

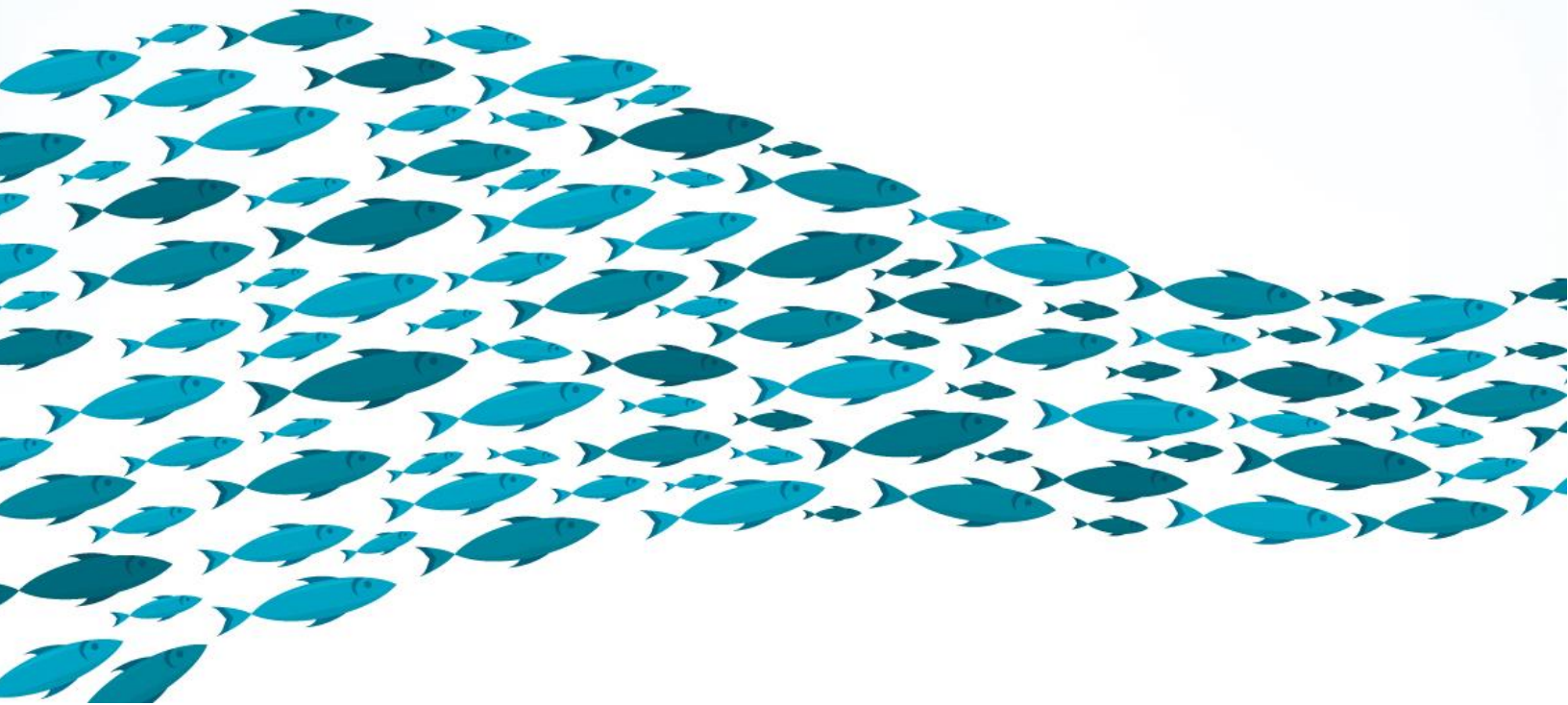


JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL, 2020

INTERIM REPORT

SECOND SESSION (2021/2022) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Wednesday November 10, 2021 and of the Senate on Friday September 10, 2021, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider the Fisheries Management (No. 2) Bill, 2020 to adopt the work completed by the Joint Select Committee established during the First Session, Twelfth Parliament and to report by January 31, 2022.

Committee Membership

Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Chairman
Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP	Member
Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP	Member
Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP	Member
Mr. Brian Manning, MP	Member
Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP	Member
Mr. Rushton Paray, MP	Member
Mr. Anil Roberts	Member
Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	Member
Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim	Member
Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy	Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche, Senior Legal Officer	Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein, Legal Officer I	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Temika Jackson, Legal Research Officer	Research Support
Mr. Marcus Moses, Procedural Officer Intern	Research Support
Mrs. Susannah Gittens, Business Operations Assistant II	Administrative Support

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The following persons were appointed to serve on the Committee:


 Mr. Clarence Rambharat
 Mr. Stephen McClashie, MP
 Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP
 Mr. Brian Manning, MP
 Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP
 Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP
 Mr. Rushton Paray, MP
 Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim
 Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy
 Mr. Anil Roberts
 Dr. Varma Deyalsingh
 Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy

CHAIRMANSHIP

2. At its First Meeting held on Thursday February 3, 2022, your Committee elected Mr. Clarence Rambharat to be its Chair, in accordance with House of Representatives Standing Order 110 (2) and Senate Standing Order 100 (2).

SECRETARIAT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

3. The following persons were assigned to provide Secretariat support to the Committee:

 Ms. Chantal La Roche	-	Secretary
 Mr. Kaleem Hosein	-	Assistant Secretary
 Ms. Temika Jackson	-	Research Support
 Mr. Marcus Moses	-	Research Support
 Mrs. Susannah Gittens	-	Administrative Assistant

MEETINGS

4. Since its appointment, your Committee has held one (1) meeting on Thursday February 3, 2022.
5. The Minutes of the Meeting are attached at **Appendix I**.

WORK TO DATE

6. During preliminary discussions, your Committee considered an overview of the work completed by the previous Committee during the First Session of the Twelfth (12th) Parliament.
7. Your Committee has agreed to commence its examination and review of comments received from stakeholders with the assistance of technocrats from the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC). Your Committee will also engage specific stakeholders that submitted comments during the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament, via a combination of virtual and face-to-face interactions.

REPORT

8. Your Committee wishes to report that additional time is required by the Committee to review all submissions received, meet with stakeholders as required and conduct a thorough clause by clause analysis of the Bill for a proposed list of amendments to be compiled. As such, your Committee is unable to submit its final report by the deadline of January 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

9. Your Committee therefore recommends that it be allotted a further period of five (5) months to complete its work and to submit a final report to Parliament by June 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgd.

Mr. Clarence Rambharat

Chairman

February 8, 2022

APPENDIX I
ATTENDANCE RECORD AND
MINUTES OF MEETINGS

ATTENDANCE RECORD

JSC on the Fisheries Management (No 2) Bill, 2020
Second Session (2021/2022) Twelfth Parliament

Meetings	Mr. Stephen McClashie	Mr. Kennedy Richards	Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe	Mr. Brian Manning	Mr Ravi Ratiram	Mr. Rushton Paray	Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim	Mr. Clarence Rambharat	Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy	Mr. Anil Roberts	Dr. Varma Deyalsingh	Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy
First Meeting 03.02.22	✓	✓	✓	ABSENT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL, 2020

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO PLATFORM ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mrs. Christine Kangaloo - President of the Senate

Committee Members present

Mr. Clarence Rambharat - Member
Ms. Yokymma Bethelmy - Member
Dr. Maria Dillon-Remy - Member
Dr. Varma Deyalsingh - Member
Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim - Member
Mr. Anil Roberts - Member
Mr. Stephen Mc Clashie, MP - Member
Mr. Ravi Ratiram, MP - Member
Mr. Rushton Paray, MP - Member
Mr. Kennedy Richards, MP - Member
Ms. Shamfa Cudjoe, MP - Member

Secretariat

Ms. Chantal La Roche - Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein - Assistant Secretary
Ms. Temika Jackson - Legal Research Officer
Mr. Marcus Moses - Procedural Officer Intern

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Mr. Brian Manning, MP - Member

COMMENCEMENT

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the President of the Senate at 3:31 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

- 2.1 The President of the Senate informed Members that Ms. Chantal La Roche would serve the Committee as Secretary and Mr. Kaleem Hosein as Assistant Secretary.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 3.1 The President of the Senate advised that her role was to facilitate the election of a Chairman and invited nominations.
- 3.2 Mr. Rushton Paray nominated Mr. Clarence Rambharat for the chairmanship and this nomination was seconded by Dr. Muhammad Yunus Ibrahim.
- 3.3 There being no further nominations, Mr. Clarence Rambharat was declared Chairman. The President of the Senate wished the Members productive and cooperative deliberations.

(The President of the Senate exited the meeting and Mr. Rambharat assumed his role as Chairman)

- 3.4 The Chairman thanked Members for electing him to serve as the Chairman.

QUORUM

- 4.1 It was agreed that pursuant to the Standing Orders, the quorum for meetings would be three (3) persons, inclusive of the Chairman with representation from each House.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The Chairman reminded Members of the Committee's mandate to consider and report on the Fisheries Management (No. 2) Bill, 2020, and of its reporting deadline of January 31, 2022.
- 5.2 The Chairman also provided a brief history of the Bill as well as work of the Committee appointed in the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament.

DETERMINATION OF THE WAY FORWARD

- 6.1 The Committee agreed that an Interim Report of the Committee would be laid at the earliest opportunity inclusive of a request for an extension of time to June 30, 2022 for the submission of the final report.
- 6.2 The Chairman informed Members, that all Committee documents and submissions are uploaded to Rotunda for their ease of access inclusive of a matrix of stakeholder submissions received and comments/responses from technocrats of the Fisheries Division and CPC.

- 6.3 The Chairman advised that the Chief Parliamentary Counsel (CPC) would be invited to the next meeting, to assist the Committee with its examination and review of the matrix of stakeholder comments received, and provide clarification and answers to questions as necessary, before the Committee engages the public any further.
- 6.4 It was agreed that stakeholders would only be engaged further elucidation was required by the Committee. It was also agreed that stakeholder engagements would take place through a combination of virtual and face-to-face interactions, and that in-person meetings would comply with COVID-19 Health protocols.
- 6.5 The Chairman directed the Secretariat to send written correspondence to the newly elected Chief Secretary of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA) inviting submissions and comments on the Bill due to the importance of the fisheries industry to the economy of Tobago.
- 6.6 Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that the Committee's next meeting would be held on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to Thursday February 17, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
- 7.2 The adjournment was taken at 3:54 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are true and correct.

Chairman

Secretary

February 4, 2022