

# **SRSF Steering Committee Meeting – September 17, 2001**

## **Nicholson Hall Room 612, 3:00am**

### Agenda

Present: Tony Davis, John Wagner, Lynn Patterson, Peter Clancy, Pat Rhynold, Ginny Boudreau, Kerry Prosper, Sandy Benoit, Kay Wallace, Christie Dyer, Jessica Paterson  
Richard Apostle joins by conference call

Regrets: Monica Diochon

Chair: Tony Davis

Minutes: Christie Dyer & Jessica Paterson

### **Approval of September 17th, 2001 Steering Committee Minutes**

- Kerry Prosper moved to accept July minutes. Peter Clancy seconded. All in favour.
- Minutes pass, no changes.

### **Business Arising from September 17th, 2001 Minutes**

- Software – still interested in workshop on NUDIST software, Monica might be able to do this
- Website – Erin Breen unable to continue.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Director's Report**

- Ecology Action Center (EAC) has sent a letter to SRSF asking for a donation to support their court case against DFO. It was decided that the EAC letter would be circulated to all partners and a decision would be made at the next steering committee meeting if or how SRSF would provide support.
- The Canadian Issues article will be coming out shortly – “Diving into the Chowder”, written by Tony about the work of SRSF.
- SRSF has received all monies from SSHERC.
- Tape recorders have been ordered and should be received shortly.
- Conferences:

Power of Participation: Building Communities For The 21st Century. October 25-26, 2001  
Canadian Coast Guard College, Sdney, Nova Scotia  
tel: 902 539 9560, fax: 902 539 7210, email:  
cblackie@ns.sympatico.ca

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy.  
November 7-8, 2001  
Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
fax: 613 992 7385, email: tremblayt@nrtee-trnee.ca

- Tony is re-entering survey results from the Georges Bay Ecosystem Project – soon will have GBEP database in (relatively) same format as the GCIFA survey database.
- Draft document on recruitment written – looking for editorial comment:
  - Want to develop into Fact Sheet
- Sent out other two fact sheets to variety of journals – have been published in the Sou'Wester but SRSF hasn't had any feedback. Pat has had positive feedback from membership.
- Pat suggests the Navigator as a journal to send our documents to.
- Mi'kmaw Ethics Committee met to review Kerry's project – expecting feedback asap.
- Goal – to look for additional funding. Cannot look to SSHRC for more money.
  - Richard will be happy contribute – possibly have an informal meeting around funding issues.

#### **2. Research Progress**

- Going well – three interviews completed up to 3rd phase in Canso with more scheduled. First interview on Georges Bay side today.
- Carla Hayley-Baxter to transcribe interview tapes.
- Once have number of interviews then a full group systematic debriefing meeting will take place.

#### **3. CRCs Work Plans**

- Creation of detailed inventory of all info collected through research process into a database
- December 10th – date for completing first draft of database
- Kay, Ginny and Pat feel that the timeline is very tight – agree to take a stab at it and see how far they get by December 10th.
- ProCite has ability to create entry forms for all different kinds of data (conventional

and non-conventional sources of info) - John agrees to help CRCs in setting up and learning how to create such forms.

- Tony would like workplans from CRCs in general sense with respect to time management and allocation:
  - This allows for CRCs to identify skill and capacitations the CRCs desire and to identify organizational demands and SRSF demands of their time.
  - Have work plan for next steering committee meeting for discussion
- **4. Fact Sheets**
- Continue series in established style.
- Re-emphasis on acknowledgement of SRSF and relationship with partners.
- As a partnership we want to circulate documents so that we are all informed and can give feedback.
- Project over next 8 months ~ 2 Fact Sheets per month.
- Make drafts in word so that easy to circulate to Richard, Peter, Monica and Lynn.
- CRCs could look to fund the printing of their fact sheets from sources other than SRSF
  - Ex. Kay is working on a fact sheet about professionalization – the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters could be interested.
- **5. WorkPlan**
- Write pieces out of information already gathered.
- Start and complete next cycle of interviews
- Aim to start interviews in both St. Georges Bay and the Chedabucto Bay areas in early October.
- Plan external evaluation:
  - Intended to be conducted in November
  - Need to identify 2 external, unrelated professionals (at least on social science researcher)
  - Already budgeted for 1 week (travel and subsistence)
  - Prior to coming must receive a dossier
  - Richard inquired if it is possible for us to look across the Atlantic for potential candidates.
  - Need to put forward names soon.
- **6. Report on Fishers Knowledge conference**
- Feedback from both Ginny and Kerry on the experience – very positive, very helpful. Found the content of conference interesting and learned a tremendous amount from the process. Christie and Jessica – poster was well received, all literature that was taken out was distributed.
- Everyone able to look at poster – decided that it was good for all partners to receive a copy of the poster for their office.
- **7. Relationship with Mi'kmaq Fish and Wildlife Commission – Afton**
- In light of the continued “disolved” status of the MFWC, Afton-SRSF project needs to establish a new community organizational connection.
- Need to have a more stable organizational base to support work with – especially on the basis of funding.
- Kerry will talk to local Assembly of First Nations representative to see if they are interested in partnering.
- Elections in Afton coming up at end of October.
- Afton-GNSBFA joint committee – there is still interest in setting up committee from GNSBFA members.
- **8. Website**
- Erin Breen can no longer continue with maintaining website.
- Needs to be updated – will look for someone to continue.
- **9. New Business**
- Tony Charles called and said that he would have to resign from the SRSF Steering Committee. He will be sending a formal letter of resignation to Tony.
  - Need to find a replacement – everyone to send suggestions to Tony.
  - Suggested that we ask Barbara Neis.
- SRSF – GNSBFA – DFO new project on groundfish predation on lobster
  - White Hake sampling underway – by Hadley Watts, ISAR intern.

**Next Meeting:** October 1st at 1:00 pm

- **Adjourned**