



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans met this day at 6:34 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Fabian Manning, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boudreau, Busson, Dhillon, Manning, Prosper, Ravalia and Surette (7).

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

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**WITNESSES:**

*United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union:*

Guy Johnston, Secretary-Treasurer and Fisherman.

*As an individual:*

Rick Williams, President, Praxis Research & Consulting Inc. and Policy Advisor, Ecotrust Canada.

Guy Johnston and Rick Williams each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:46 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:51 p.m., the committee resumed in camera.

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.

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Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed draft reports.

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

At 8:20 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Katy Quinn

*Clerk of the Committee*