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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #05-01

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Divers

FROM: David A. Dinsmore
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SUBJECT: SCUBAPRO MK-20 First Stage Regulators

Effective immediately, all NOAA divers are to discontinue diving with SCUBAPRO MK-20 first stage regulators. Cracks have been known to occur on the high pressure side of the regulator body where the scuba yoke assembly attaches to the first stage regulator (*reference pictures below*). Should such a crack occur during a dive it would result in a total loss of gas supply to the second stage regulator.

NDC is currently replacing all MK20 regulators with SCUBAPRO MK25 regulators. If you have an urgent need to dive, please contact Lisa Glover at the NOAA Dive Center to arrange for a replacement regulator. She can be reached at Lisa.Glover@noaa.gov or 206-526-6446.

