the semester. Summer, 1 OW/drysuit course-end of May, and 1 scientific diving course is planned several weeks in July/early Aug (~3 or 4 divers). I will be attending and presenting at the AAUS conference next week and participating in the DSO orientation meeting along with Joel.

- d. Sitka - Spring Dive Semester has 13 students, working on vessel training now. Facilitated Juneau divers (UAS & UAS) trip to Sitka in Feb, may consider a spring break course / dive proficiency opportunity for Juneau divers in the future. Conducting numerous occupational dive training courses (Sitka Dive Rescue Team, Aquaculture Associations, ADF&G, USFS)

#### **VII. Old Business**

- a. Dive Manual Updates - Brenda / Joel - Complete and posted online!
- b. Solicit UAF - Student Representative (possible Chelsie Kov... UAA Lives in Anc)
  - i. Update: Chelsea Campbell has agreed to serv as students rep.

#### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Use of UA Active Diver Spreadsheet? - Katrin will revisit after using new dive planning platform
- b. UAS intending to petition separate AAUS organizational membership
- a. Fall DCB Meeting **October 15th @ 2:00pm?**

#### **IX. Action Items**

- a. UAS will solicit independent organizational Membership into AAUS

#### **X. Resources**

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