



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, December 7, 2023  
(45)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans met this day at 9:09 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the deputy chair, the Honourable Bev Busson, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Busson, Cordy, Duncan, Kutcher, McPhedran, Petten and Ravalia (8).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Aucoin (1).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, the committee continued its examination of Canada's seal populations and seal harvest.

*WITNESSES:*

*DisinfoWatch:*

Marcus Kolga, Founder and Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

*As individuals:*

Ahmed Al-Rawi, Associate Professor, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University (*by videoconference*);

Jaigris Hodson, Canada Research Chair in Digital Communication for the Public Interest, Associate Professor, Royal Roads University (*by videoconference*).

Marcus Kolga, Jaigris Hodson and Ahmed Al-Rawi each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sara Gajic

*Clerk of the Committee*