



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 7, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans met this day at 8:37 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), Deacon (Ontario), Manning and Ravalia (7).

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:

4R Mobile Gear Harvesters Association:

Boyd Lavers, Co-Chair;

Christopher Gould, Co-Chair.

As an individual:

The Honourable Gerry Byrne, P.C., Former Minister of Fisheries (Newfoundland and Labrador) and Former Parliamentarian.

The Honourable Gerry Byrne, P.C., and Boyd Lavers each made a statement and, together with Christopher Gould, answered questions.

At 9:59 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Katy Quinn

Clerk of the Committee