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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

Inquiry into the Role of Science for Fisheries and Aquaculture —public hearings —

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

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on Wednesday 27 June 2012, commencing at 5:15pm in Committee Room 1R3 at Parliament House.

On Friday 29 June 2012, the Committee will hear evidence from a range of stakeholders from 9:20am in Committee Room 2R1 at Parliament House:

- Office of the Chief Scientist
- University of Melbourne Department of Zoology
- Australian Marine Alliance
- Emeritus Professor Bob Kearney
- World Wildlife Fund
- Australian Museum
- NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Terms of Reference for the inquiry include:

- the relationship between scientific knowledge of fish species, ecosystems, biodiversity and fish stock sustainability;
- fishery management and biosecurity
- research, development and applied science of aquaculture
- governance arrangements relating to fisheries and aquaculture

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 <u>arff.reps@aph.gov.au</u>. 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

Further information: contact the Inquiry Secretary (02) 6277 4500, email <u>arff.reps@aph.gov.au</u> or visit the Committee's webpage at <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/arff</u>