



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Resource Committee**

Date: April 17, 2025

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Perry Trimper, Member for Lake Melville (Chair)

Craig Pardy, Member for Bonavista (Vice-Chair)

Pleaman Forsey, Member for Exploits

Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Jordan Brown, Member for Labrador West)

Bernard Davis, Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (substituted for Jamie Korab, Member for Waterford Valley, subheads 3.1.01 to 4.5.02)

Other:

Jim Locke, Government Members' Caucus

Colby Greeley, Official Opposition Caucus

Megan Winter, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Jennifer Peckham, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

Gerry Byrne, Minister

Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister

Blair Adams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Wildlife, Forestry and Resource Enforcement

Steve Balsom, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture, Animal Health, Crown Lands and GIS and Mapping

Scott Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Licensing, Seafood/Aquaculture/Sustainable Fisheries

Steven Mercer, Departmental Controller

Kristen Miller, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning

John Tompkins, Director of Communications

Dr. Daryl Whalen, Director, Aquatic Animal Health

Dave Hamlyn, Ministerial Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

On motion, the Minutes of April 15, 2025 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:28 a.m. and resumed at 10:41 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12 p.m. to Monday, May 5 at 9 a.m. to consider the Estimates of the Department of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills.

Perry Trimper
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Peckham".

Jennifer Peckham
Clerk of Committee (A)