



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 30, 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, Gerba, Manning, Ravalia and Surette (9).

Participating in the meeting: Daniele Lafrance, 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:

Quebec Fishing Industry Association:

Serge Fortin, Executive Director.

Coopérative des Capitaines Propriétaires de la Gaspésie:

Claudio Bernatchez, Director General (by videoconference).

Serge Fortin and Claudio Bernatchez each made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:56 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Katy Quinn

Clerk of the Committee