

Andrew Rosenberg is Named Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at UNH

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DURHAM, N.H.-- Andrew Rosenberg, deputy director of the National Marine Fisheries Service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has been named dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire. He replaces William Mautz, who returns to the faculty in the natural resources department.

"We are delighted that Andy Rosenberg will be joining us," says UNH President Joan Leitzel. "In his current position, he is responsive to many different constituencies, which is important for a college as diverse as UNH's College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. He brings us rich experience in science and science policy."

The 18-member search committee, composed of faculty, students and staff, was chaired by Don Sundberg, vice president for research and public service, and John Aber, professor of natural resources at the Complex Systems Research Center.

"In his time with NOAA, Dr. Rosenberg has been the point person for developing and instituting science-based policies for the management of a high profile resource," Aber says. "This has required thoughtful and consistent application of scientific knowledge and an innate sense of fairness. All of these qualities have been evident in our interactions with him, and in the impressions we have received from others. He will provide dynamic and even-handed leadership for the college."

"Andy Rosenberg brings both research and administrative talent to UNH," says David Hiley, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "In his current position at NOAA, he oversees a \$420 million annual budget and has been an active researcher in population dynamics and resource management for the Northeast. His return to academics will benefit both our faculty and our students." More than 26 percent of UNH's total \$43.7 million in federal grants for research currently come from NOAA.

"This position at UNH will allow me to apply the lessons I've learned in government to teaching and research," says Rosenberg. "I enjoy working in a collaborative environment, especially developing new initiatives with faculty and working with students, and I am quite impressed with the quality of faculty, students and teaching and research programs in the college."

Rosenberg says he believes UNH "can play a greater role in policy making for government agencies, non-governmental organizations and industry without compromising the independence and integrity of its teaching and research programs."

Rosenberg has worked in various areas of the National Marine Fisheries Service since 1992, as both researcher and administrator. He has testified before the U.S. Congress on issues ranging from endangered species to complex fishery management policies to the agency's budget initiatives. He is known throughout New England for his four years as Northeast Regional Administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, working out of Gloucester, Mass. From 1995 to 1998, Rosenberg implemented a fisheries recovery plan for George's Bank.

Prior to his tenure at the fisheries service, he was an assistant professor in environmental technology at the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London, England.

"We are fortunate to have selected a person of his caliber," says Stacia Sower, professor of biochemistry, who served on the search committee. "Andy has excellent administrative skills and leadership qualities, a sense of fairness, negotiation skills, and articulate, organized and extensive experience working with people."

Sower adds Rosenberg's responses to a variety of questions from faculty, students and staff, including questions on promotion and tenure issues, agriculture, education and student life, "gave me strong confidence in his ability to become dean of our college and truly represent all constituents."

Rosenberg earned a Ph.D. in biology in 1984 from Dalhousie University and an M.S. in oceanography in 1980 from Oregon State University. He graduated with a B.S. in fisheries biology in 1978 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He is the author of numerous publications on marine fisheries management and the recipient of several awards, including one from the U.S. Coast Guard for

marine resource management and another from the World Wildlife Fund for conservation efforts.

He will be moving to New Hampshire with his wife Marian to begin work in August.

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