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

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

69 students from Oceans 11 classes throughout Nova Scotia received the sixth annual Fishermen and Scientists Research Society Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Oceans 11 Program. 27 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.

The Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) is a non-profit organization which strives to improve the state and sustainability of our fisheries resources. The FSRS members, as the name suggests, 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 are an interest in the goals of the FSRS and a willingness to contribute towards them.

The FSRS works towards its goals in two related ways. First, members conduct science projects. These involve field collection 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, 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 of 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.

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: Advocate District School: Rebecca Connors; Amherst Regional High School: Alicia Chapman, Sarah Sears; Avon View High School: Josh Seaboyer; Breton Education Centre: Brittany Darroch; Central Kings Rural High School: Jordan Sanford, Brianne Williams; Cobequid Educational Centre: Ashley Clarke, Page Colpitts, Justin Colson, Rylan Crocker, Jeremy Jennings, Peter Keddy, Naomi McLean, Jay Peppard, Matt Richards, Sarah Robinson; Cole Harbour District High School: Jessica Carter, Sara Ede, Melanie Hackett, Amber Hanrahan, Marcus Marsman, Lisa Wilson; Dalbae Academy: Breanna MacEachern; Drumlin Heights: Sandi Emily Crowell, Zackery Armond d'Entremont; Ecole Secondaire de Par-en-Bas: Andrea Atkinson; Glace Bay High School: Justin Clements, Paul Glancey, Susan Macdonald, Kelly MacQuarrie, Leanne Mauger, Brandon O'Donnell, Nicole Prince, Katelyn Robinson; Halifax West High School: Andrew Davies; Holy Angels High School: Katherine Furlong, Kaitlin Poirier, Sara Tobin; J.L. Ilsley High School: Jessica Pyke; Liverpool Regional High School: Travis Donovan; Middleton Regional High School: Kendra Burchill, Emily Herrick, Jessica Ritcey; Musquodoboit Rural High School: Cale Kilyanek; Prince Andrew High School: Jessica Anderson, Miranda Bostock, Catlin Burke, Darren Guay, Travis Kearney; Pugwash District High School: Jeremy Davidson; Queen Elizabeth High School: Charlotte Hall-Coates, Sine MacAdam, Jonathan Reid; River Hebert District High School: Kayla Brown; Riverview Rural High School: Griffyn Chezenko, Kylie DeCoste, Jessica MacDonald, Lisa MacDonald, Katelyn MacIntyre; Sackville High School: Ashley Godin; Sir John A. MacDonald High School: Michellene Boutilier, Tiffany Morash, Daniel Stevens, Katelyn Stewart, Megan Waterman; South Colchester Academy: Jessica Geddes; Strait Area Education Recreation Center: Margaret Shermerhorn; Truro Adult High School: Paul Crowe.

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