Alaska Marine Science and Fisheries Careers Coalition
Steering Committee Meeting – May 11, 2010
Meeting Notes

Steering Committee Members attending:
Paula Cullenberg, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program
Debbie Hart, ADF&G
Candice Bressler, AFD&F Workforce Development Program Coordinator
Sarah Arntson, ADF&G Fish and Wildlife Careers for Alaskans Program
Glenn Seaman
Todd Radenbaugh, UAF BB Campus
Barbara Morgan, UAS Fisheries Technology Program

Not attending:
Rose Fosdick, Vice President, Natural Resources Division, Kawerak Inc.
Hanna Ecklund, CRRC Researcher for DOE K-12 Science Curriculum
Beth Spangler, ANSEP Biological Sciences
Mike Miller, Sitka Tribe
Ginny Eckert and Katie Straub, UAF SFOS
Keith Van Den Broek, Native Village of Eyak

Discussion Topics:
1. MSA Section 109 Workshop Proposal.

Paula has contacted NOAA Fisheries who says they are still working on the proposal. She stressed with NOAA that setting a date for a fall workshop will be important to do soon.

Debbie volunteered to draft a timeline for getting the workshop organized and she will email that to the Steering Committee in the next week or two.

2. Vista Volunteer

Sarah noted that she and Candice discussed that hosting a Vista volunteer in their program at ADF&G makes more sense next year than right away since the program is just getting started.

Paula said that the Marine Advisory Program would be willing to host another Vista and that she will begin the process of recruiting. She asked the Steering Committee to look over the job description she sent and let her know if there are any specific projects that they would like help with that could be added to the scope of duties.
One new part of the job will be organizing the fall workshop and in particular, collecting information about other marine related careers outside of science.

Sarah and Barbara both agreed to help with phone interviews of the applicants.

3. General updates:
   • Sarah noted that ADF&G has just received approval to launch a new internship program that 1. Does not require an applicant to go through the state’s workforce process and 2. Allows them to recruit interns from out of state. She expects to have ready to go in a few months.
   • Barbara noted that the Fish Tech program has 33 students and had 3 graduates this year. Graduates were from Sitka, Ketchikan and OR. A couple of the incoming students next fall are Alaska Native.
   • Salmon camp is getting going in Bristol Bay for the summer. Next summer the camp will expand to include statewide participants. Todd is also hosting two internships at the campus this summer.

4. Action items:
   - Paula will send Sarah info on developing a Coalition newsletter about her new job and the new internship program at ADF&G
   - A new Vista volunteer will be recruited – please let Paula know about projects she/he could work on to add to the job description. Sarah and Barbara will help with interviews.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 8 at 9:30 am