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## **Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at FAU Announces its Head of Development**

**PORT ST. LUCIE, FL (September X, 2008)** – Jack Aylor has been made head of development and fundraising operations for the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution (HBOI) at Florida Atlantic University (FAU). In addition, Aylor will continue to serve in his current role as director of development and foundation relations for FAU’s Treasure Coast Campus. Aylor joined FAU’s division of University Advancement in 2007.

The union between FAU and HBOI, officially approved last December, has resulted in exciting research opportunities for the two institutions. Most recently FAU’s Board of Trustees named the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution Foundation, Inc. (HBOIF) as a direct support organization of FAU. This designation allows the FAU Foundation, Inc. (FAUF) to establish and administer funds on behalf of HBOI. The HBOIF manages various assets on behalf of Harbor Branch including the popular specialty license plate program that benefits HBOI research programs for “Protect Wild Dolphins,” “Protect Florida Whales,” “Save Our Seas” and “Aquaculture.”

Aylor, in conjunction with the FAUF, will spearhead HBOI’s efforts in raising funds for annual giving, major gifts, endowments and planned giving initiatives. The HBOI Associates annual membership program will be organized through the new development office along with other fundraising efforts.

“Harbor Branch has a great research mission and tremendous potential for garnering private gifts and endowments. The merger with FAU further enhances the overall capabilities to build future academic programs and fund capital projects,” said Aylor. “I look forward to serving as the link between these two well-respected institutions.”

Prior to joining FAU Aylor developed and managed successful fundraising, foundation and community relations programs at Frostburg State University, MD; Randolph-Macon Academy, VA, and Dickinson State University, ND.

