



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 16, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans met this day at 8:31 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Fabian Manning, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Boudreau, Busson, Cuzner, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Dhillon, Greenwood, Manning, Prosper and Surette (9).

Participating in the meeting: Natacha Kramski, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, the committee continued its study of the independence of commercial inshore fisheries in Atlantic Canada and Quebec, and the policies and legislative tools used by the Government of Canada to preserve it, such as the Owner-Operator Policy.

WITNESSES:

Fundy North Fishermen's Association:

Amanda Johnson, Executive Director.

Grand Manan Fishermen's Association:

Amy Howe, General Manager.

As an individual:

Ron Cormier, Retired Lobster Fisherman and past President Maritime Fishermen's Union.

Amanda Johnson, Amy Howe and Ron Cormier each made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Melissa Doyle

Clerk of the Committee