

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 23, 2023 (26)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans met this day at 9:06 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Fabian Manning, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Deacon (*Ontario*), Francis, Kutcher, Manning, Patterson (*Ontario*) and Ravalia (6).

Participating in the meeting: Daniele Lafrance, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 10, 2022, the committee continued its examination of the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans including maritime safety. (Topic: Independence of commercial inshore fisheries in Atlantic Canada and Quebec)

WITNESSES:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada:

Jennifer Buie, Acting Director General, Fisheries Resources Management;

Doug Wentzell, Regional Director General, Maritimes Region (by videoconference);

Maryse Lemire, Regional Director, Fisheries Management, Quebec Region (by videoconference);

Jennifer Mooney, Director, National Licensing Operations.

Jennifer Buie made a statement and, together with Doug Wentzell, Maryse Lemire and Jennifer Mooney, answered questions.

At 9:56 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:03 a.m., the committee resumed.

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WITNESSES:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada:

Alexandra Dostal, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Aquatic Ecosystems;

Kate Ladell, Director General, Biodiversity Management;

Jennifer Buie, Acting Director General, Fisheries Resources Management;

Simon Nadeau, Director, Marine Mammals and Biodiversity Science.

Alexandra Dostal made a statement and, together with Jennifer Buie, Kate Ladelle and Simon Nadeau, answered questions.

At 10:54 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Clerk of the Committee