

# **SRSF Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES April 17th, 2000**

Attending: Ginny Boudreau, Arthur Bull, Bill Crossman, Tony Davis, Nell den Heyer, John Kearney, Chris Milley, Flora Murphy, John Prosper, Pat Rhynold

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Flora Murphy

12 noon-2:30pm

St. Francis Xavier University

Arthur Bull and Bill Crossman join by conference call.

## **Approval of March 9, 2000 Steering Committee Minutes**

- no changes: moved Arthur Bull / seconded Pat Rhynold

## **Business Arising from March 9, 2000 Minutes**

-Travel logs handed out to partners and CRCs present, Sandy Benoit will receive his later in the week, Chris Milley will bring Arthur Bull's and Bill Crossman's to Cornwallis.

-Please include odometer reading at start, end and total, the log may also be use to keep track of other expenses, but receipts are needed for meals and accommodation.

## **New Business**

### **1. Web Page Developments**

-Address has changed semi-permanently to [www.stfx.ca/people/adavis/srsf](http://www.stfx.ca/people/adavis/srsf).

-Please check the changes to the web site.

-Listserv is now operational, the details on its use will be e-mailed to all partners

### **2. Introduction of Community Research Coordinators (CRCs)**

-Ginny Boudreau, Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association.

-Bill Crossman, Centre for Marine Resources and Fundy Fixed Gear Council.

-Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission deadline for CRC applications is April 27, 2000.

-Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association deadline for applications is April 15, 2000.

### **3. Interns**

-Fundy Fixed Gear and Marine Resources Centre are in the process of hiring their intern, up to date the process has been going well.

-Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association deadline for intern applications is April 21, 2000.

-Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association is presently interviewing and will have hopefully hired by the end of the week.

-Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission and Jeff MacDonald Program Officer of ISAR are in the process of compiling a list of Native students that could be approached for the intern position.

### **4. Director's Report**

#### **Institute for Community Research**

- Description and introduction of the Institute for Community Research in advance of the April 26-30, 2000 visit to the institute by Ginny Boudreau, Bill Crossman, John Kearney and Flora Murphy.

- The SRSF has budgeted for the trip, it is an opportunity to create links with them and other organizations with whom they are involved.

- Flora will prepare a report on the experience upon return, and documents that are obtained from the institute during the visit.

#### **Computers**

-Partners may be able to take their units with them today, if the hard drive is not ready they will be able to take the monitor and printer with them today, the hard drive will be sent by the end of the week.

-The computers are just over budget, but we are satisfied with the units that have been purchased.

-The computers are property of St. Francis Xavier University.

-A fax/modem card may not be installed, if it is not would partners please have it installed and send the invoice to Tony Davis.

#### **Budget**

-Summary and overview of the cost of computers and the overall account information.

-Interns will receive \$9.00/hr, the SRSF had budgeted for \$10.00/hr, instead the \$1.00 will now be used to cover their travel and incidental expenses.

-Ginny Boudreau and Bill Crossman will now receive their cheques through direct deposit.

People hired in the future if desiring this are to inform Tony Davis and send a void cheque to him.

### Alternate Funding

-Science Horizon funding did not come through for Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association nor did Tony Davis' application come through.

-Applications have been sent to HRDC for their student summer career funding, if the money comes through it will be used for the intern salary or to hire additional interns.

### **5. SRSF Chronology**

-Tony Davis has drafted a chronology, and it will be posted on the web site.

-It was previously circulated to the Steering Committee members, feedback is needed immediately in order to have it finalized and posted.

-John Kearney felt that the chronology lacked partner involvement and that it is important to mention that the project was developed prior to the Marshall decision and is not in response to it. In this light Chris Milley suggested that the issue (traditional knowledge) which brought the partners together be included. Chris Milley agreed to send a written addition to the chronology to Tony Davis regarding the issues.

-Below are the additions and revisions to the SRSF Chronology designed to address the concerns with the original document.

#### **Additions at beginning of the document:**

- April 1996 - St. Francis Xavier University receives \$350,000 from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and the Crabtree Foundation for the purposes of developing its proposal for an Interdisciplinary Studies in Aquatic Resources (ISAR) programme. Dr. Anthony Davis is appointed ISAR Coordinator.
- October 1996 - Anthony Davis invited by the Fundy Fixed Gear Council to deliver a social research methods seminar and to join their Research Committee.
- September 1997 - Dr. John Kearney joins St. Francis Xavier University's Extension Department, Fieldwork Unit.

#### **Changes to the document**

##### Previously:

April 1998 - The St. Georges Bay Ecosystem Project (GBEP) is launched with a variety of university, marine harvester and government agency partners, including the Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association and the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission ([www.stfx.ca/people/gbayesp](http://www.stfx.ca/people/gbayesp)).

##### Changed to:

April 1998 - The St. Georges Bay Ecosystem Project (GBEP) is launched with a variety of university, marine harvester and government agency partners, including the Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association and the Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission ([www.stfx.ca/people/gbayesp](http://www.stfx.ca/people/gbayesp)). All partners share a concern for the development of ecologically sustainable fisheries livelihoods as well as for the development of a fisheries management system in which marine harvesters have effective 'Ovoice'.

##### Previously:

December 1998 - St. FX Centre for Community-Based Management is established.

##### Changed to:

December 1998 - St. FX Centre for Community-Based Management (CCBM) is established by John Kearney and housed in the St. FX Extension Department with a linkage to the Coady International Institute. John Kearney is appointed CCBM Director.

### **6. Report on Partner Meetings**

#### March 9, 2000 - Fundy Fixed Gear Council and Centre for Marine Resources, Cornwallis

-John Kearney explained SRSF procedure.

-A good small range of people which lead to a good discussion, in particular what partners should expect from the project.

#### April 4, 2000 - Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association, Canso

-The meeting was part of a larger meeting, 61 in attendance.

-John, Pat, Ginny and Flora explained SRSF procedure.

-Basic questions, focus on the present situation in the fishery. Harvesters very focused on short-term benefits/effects. What good will long-term action be when they feel the industry may vanish in 10 years.

-Members have been up against Dept. of Fisheries (DFO) for a long time, they see this as an opportunity to try and finally prove DFO wrong.

-As result the SRSF must focus on an approach that presents agendas that are do-able, tangible and concrete. As well it must be a research agenda that reflects the partners issues.

### **7. Partner Research Agendas**

-May 1, 2000 most CRCs and Interns will be on pay roll, it is necessary that partners develop a work plan for both their intern and CRC for the May 3 Steering Committee

meeting. It is important to implement the agendas in a coordinated manner.

-The procedure in which the research agendas that have been submitted were developed may have been in contradiction to the Memorandum of Understanding. They were only developed to provide guidance for the posting of student intern positions. Therefore these research issues should not be seen as secured agendas.

-Four of the 5 partners have listed research agendas that would document ecological knowledge; Fundy Fixed Gear Council, Gulf Nova Scotia Bonafide Fishermen's Association, Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association and Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Council. Ginny Boudreau of GCIFA has already begun to research and document the history of the association.

-Each partner organization including members and leaders needs to develop a prioritized proposed research agenda (with a focus for summer 2000) for the May 3 Steering Committee meeting. A proposal that can hopefully be matched with social researchers, this proposal should allow partners to collaborate agendas as well as allow members to see their issues reflected in the agenda.

## **8. Workshops**

Who is attending?

-Interns, CRCs, social researchers, executive of partner organizations.

How do we see these workshops?

-To inform and train people.

-A package should precede the workshops for CRCs to take back to their organizations to deliver the information from the workshop. One of the early workshops should include the idea/principles of "train the trainer" and adult education, this would assist all partners in disseminating the SRSF information to their members.

-Before the May workshop, information on interested social researchers will be sent to all partners.

-Decision to check into possibility of changing the May 3 workshop to May 9 in order to increase social researcher participation. Flora will look into the possibility and inform all partners.

## **9. Working Documents**

Flora has been working on two documents concerning additional funding for the SRSF and associated and alternative research approaches and interests. Each partner has agreed to review the documents and make comments and/or suggestions. These documents will be added to the web site.

## **10. Future Conferences**

The Loka Institute of Amherst Massachusetts, is holding a conference in Atlanta Georgia, June 16-18, 2000. The conference, *Exploring Economic and Social Challenges to Community-Based Research*, is designed to be a forum for community researchers. Partners are asked to think about the possibility of sending representatives from the SRSF, possibly Flora. Additional information on the conference will be sent to all partners.

## **11. Next Meeting**

-Prior to the next Steering Committee meeting an agenda will be circulated.

-The next Steering Committee meeting is set for May 3, 3pm at St. Francis Xavier University.

**Adjourned**