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DURHAM, N.H. -- Professor Andrew Rosenberg of the University of New Hampshire’s Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space (EOS) and the Department of Natural Resources has been named an AAAS Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world’s largest general scientific society.

Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers and is awarded because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Official announcement of the 2006 AAAS Fellows was published in the November 24 issue of the journal Science, which is published by AAAS.

Rosenberg was selected as a Fellow in the AAAS Section on Societal Impacts of Science and Engineering “for distinguished professional and public service and scientific contributions that advance policies in support of sound ocean ecosystem management.”

Rosenberg, who specializes in marine sciences, marine policy, and fisheries issues, has had a distinguished and diverse career in research, teaching, and administration.

He is former deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service, former commissioner on the presidentially appointed U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, and currently serves as chairman of the Census of Marine Life U.S. National Committee. In addition, he conducts ongoing work with the Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea.

“I feel a deep commitment to bringing science to bear on public policy. To be recognized by my colleagues with this award is a true honor for me and all the people I have the privilege to work with,” Rosenberg said upon learning of the award.

At UNH, Rosenberg teaches environmental policy and supervises nine graduate students who work on research related to bringing science to bear on policy issues.

The new AAAS Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, February 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Fellows Forum during the 2007 AAAS Annual Meeting in San
Francisco.

AAAS was founded in 1848, and includes some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals.