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Kris,

The following is from my May 2008 monthly report that is posted on the SFOS web site at <http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/about/dean/reports/08may.html>

"I spent the morning of May 7 in Silver Spring, Maryland, meeting with NOAA program managers. In the morning I met with National Sea Grant Director Leon Cammen, Deputy Director Jim Murray and Associate Director Nicola Garber. We discussed the plans for revamping the national Sea Grant program and how the Alaska Sea Grant strategic plan must fit with the national plan. I also described to them our plans for searching for a new Alaska Sea Grant Director to replace Brian Allee who retired on May 30. We also had a discussion about the appropriate role of Sea Grant advisory agents in providing information to the public."

At that meeting, Jim Murray advised me that they had an "issue with Rick Steiner." They felt he was acting as an advocate and asked if he was being paid with Sea Grant funds. I told him that he received one month of salary from our Sea Grant grant. Jim expressed concern about this and stated that "one agent can cause problems nationally." The suggestion was made that he not be paid from Sea Grant funds. I asked them for some documentation that they did not wish Sea Grant agents (aka MAP in Alaska) to advocate. They gave me a copy of the Sea Grant manual on extension agents and opened it to page 36 on Neutral Brokers of Information. The next day, I sent the e-mail below to Professor Steiner's supervisor, Paula Cullenberg, with a copy of the two pages they noted during the discussion.

Our Sea Grant funding is a grant. We have no obligation to pay faculty from the grant unless they are contributing to the goals of the grant. From my discussions with the national Sea Grant office, they do not believe Professor Steiner is contributing to their mission. On the contrary, they worry that his actions in Alaska could have negative implications nationally as stated above by Jim Murray during the meeting.

At the Sea Grant meeting in Silver Spring, I did not bring up this topic. Jim Murray did. During FY09, Professor Steiner is receiving one month salary from our Sea Grant grant. The grant is up for renewal this year. It will be my recommendation that Professor Steiner's salary not be included in the grant and that he continue to receive his nine month salary from our Fund 1 budget as required by the CBA.

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Paula,

Interesting meeting with Sea Grant yesterday. I will send an e-mail describing it later or call tomorrow. We discussed

Plan for replacing Brian
FEE program - there will be a phase out
Alaska Sea Grant organization : SG + MAP - they want us to merge them
Rick Steiner - see attached from how to be a Sea Grant agent manual

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