

KSMSC Operations

Ongoing Operations Concerns Continue

FY2016 began with a notification to faculty and staff at KSMSC from UAF Provost Susan Henrichs and School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences interim dean that due to budget concerns UAF was considering transferring ownership of KSMSC to UAA for repurposing. Alternately UAF was considering closing the Center by the end of FY2016. In an energetic response, community and industry leaders contacted UAF to express strong objections to closing the Center and/or changing the Center's mission, citing importance of the mission, the seafood industry to the economy and UA's statutory responsibility. The City and Borough of Kodiak as well as industry groups such as Trident Seafoods, Alaska Pacific Seafoods, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Seafood Producers Association, Icicle Seafoods and others sent letters protesting the proposed transfer/closure to UA leadership.

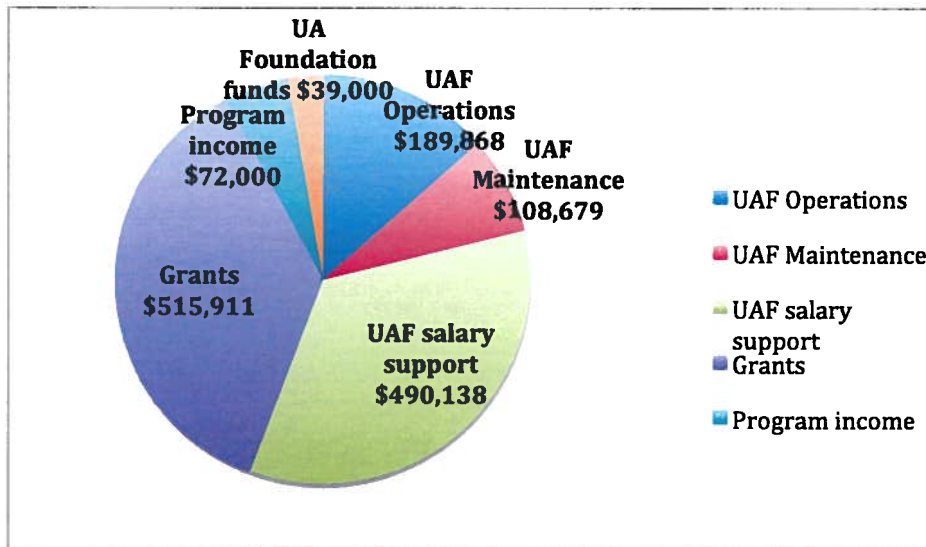
In fall 2015, UA President Jim Johnsen visited Kodiak and met with the KSMSC Policy Council and the City and Borough of Kodiak in a working group meeting. Mayor Pat Branson pledged support from the City and Borough to find a solution to keep KSMSC operating. In March 2016, Senator Lisa Murkowski met with the KSMSC Policy Council to express her concern and support for the Center.

In response, a new nonprofit called the Alaska Research Consortium (ARC) was formed in Kodiak with the intent of acting as an operating body for the Center. ARC has formed a 501c3 nonprofit and worked with Foraker Foundation to develop a board of directors, bylaws and strategic direction. At the end of FY2016, UAF had issued a Request for Information (RFI) from groups interested in developing a public/private partnership for KSMSC. ARC was the sole responder, sending their proposal to UAF on July 1, 2016.

Budget

In FY16, faculty and staff salaries and program expenses at the Center were covered by University of Alaska Fairbanks funds, charges to nine grants, and program income. The University of Alaska Fairbanks covered operations and maintenance of the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center.

Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center Budget, FY2016



- UAF funds: \$788,685
 - faculty and staff salaries and program support: \$490,138
 - operations and maintenance FY2016: \$298,547
- Grants charged: \$515,911
 - Alaska Sea Grant, faculty salaries: \$79,277
 - Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, PIs Quentin Fong and Chris Sannito: \$64,386
 - TVEP, Seafood Processing Training Program, PI Chris Sannito, \$44,000
 - Pollock Conservation Cooperative Research Center (PCCRC)
 - Shelf stable pet treats from pollock skins, PIs Chris Sannito and Quentin Fong, \$41,997.
 - Freshness and nutritional value of Alaska pollock products and byproducts, PIs Quentin Fong and Jae Park (OSU), \$91,589
 - USDA, Fisheries to schools: a model to enhance food security in Alaskan Communities, co-PI Quentin Fong, \$69,000.
 - NOAA, Gulf Apex Predator, PI Kate Wynne, \$202,038
 - UHI – Hawaiian Oyster Production, PI Quentin Fong, \$19,126
- UAF Foundation funds: \$39,000 (industry donations)
- Program income: \$72,000

New Grants awarded this FY

- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Inactivation of Fish Parasites: Exploration of

current regulatory guidelines for freezing and cooking, PIs Brian Himelbloom and Chris Sannito, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, \$59,000.

- NPRB, Implementation of Community Based PSP Testing for Subsistence and Recreational Shellfish Harvesting in Southwestern Alaska, co-PI Julie Matweyou, \$77,564.
- PCCRC - Utilization of nano fish-scale bone, PIs Quentin Fong and Christina DeWitt (OSU), \$63,044
- PCCRC - Developing alternative product forms for pollock roe, PIs Quentin Fong and Chris Sannito, \$69,000.
- Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, PIs Quentin Fong and Chris Sannito: \$152,000/yr for 5 years
- TVEP, Seafood Processing Training Program, PI Chris Sannito, \$44,000

Personnel

In FY2016, long-time Marine Advisory professor and marine mammal specialist Kate Wynne retired and was appointed to an emeritus faculty position. Research professor Brianna Witteveen moved to Oregon to attend school and continues as an affiliate faculty member in the Marine Advisory Program. UAF did not refill these positions. Loss of personnel this year was two faculty positions in Kodiak.

Administration

- Paula Cullenberg, Alaska Sea Grant (based in Anchorage) and Gordon Kruse, Fisheries Division (based in Juneau) serve as co-directors of KSMSC.
- Quentin Fong, Marine Advisory associate professor, seafood marketing, is KSMSC onsite coordinator.

UAF CFOS Faculty Based at KSMSC

- Quentin Fong, seafood marketing specialist, associate professor, Marine Advisory Program, KSMSC coordinator
- Brian Himelbloom, microbiology, associate professor, Fisheries Division
- Julie Matweyou, Marine Advisory agent, assistant professor
- Chris Sannito, seafood processing specialist, research assistant professor, Marine Advisory Program

Staff

- Astrid Rose, Marine Advisory Program administrative assistant
- Laurinda (“Kay”) Bodi, KSMSC facilities manager
- Kate Schaberg, 4-H coordinator, Cooperative Extension Service

Students

- Danielle Ringer, MA interdisciplinary studies, political ecology fisheries
- Natura Richardson, MS fisheries, ADF&G employee
- Michelle Stratton, MS fisheries, ADF&G employee

- Joe Bottoms, MS fisheries, Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association (KRAA) employee
- Michael Knutson, MS fisheries, ADF&G employee

Interns

- Steven Greenlaw, fisheries undergraduate
- Mark Young, fisheries undergraduate

KSMSC Policy Council Members

- Jay Stinson, chairman
- Jeff Stephan, vice chairman
- Greg Peters, Alyeska Seafoods
- Mark Palmer, Ocean Beauty Seafoods
- Alan Austerman, retired legislator
- Paul Lumsden, Trident Seafoods
- Dean Adams, retired fisherman
- Heather McCarty, fisheries consultant