



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 21, 2024

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[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 Busson, Cordy, Cuzner, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Duncan, Kutcher, Manning, McPhedran, Petten and Ravalia (10).

Participating in the meeting: Florence Blanchet, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; 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: Canada's Elver Fishery)

WITNESS:

State of Maine:

Patrick C. Keliher, Commissioner, Department of Marine Resources (*by videoconference*).

Patrick C. Keliher made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

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.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk for consultation by committee members and/or staff, and that the audio recording be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of the parliamentary session.

At 10:53 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Clerk of the Committee