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A Message from your Director of Operations

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

FSRS held a successful 23rd Annual Conference February 25, 2016. Thank You!

We would like to thank all the attendees of the FSRS conference and hope that you left with a positive experience. We hope that we will see you next year!

For those who couldn't make it to the meeting this year, we will be updating the FSRS conference page over the next few weeks and you can find out all about it there and through this issue of the newsletter!

If you know anyone who is interested in receiving more information about the FSRS, please direct them toward signing up for our newsletter: <http://fsrs.ns.ca/newsletter.php>

We have uploaded some photos from the day on our website [gallery](#) and encourage you to take a look.

As mentioned in the general meeting, we will be working on our **Strategic Plan** and we are looking for your suggestions on how to increase membership and keep the FSRS moving forward!

A short survey will be sent out in the next couple of months and we would appreciate your participation to help us develop and grow. If you have any suggestions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Let us know how we can make the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society better for our members and our supporters. Please feel free to send your thoughts to info@fsrs.ns.ca.

Please join me in welcoming the 2016 Board of Directors



(From left to right: Peter Hurley, Courtenay Parlee, Josh Fricker, Hubert Boutilier, Ken Snow, Angelica Silva, Jr. Risser, Jean Lavallee, Fraser Clark, and Randy Boutilier (missing from the photo are: Arthur Richardson, William Bond, Michael Sinclair).

Chairs of our Communications Committee and Scientific Program Committee



(Magali Gregoire and Angelica Silva)

Tricia Pearo Drew will be updating you on the FSRS projects in her science updates further along in the newsletter.

If you have comments about the articles or are interested in becoming a [Member of the FSRS](#), please contact me at Shannon.tibbetts@fsrs.ns.ca or download the application form on the [website](#).

Remember, we are on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) now! Please like and follow us for continuous updates on current projects and news.

Conference Summary



Our 23rd Annual Conference had a broad range of presentations this year given by various representatives of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the University of New Brunswick, and the Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia. Many topics were touched on, from ocean circulation and coastal temperature monitoring to marine protected area network planning and fisheries induced trophic cascade. We also heard talks on the lobster settlement project in Nova Scotia, and the potential effects of climate change on American lobster larval drift. Lastly, a presentation on the importance of fisheries safety rounded out the morning. To view these presentations in full, please follow the links below.

Dave Brickman- [Ocean circulation modelling in support of ecosystem science](#)

Ed Horne- [Lessons learned from three decades of coastal temperature monitoring](#)

Tanya Koropatnick- [Marine protected area network planning for the Bay of Fundy and Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia](#)

Mike Sinclair- [Eastern Scotian Shelf fisheries-induced trophic cascade: a review of the evidence and an alternative interpretation](#)

Adam Cook- [American lobster settlement in Nova Scotia; current status and future directions](#)

Brady Quinn- [Predicting effects of climate change on larval drift and](#)

[benthic recruitment of American lobster \(*Homarus americanus*\)](#)

Fisheries Safety Association of Nova Scotia- [Fishing safety now](#)

Following the AGM, the afternoon program boasted our Community Groups Forum, back at this year's conference by popular demand. We heard discussions from those involved with the Guysborough County Inshore Fisherman's Association, the Université Sainte Anne Marine Research Centre, the LFA 27 Management Board, and the Eastern Shore Fishermen's Protective Association on the work they have been completing in their respective regions of Nova Scotia. To take a closer look at the exciting research being completed by these organizations, please see their full presentations below.

Sarah Delorey- [Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association](#)

Michelle Theriault- [Université Sainte Anne Marine Research Centre](#)

Veronika Brzeski- [LFA 27 Management Board](#)

Peter Connors- [Eastern Shore Fishermen's Protective Association](#)



(Sarah Delorey, Michelle Theriault, Peter Connors and Veronika Brzeski)

Following the presentations everyone had the chance to view the student poster submissions and learn about the valuable research students across the Maritimes are conducting within the fisheries industry. For a full list of Student Posters presented, please click [here](#).

The conference ended with our Dutch Auction and reception in the evening. Thank you to those who attended and enjoyed the fun!

[Student Poster Award Winners](#)

Our Student Poster Session was well received again this year! Congratulations to Brady Quinn from UNBSJ for winning the top prize for Scientific Merit (\$250 donated by Nova Scotia Institute of Science), as well as the People's Choice award!



(Brady Quinn receiving his top poster awards)



(Honorable mentions Maggie Folkins and Sha Bo)



(Additional student poster presenters and our Director of Operations, from left to right: Heather Carey, Cody Bourque, Shannon Scott Tibbetts, Andrea Castillejos Sepulveda, and Bethany Nordstrom)



(Mike Sinclair won the door prize provided by Climate Technical Gear)

We want to thank our [2016 Conference Sponsors](#) for their generous donations.

FSRS Science Update

By Tricia Pearo Drew

The Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) hosted a **successful 23rd annual conference** on February 25th, 2016 at the Best Western Hotel Plus and Suites in Dartmouth. You can read all about the conference on the FSRS website. www.fsrs.ns.ca

The FSRS plans to work on their **strategic plan** for the next five years. We want to better the society for our members and supporters. If you have any suggestions, please let us know! You can email info@fsrs.ns.ca or call the office at 1-800-226-3777.

There will be upcoming meetings in April for **FSRS Lobster Recruitment Project** participants in Cape Breton (LFAs 27, 29 & 30) and the Eastern Shore (LFAs 32 & 31B). Lobster Recruitment Study results from the previous fishing season will be presented for each lobster fishing area. All Lobster Recruitment results can be found in the [Scientific Program Committee Report](#).

[Click here to read more.](#)

FSRS Staff



(Jessica Cosham, Elizabeth Baker, Shannon Scott Tibbetts, Tricia Pearo Drew)

Upcoming Events in Atlantic Canada

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

[CaNOE Conference](#) June 7-12, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

[Coastal Zone Canada Conference](#) June 12-14, Toronto, ON

[BoFEP Science Workshop](#) June 8-10, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB

[Sustainable Oceans Conference](#) September 30-October 1, Halifax Central Library, Halifax, NS

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