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### **A Message from your Director of Operations**

Welcome to the latest edition of the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society newsletter.

It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. Thank you for your interest and support of the FSRS for all of these years and we will continue to be here to hear your ideas and thoughts about our coastal communities and how we can learn more about our ever changing marine ecosystems.

The FSRS will be working on our Strategic Plan in 2016 and we welcome your input into how we are doing and where you see us going in the future. A short survey will be sent out in January before the annual conference and we would appreciate your participation to help us develop and grow.

Tricia Pearo Drew will be updating you on the FSRS projects in her [science updates](#) further along in the newsletter.

**Join Us In February! Don't forget to register for the [FSRS Annual Conference](#)  
February 25, 2016**

Please take the time to check out the other great articles we have in this December issue of the Hook Line and Thinker. If you have comments about the articles or are interested in becoming [Member of the FSRS](#), please contact me at [Shannon.tibbetts@fsrs.ns.ca](mailto:Shannon.tibbetts@fsrs.ns.ca) or download the application form on the [website](#). Remember, we are on [Facebook](#) now!

Happy Holidays from your FSRS team Shannon, Tricia and Jessica and the FSRS [Board of Directors](#).



## **FSRS Science Updates**

By Tricia Pearo Drew

The 2015 4VsW Sentinel Program was completed in early October by Randy Boutilier and crew on fishing vessel, Ashley & Travis. Sampling was completed at 18 randomly selected stations and the data was analyzed and uploaded to a database on a DFO server. Data collected by the program contributes to the establishment of a series of catch and abundance indices which could be useful in assessment and management of groundfish resources.

[Click here to continue reading](#) about the **FSRS Lobster Recruitment Project**, the **DFO-FSRS Lobster Settlement Collector Project** and the **Atlantic Lobster Moulting and Quality Project**.

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## **The American Lobster in a Changing Ecosystem II: A US-Canada Science Symposium 2015**

By Dr Andrea Battison; Crustipath

The PEI Fishermen's Association welcomed scientists representing academia, government, resource managers, industry and fishermen to "The American Lobster in a Changing Ecosystem II: A Canada-US Science Symposium" in Charlottetown, November 3rd– 6th, 2015. All invitees were invited to participate in scientific sessions on current research on the American and European lobster.

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## **Update on Coastal Mapping project**

By Jessica Cosham

*The FSRS needs your help!*

If you attended the FSRS's 2015 conference, you may remember the Area Response Planning (ARP) project that our staff presented with Scott Coffen-Smout (DFO, OCMD). This project aims to identify important areas of our coasts and inshore waters for priority protection in the event of an oil spill. For this project, we are relying on the knowledge of local fishermen and fisheries organization representatives to identify these areas.

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## **How we fish: recovery and protection of at risk marine fish**

By Chelsey Karbowski

Several Atlantic Canadian groundfish are assessed as either 'Threatened' or 'Endangered' by Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and are undergoing the listing process on the Species At Risk Act (SARA). The Ecology Action Centre has worked for many years on the protection of seafloor habitat and on the recovery of commercially fished species. We have also worked towards sustainable livelihoods for fishermen.

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## **New Horizons, Climate Change and You: Transition Update**

by Dina Desveaux

Halifax, Nova Scotia – On the horizon of a new year is a promising window of change, opportunity and progress at the FSRS!

Last August, I announced that the Board of Directors had unanimously agreed to support my recommendation for a new leadership structure with Shannon Scott-Tibbetts at the helm as Director of Operations and Tricia Pearo-Drew in the role of Science Projects Manager.

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Our 23rd Annual conference will be held on **February 25th, 2016** at the Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites in Dartmouth.





We will be holding the conference in one day with the AGM as a working lunch.

[Register](#) on the FSRS website. A [draft agenda](#) is available on the conference webpage and the day will include learning about ocean temperatures and some of the creatures who reside there as well as getting updates from various community groups on their research. There will be a [Student Poster Competition](#) once again so we welcome your ideas and updates.

Remember to book your hotel room by January 24, 2016 to get the special conference rate. There are a limited number of rooms blocked at the conference rate of \$121+tax/night, so book your room as soon as possible. This rate includes a hot buffet breakfast as well as free parking. The room release date is January 24, 2016. Please visit the FSRS [conference page](#) for details on how to get the group rate. Find all of the details on the website!

We want to thank our [current sponsors](#) for their generous donations. We are still hoping for more sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the conference in any way, please see the [sponsorship brochure](#).

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Join us at the 23rd Annual Conference of the  
Fishermen and Scientists Research Society

## Call for Posters

### Student Posters Welcome!

*Cooperative Research aiding in Sustainable Fisheries*

**2016 FSRS Annual Conference**

February 25, 2016

Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites,

Dartmouth, NS

Visit [www.fsrs.ns.ca](http://www.fsrs.ns.ca) for details on submitting a poster

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or contact us at [fsrs.conference@gmail.com](mailto:fsrs.conference@gmail.com)

### The Fishermen & Scientists Research Society (FSRS) invites you to sponsor the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual FSRS Conference!

This year, sponsorship levels are based on the life stages of lobster:



#### Adult Lobster Sponsorship - \$500 +

- Logo on FSRS website
- ¼ page ad in conference program
- Written acknowledgement in the Spring FSRS newsletter
- Signage and verbal recognition at the Annual Conference

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- Logo on FSRS website
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- Signage and verbal recognition at the Annual Conference

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## Upcoming Events in Atlantic Canada

**22- 23 January 2016:** [Fish Canada Workboat Canada Show in Moncton, N.B.](#)

**6-8 March 2016:** [Science Atlantic Aquaculture& Fisheries and Biology Conference](#),  
Moncton, NB

**18-19 March 2016** [Science Atlantic Environment Conference](#) Moncton, NB

**10-14 April 2016** [19th International Conference on Invasive Species](#) Winnipeg, MB

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