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## SFOS Dean Job Posting Summary

The University of Alaska Fairbanks seeks applicants for the position of Dean of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (SFOS). SFOS is one of the most diverse schools of the University of Alaska in both geographic distribution and academic mission. SFOS has approximately 60 faculty working at over 14 locations around the state including a community-based marine extension program. SFOS faculty are engaged in teaching, research and service in Alaska waters and throughout the world. The student body includes a rapidly growing undergraduate fisheries program, and over 150 graduate students in fisheries, oceanography and marine biology. The School achieves excellence through research, education, and public outreach and it plays a vital role in the wise use and management of Alaska's marine resources. Additional information about the School can be found at www.sfos.uaf.edu.

The Dean of SFOS is responsible for providing academic integrity, vision, leadership, and administration for the School. Candidates should have experience working with outside stakeholders including state and federal agencies, industry and non-governmental groups, and culturally diverse communities. This is a 12-month executive management position based in Fairbanks but requires extensive travel. Salary is based on experience and qualifications and includes an excellent retirement and benefits package.

Alaska's waters include more than half of the nation's coastline, three-quarters of the continental shelf, and several large marine ecosystems. Alaska's marine and freshwater resources are diverse, expansive, well-managed, and important to the state's and nation's identity and economy. Alaska produces 60% of the nation's seafood, which is vital to the economies of over 100 fishing communities, directly accounting for 94,000 workers who earned \$2.8 billion in 2011. The subsistence harvest of marine organisms is vital to the cultural identity and food security of Alaska's indigenous and coastal residents. Alaska also offers world-class recreational and personal use fisheries worth more than \$500 million annually. Management of these resources is challenging, as Alaska's marine ecosystems are experiencing substantial impacts associated with sea ice loss, warming, decreasing ocean pH, watershed alterations, and changing species compositions. Moreover, offshore energy resources are vast and require in-depth understanding to balance development with living resources. Alaska defines the Arctic to the US, which will look to Alaska as it hosts the Arctic Council beginning in 2016.

SFOS researchers are addressing these topics with novel and interdisciplinary approaches that span the physical, ecological, and social aspects of aquatic systems. This human expertise is supported by outstanding research facilities: the global class R/V *Sikuliaq*, the Seward Marine Center, the Juneau Center for Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (co-located with NOAA's Ted Stevens Marine Research Institute), the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center, and the NOAA co-managed coastal marine Kasitsna Bay Laboratory. SFOS is also home to the state's Sea Grant program with 15 marine extension agents located in 8 coastal communities around the state.

To apply, please go to <u>www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=86344</u> At the end of the posting click on the *Apply for this position button*. Select a User Name and Password to begin your application. Please contact UAF HR at 907-474-7700 with questions.

Review of applications will begin March 2, 2015 and continue until the position is filled.

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