



To Superintendents, School Activity Directors, and Head Science Teachers;

The 21st Annual National Ocean Science Bowl (Alaska Tsunami Bowl) will be held in Seward on February 16-18, 2018. This competition is hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (UAF CFOS), and the Alaska SeaLife Center. We hope that you will consider sending a team to this prestigious academic competition.

The [National Ocean Science Bowl \(NOSB\)](#) was developed in 1997 to promote academic knowledge of the Ocean Sciences among high school students. Now, with the changing marine ecosystem, this mission is more imperative than ever. This is especially true in coastal / rural Alaska which is feeling the brunt of a rapidly evolving marine system. Competing in the regional NOSB competition allows students to focus their attention upon ocean science dynamics, to explore the issues specific to their region, and become well-informed future advocates for the needs and concerns of their area.

The basic NOSB event is a buzzer-style competition that tests ocean science knowledge ([See Rules](#)) with longer Team Challenge Questions that challenge problem solving. The [Alaska Tsunami Bowl](#) (our Regional NOSB competition) is unique compared to all other regional bowls in that an optional [Research Project](#) is added to our competition. (Note: Only teams completing the project portion can compete in the final award placement buzzer rounds). For the winning team of the Alaska Tsunami Bowl, they will receive the opportunity to travel to the National Competition and compete for the title at Nationals.

UAF CFOS has taken measures to make the competition more affordable to school districts that are pressed for funding.

Costs covered by UAF CFOS Tsunami Bowl:

- 3 hotel rooms per team in Seward for the event
- Some meals while in Seward
- Competition Entry Fees Waived

COSTS NOT COVERED. Must be paid for and arranged by team.

- Transportation to Seward
- Some meals

Important: The Tsunami Bowl is restricted to 20 teams. If you are interested in sending a team then it is important that you fill out the [Intent to Participate Form](#). Participation is determined on a first come basis.

In the coming weeks we will announce the theme of the Research Project, as well as update the Alaska Tsunami Bowl website with important information for teams. **But first, we wanted to let all who are interested to begin forming their teams and inform us of their intent to participate!**

We look forward to hearing from you as the UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences and the Alaska SeaLife Center hosts the 21st annual Tsunami Bowl. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Best,
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