



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: May 8, 2026

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mark Butt, Member for Lewisporte - Twillingate (Chair)

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

Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

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

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's - Humber (substituted for Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West)

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

Other:

Margot Pitcher, Official Opposition Caucus

Dave Hamlyn, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees

Witnesses Appearing:

Fisheries and Aquaculture

Loyola O'Driscoll, Minister

Keith Sullivan, Deputy Minister

Scott Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Aquaculture

Debbie Marnell, Director of Communications

Brad Nofall, Departmental Controller

Dr. Daryl Whalen, Director, Aquatic Animal Health

Joan O'Driscoll, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 7, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:28 a.m. and resumed at 10:38 a.m.

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

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:12 p.m. to Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6 p.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation.

Mark Butt
Chair

Bobbi Russell

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