



PLAN TO ATTEND!

**FSRS – GOMLF LOBSTER SCIENCE WORKSHOP
February 19, 2009**

and

**FSRS 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
February 20 – 21, 2009**

Where You Will Learn About Important Topics Such As

- Climate Change and Its Impact on Fisheries
- Ocean Tracking Network
- Using Lobster Blood Samples to Study Reproductive and Nutritional Status
- Using Remote Sensing to Observe the Marine Ecosystem
- Lobster Post-Larval Collector Research
- Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Lobster Fishery

**Best Western Glengarry Hotel
150 Willow Street
Truro, NS**

YOU ARE INVITED!

Joint FSRS – GOMLF Lobster Science Workshop

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FSRS 16th Annual Conference

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Lobster Science Workshop

The joint **Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) - Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation (GOMLF) Lobster Science Workshop** will focus on two topics. The morning session will focus on *Lobster Post-Larval Collector Research Collaboration* and will include updates on the various lobster collector research projects currently underway throughout Atlantic Canada and New England. The afternoon session will focus on *Using Science to Better Understand the Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Lobster Fishery*. The workshop will also continue the cross-border information sharing and collaboration initiated through previous workshops.

FSRS 16th Annual Conference

The **FSRS 16th Annual Conference** will include workshops on a wide variety of topics, from the impacts of climate change on fisheries, observing the marine ecosystem using remote sensing, to lobster recruitment project results, as well as a posters/information displays session.

An informal reception is also planned for the evening of February 20th and will include a Dutch Auction. The auction at last year's conference raised over \$1,200 in support of FSRS research projects. Let's try to double that this year!

We hope you can attend. See you there!

LOBSTER WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

To assist us in the planning of the Workshop and Conference, please complete this pre-registration form and return it by February 7, 2009 or register on-line at www.fsrns.ca. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please check one:

Attending only the Lobster Workshop _____

Attending only the Annual Conference _____

Attending both the Lobster Workshop and the Annual Conference _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

If a fisherman, please indicate

Home Port: _____

All others please indicate

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Return by February 7, 2009

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or

fax to 902-876-1320

or

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EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Members:

Travel: Members can claim travel at 40¢/km up to a maximum of 1000 km.

Meals: Lunch will be provided on February 19th and 20th.

Accommodation: Members can claim a \$35.00/night accommodation allowance. You must book your own accommodation. Accommodation is available at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel at a special rate of \$80 + HST single rate, \$90 + HST double rate. When booking, indicate that you are attending the FSRS Conference in order to get this rate.

Non - Members:

Lunch will be provided on February 19th and 20th. Non-members are responsible for all other expenses. Accommodation is available at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel at a special rate of \$80 + HST single rate, \$90 + HST double rate. When booking, indicate that you are attending the FSRS Conference in order to get this rate.

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FSRS – GOMLF LOBSTER SCIENCE WORKSHOP

February 19, 2009

Timetable

9:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome/Introductions and Opening Remarks
10:15 - 1:00	Lobster Post-Larval Collector Research Collaboration
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 4:45	Using Science to Better Understand the Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Lobster Fishery
4:45 - 5:00	Wrap Up/Closing Remarks
5:00 - 6:00	Reception

FSRS 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

February 20 – 21, 2009

Timetable

February 20, 2009

8:30 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome/Introductions and Opening Remarks
10:00 - 12:00	Workshop Sessions
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00	Workshop Sessions
3:00 - 3:15	Coffee Break
3:15 - 4:00	Annual General Meeting
4:00 - 5:00	Poster Session
5:00 - 5:15	Wrap Up of Day One
7:30 - 11:00	Reception/Dutch Auction

February 21, 2009

9:00 - 10:00	Workshop Sessions
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 - 12:15	Scientific Program Committee Report and Review of Annual Workplan
12:15 - 12:30	Closing Remarks

Planned Workshop Topics

Climate Change And Its Impact On Fisheries

Guest Speaker: Gary Lines, Climate Change Section, Environment Canada

Ocean Tracking Network – What Is It And How Can Fishermen Use The Data Collected

Guest Speaker: Bob Branton, Dalhousie University

Using Lobster Blood Samples To Study Reproductive And Nutritional Status

Guest Speaker: TBA, AVC Lobster Science Centre

Keeping Watch On The Marine Ecosystem From Spacecraft In Orbit

Guest Speaker: Trevor Platt

Examination Of FSRS Pre-Recruit Catch Rates As Predictors Of Landings

Guest Speaker: John Tremblay, Population Ecology Division, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

FSRS Lobster Recruitment Index And GOMLF Ventless Trap Survey Project Updates

Guest Speakers: Shannon Scott-Tibbetts, Fishermen and Scientists Research Society and Sara Ellis, Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation



Scientific Program Committee Report

- Shellfish Working Group Report
 - Lobster Collector Project Update
 - Lobster Moulting and Quality Project Update
- Groundfish Working Group Report
- Ecosystem Working Group Report
 - LEK Survey Results Update
 - Draft Ecosystem Overview and Assessment Report (EOAR) – Update on the Results of the RAP Review
- 2009/10 Workplan

FSRS Annual General Meeting

The FSRS Annual General Meeting will be held during the Conference and will include:

- Directors' Report
- Financial Report
- Approval of 2009/10 Budget
- Approval of 2009/10 Workplan
- Nominations & Elections

Posters and Displays

In addition to the workshop sessions, the conference will include posters and displays. To reserve booth or poster space, contact Patty King.

For further information contact:

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