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**FISHERMEN AND SCIENTISTS RESEARCH SOCIETY
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**70 STUDENTS RECEIVE FSRS OCEANS 11 PROGRAM AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

Seventy students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the eighth annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. Twenty-six 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 404 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 implemented the Oceans 11 Achievement Award to recognize the efforts of others that work towards the goals they share with the FSRS. The development of the Oceans 11 program in our schools is clearly such an effort, and the achievements of students in the program are worthy of recognition.

The FSRS congratulates the following students who received the award:

School	Student	Student
Auburn Drive High School	Alannah Farouse	Logan Francis
	Tamara Lindenmann	Jordan MacRae
	Dominique Oliver-Dares	Kendra Pottie
	Lyndsey Smith	
Avon View High School	Sangah Lee	
Barrington Municipal High School	Thomas Crowell	
Breton Education Center	Greg MacPhee	
Cabot Junior/Senior High School	Shelby Buchanan	
Central Rural High School	Kelsey Brydon	Dexter Pulsifer
Chignecto Central Adult High School	Patrick Norwich	
Cobequid Education Center	Rebecca Denton	Briana Stewart
	Rebecca Blank	Nicholas Toole
	Kelsey MacKenzie	Myles Nicholls
	Katelyn Bower	David Callaghan
Cole Harbour District High School	Tajia Boudreau	Nicole Brackley
	Kelsy Burns	Conlin Harvey
	Keanne Thibodeau	Chelsea Tufts
	Kelsea Williams	
Dartmouth High School	Kaitlyn McKinnon	
Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional School	Julie Vermeer	
École Secondaire de Par-en-Bas	Nathaniel King	
École NDA	Jérémie Larade	
Glace Bay High School	Maria Nicole Bonaparte	Kirsten Marie Cable
	Raven Alexandria Kostey	Garrett MacDonald
	Jessica MacInnis	Jennifer MacLean
	Stuart MacQuarrie	

Halifax West High School	Jarrett Bent Samantha Martin	Matthew Campbell Spencer Scott
Holy Angels High School	Kristi Evans-Bragg	Emmy Hines
Lockeport Regional High School	Tyler Dominic	
Middleton Regional High School	Chelsea Fougere Tony Taylor	Karen Hynes Pulsuk Khemapu Kpong
North Nova Education Centre	Taylor Borden Crystal Roberts	Michelle Lemieux Lori Stewart
School	Student	Student
Park View Education Centre	Lindsey Vidito	
Riverview Rural High School	Jessica Conohan Nicole Martell Kathleen Steel	Meredith Higgins Hannah Saxon
Shelburne Regional High School	John Allen Williams	
South Colchester Academy	Alannah Collins Hilary Brown Amelia Goulet	Stephanie Wilson Paxton Dickey Matraca Volans
Springhill Jr/Sr High School	Jennifer Mont	Asia Shay

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