

School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Facility, Lena Point, Alaska

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Goals:

- Provide long-term support for SFOS and its academic, research and public service mission
- Allow for expansion of SFOS research
- Enhance cooperative research with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries and SFOS, particularly critical to the success of the SFOS fisheries program
- Consolidate classrooms, research facilities and faculty

Background

UAF's School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences has operated in Juneau for more than 20 years. SFOS has statewide responsibility for fisheries and marine education, and offers the only graduate-level fisheries degree program in Alaska. The Fisheries Division has graduated more than 150 students with master's degrees and doctorates, many of whom have remained in the state as policymakers and scientists to help manage the state's marine resources. SFOS programs are located throughout the state, with the majority of the graduate fisheries programs located in Juneau.

SFOS currently has insufficient space to operate effectively; therefore it is unable to expand to include disciplines that could be developed to meet the needs of the industry. SFOS faculty and students are split between space in the UAS's Anderson Building and two leased sites approximately one mile from the UAS campus. Insufficient operating space for faculty and students was a focus of accreditation reviewers; a 1999 report cites facility inadequacy as a challenge the university must address. NOAA/NMFS completed a consolidated facility at Lena Point in Juneau and SFOS will co-locate with them at this site.

Project Scope

The proposed SFOS facility will create the infrastructure for a world-class center of excellence for studying Alaska marine resources and will provide the Fisheries Division with much needed space, vital for program accreditation and expansion.

The total facility, using past and proposed funding, is a three-story building consisting of approximately 30,600 square feet, and 300 square feet of enclosed outdoor and covered storage. The building is designed to provide



space for 13 faculty members, 4 research assistants, 15 graduate students and their associated classes and research. The facility also provides space for departmental administration.

The academic space consists of two classrooms and one teaching lab. The research space consists of 11 laboratories for multitude of scientific disciplines, ranging from computer labs for statistical analysis to wet labs with large salt water tanks.

Project Status

Kiewit Building Group (KBG Inc.) was selected as the Construction Manager at Risk in May, 2006. A construction contract for site preparation, foundations and steel was awarded to KBG in December, 2006. Follow up work packages for the remainder of work (mechanical, electrical, architectural) are in the process of being finalized and awarded.

Construction began in late March 2007. Site preparation is nearly complete and foundation construction is in progress. Steel erection is scheduled for June and the building will be enclosed before winter 2007-2008. A substantial completion of September, 2008 is anticipated.

Estimated Construction Costs and Square Footage

FY01 UA Funding	\$ 2.5 million
FY04 General Obligation Bond	\$ 9.0 million
FY07 Capital Appropriation	\$10.0 million
UA Revenue Bonds	\$ 3.0 million
Total Project Cost	\$24.5 million
New construction	30,900 gross square feet