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How to Make a Black Cod Lose its Lunch, and Other Ocean Science Stories from University of Alaska Fairbanks Graduate Students

JUNEAU – The public is invited to join graduate students from the University of Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Alaska State Museum as they present stories of their research in fisheries and marine biology, from Southeast Alaska to the Arctic. There is no admission fee for this presentation.

How to Make a Black Cod Lose its Lunch will feature presentations and a panel discussion by six UAF graduate students who are investigating Alaska's spectacular diversity of marine life and the coastal communities that depend on healthy ocean ecosystems. The series of short talks will highlight a cross section of current research at the UAF Fisheries Center in Juneau, from the use of innovative technologies and local knowledge to understand the history of humpback whales in Juneau, to population genetics of saffron cod in the rapidly changing Arctic Ocean. The speakers will share their discoveries about where juvenile black cod live, what they eat, and how many will survive to adulthood in the Gulf of Alaska. They will provide perspectives on the effects of changing halibut and Dungeness crab populations on Southeast Alaska's fishing communities.

Please visit the Alaska State Museum to meet the graduate students and learn about their adventures at sea and in the laboratory, what they've learned so far, and how the public can stay informed about their future findings. Admission to the event is free and refreshments will be served compliments of the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Winter hours at the Alaska State Museum are 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Discounted winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs – please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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