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Announcement:

Merger of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences and the School of Forest Resources & Conservation July 1, 2008

To our colleagues, stakeholders, students, collaborators and friends:

The Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences has merged with the School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) and will now be one of three broad programmatic areas within the SFRC along with Geomatics and Forest Resources and Conservation. The faculty and staff of the Program for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (PFAS) will continue to deliver the premier teaching, research and extension programs that have earned them national acclaim.

All of the academic programs, including the FAS undergraduate minor and all three FAS graduate degrees, will continue to be offered through the SFRC with the major on the transcripts being specified as “Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences” just as has been the case in the past. In research and extension, PFAS and all other SFRC faculty will continue to build effective programs that address critical economic, social and environmental issues spanning local, regional and global scales.

As we move forward with the new organizational structure, we will work with the faculty and staff and with all of you, our colleagues, stakeholders, students and friends, to find programmatic synergies and new collaborations that enhance all of our programs. We will start a strategic planning process soon that will involve many of you, and promise to keep you all informed of the exciting new happenings as we move forward.

Tim White will continue as Director of the SFRC, while George Blakeslee and Tom Frazer will be its Associate Directors. Karl Havens is Director of Sea Grant and will remain an active PFAS and SFRC faculty member. Please contact any of us with your questions or ideas.

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