

February 9, 2001

Steering Committee
Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries

Dear Committee Members:

By this letter I am formally resigning from my positions as Research Coordinator and Co-Director and withdrawing the Centre for Community-Based Management as a partner in the Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries (SRSF) project.

It is with great disappointment that I am compelled to do this. However irreconcilable differences with the SRSF Director on issues respecting approaches to community-based research and management of community/university research alliances have made this step necessary.

If at some future date there is a resolution of these issues and it is felt that the Centre for Community-Based Management can be of some service in this project, then we would be willing to discuss this further.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to the support of the community partners throughout this process. I know how difficult this has been for all, and for those of you remaining in the project, I sincerely wish you the greatest success in realizing the hopes we had at the outset. For the Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre and for the Fundy Fixed Gear Council, who have also withdrawn from this project, I am confident that they will find other means to develop their social research capacity.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Kearney
Manager
Centre for Community-Based Management
St. Francis Xavier University

cc. Mary Coyle, University Vice-President and Interim Director, Extension Department
Arthur Bull, Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre and Fundy Fixed Gear Council
Allen Middlebro, Project Officer, SSHRCC