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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Inquiry into the Role of Science for Fisheries and Aquaculture

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The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will hold a public hearing tomorrow on its inquiry into the role of science for fisheries and aquaculture.

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority on Wednesday 30 May 2012, commencing at 5:30pm in room 1R3 at Parliament House.

Terms of Reference for the inquiry cover:

- a) the relationship between scientific knowledge of fish species, ecosystems, biodiversity and fish stock sustainability;
- b) fishery management and biosecurity
- c) research, development and applied science of aquaculture
- d) governance arrangements relating to fisheries and aquaculture, including the implications for sustainability and industry development; and
- e) current initiatives and responses to the above matters by state, territory and Australian governments.

Persons and organisations interested in making a submission to the inquiry should contact the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Committee would prefer submissions to be sent electronically to arff.reps@aph.gov.au. Submitters are encouraged to read the information on preparing a submission available on the committee website before lodging their submission.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, the Hon Dick Adams MP, on (03) 6398 1115 or email D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au

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