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

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will hold public hearings this Wednesday 15 August on its inquiry into the role of science for fisheries and aquaculture.

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Australian Marine Conservation Society, commencing at 5:15pm in Committee Room 1R3 at Parliament House in Canberra.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries believes there can be improved communication between jurisdictions regarding current research activities through the establishment of a national registry of projects. It is also calling for greater federal support for ongoing resource assessment activities and more research on the impacts of various fishery management strategies.

NSW is also calling for greater assessment of the socioeconomic and ecological impacts of recreational fishing.

The Australian Marine Conservation Society is a charity that 'seeks to protect and celebrate our oceans and their wildlife through community education and action.' It is the publisher of the Australian Sustainable Seafood Guide.

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 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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