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STATEMENT FROM WCHA MEN'S LEAGUE COMMISSIONER BILL ROBERTSON REGARDING ALASKA ANCHORAGE'S MOVE TO AN ON-CAMPUS FACILITY

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – May 29, 2019 – WCHA President and Men's League Commissioner Bill Robertson released the following statement today regarding Alaska Anchorage's decision to move its home men's hockey games back to campus beginning with the 2019-20 season.

"The University of Alaska Anchorage has notified the WCHA league office that it will move its home hockey games back on campus beginning with the upcoming 2019-20 season. At the same time, the university is finalizing a plan to expand seating at their Wells Fargo Sports Complex in the coming years.

Given the current budget climate in Alaska and the university's commitment to men's ice hockey, the WCHA supports this move and views it as a step towards strengthening the long-term viability of the Alaska Anchorage men's hockey program.

UAA athletics officials have assured us that the facility will meet all other WCHA and NCAA requirements for hosting league contests in time for the upcoming season and throughout the renovation process.

The move should provide an improved atmosphere for Seawolves fans and student-athletes while raising the program's profile on campus. The WCHA applauds these efforts and will work closely with the university throughout the renovation process to assure the facility meets all league and NCAA hosting requirements."

About the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Men's League

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, will mark its 68th season of men's competition in 2019-20. The 10-team NCAA Division I conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats). For more information, visit wcha.com.

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