



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: May 7, 2026

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 6 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mark Butt, Member for Lewisporte - Twillingate (Chair)

Michael King, Member for Burgeo - La Poile (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Riley Balsom, Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde

Bettina Ford, Member for Gander (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune)

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (substituted for Keith Russell, Member for Lake Melville)

Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi

Other:

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Meghan Parsons, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Evan Beazley, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Environment, Conservation & Climate Change

Chris Tibbs, Minister

Valerie Snow, Deputy Minister

Tara Kelly, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment

Dr. Susan Squires, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conservation and Climate Change

Michelle Hunt Grouchy, Director of Communications

Jennifer Torraville, Departmental Controller

David Thomlyn, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 6, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:30 p.m. and resumed at 7:40 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 9:09 p.m. to Friday, May 8, 2026 at 9 a.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Mark Butt
Chair



Evan Beazley
Clerk of Committee (A)