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## **FISHERMEN AND SCIENTISTS RESEARCH SOCIETY PRESS RELEASE**

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### **72 STUDENTS RECEIVE FSRS OCEANS 11 PROGRAM AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

Seventy-two students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the seventh annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. Twenty-five of these students received their awards at a ceremony held at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, on Oceans Day. Each student was presented with their award and given a tour of the facilities by friendly and well trained tour guides. This annual award recognizes students, nominated by their teachers, who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their Oceans 11 class, including level of interest, participation and contribution to the class, along with scholastic achievement. The Oceans 11 Program is a science program for grade 11 students, offering them the opportunity to learn about a wide range of marine science topics, including biology, oceanography, fisheries science and fisheries management.

Established in January 1994, the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) is a non-profit organization which is an active partnership between fishermen and scientists. The FSRS was developed with the overall objectives to establish and maintain a network of fishermen and scientists capable of conducting collaborative research and collecting information relevant and necessary to the long-term sustainability of marine fisheries, and to promote effective communication between fishermen, scientists and the general public. The current membership consists of 386 members. As the name suggests, the FSRS members are predominantly either fishermen or scientists who study the fisheries resources and the marine systems on which they depend. Other members include social scientists, educators and interested citizens. The prime requirements for becoming a member are an interest in the goals of the FSRS and a willingness to contribute towards them.

The FSRS works towards achieving the first objective in two related ways. First, members conduct science projects. These involve field collections of data, samples and specimens, and laboratory processing and analysis by FSRS technicians, interns and members. The data produced by FSRS projects have been used in stock assessments and marine mapping of fisheries resources, and published results have appeared in the primary scientific literature. The second way the FSRS seeks to improve the long-term prospects for our fisheries is through education, or more properly, co-education. Both the fishermen and scientist members have a wealth of knowledge about fisheries resources and the ocean. They certainly do not express it the same way but, more importantly it is not the same knowledge. When these two groups have put their heads together, learned each other's way of describing what they know, and pooled their knowledge, strong new insights have emerged.

As previously mentioned, one of the FSRS's primary objectives is also to facilitate and promote effective communication between fishermen, scientists, and the general public. With a view to advancing communication between these stakeholders and increasing fishermen's participation in fisheries science, the FSRS has undertaken a number of initiatives since its inception, including a quarterly newsletter, an annual conference and workshops, and a web site. Promoting communication and education also includes supporting initiatives such as the Oceans 11 Program, which is educating the future stakeholders of this industry, the future scientists and fishermen.

The FSRS congratulates the following students who received the award:

Avon View High School	Jacob Williams	
Baddeck Academy	Kyle Dennis	
Barrington Municipal High School	Brandon Nickerson	Jacob Pierce
Central Kings Rural High School	Alexander Houston	Samantha Sponagle
Chignecto-Central Adult High School	Darren Brooks	
Cobequid Educational Center	Stephanie Boates	Sarah Boyce
	Samantha Hoskin	Chelsea LeBlanc
	Christina MacDonald	Nicole Pardy
	Nicole Pardy	Bijoux Verkuyl
Cole Harbour District High School	James Cardey	Catherine Corkum
	Katie Matheson	Angela Millington
	Devin Reid	Sabrina Schnare
	Adrian Tansley	
Dalbrae Academy	Nancy Cameron	Cody MacDonald
	Jenelle MacFadyen	
Dartmouth High School	Daniel S. Grenon	Keltie Saulnier
Digby Regional High School	Shaun Gerhardt	Casie Tidd
École secondaire de Par-en-Bas	Tristan Surette	
Glace Bay High School	Deneal Aucoin	Kelly Bray
	James Callaghan	Travis MacNeil
	Brittany MacPhee	Sharla Morgan
	Patrick Mulrooney	Ian Oliver
	Tyler Poirier	
Guysborough Academy	Matthias Bieber	
Holy Angels High School	Kari Carew	Miranda Livingstone
Memorial High School	Alyssa Leblanc	Robert MacKinnon
	Brittany MacLean	Justin MacNeil
	Jonathon Robinson	
Middleton Regional High School	Saara Ainamo	Laura Cole
	Laura Skaling	
Musquodoboit Rural High School	Jillian Dean	
North Nova Educational Centre	Kayla Cruickshank	John Fraser
	Candice Parker	Jayne Peters
	Andrew Thompson	Lindsay Walker
Pugwash District High School	Michelle Alkema	
Queen Elizabeth High School	Matthew Bustin	Beth Conrod
	Poppy A. Riker	
River Hebert District High School	Lacy Maloney	
Sackville High School	Cyndi LeBlanc	

South Colchester Academy

Tracy Eldershaw  
Laskey Hart

Charlie Fleming  
Kurt Queripel

Strait Area Education Recreation Centre  
Sydney Academy

Gillian Michelle  
Tony Gillis

George  
Ashley LeBlanc

Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High

Lyndon Musgrave  
Colin Boudreau.

Lindsay Senior

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