

MOTION

No. 4

Mid-water Trawl Licences for the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Jim Bagnall gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion:

WHEREAS in October 2007, the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced two mid-water trawl licences for the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

AND WHEREAS two of the overarching principles of the Atlantic Fisheries Policy Review are conservation and equity;

AND WHEREAS the current quota for herring is not being reached due to low catches;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island call on the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to put a moratorium on mid-water trawl licences until further independent and more timely research on the herring stocks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is completed;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fisher organizations in the Gulf area be consulted throughout the information gathering process and as a new comprehensive management plan is developed.

Signed by: Jim Bagnall

Signed by: Michael Currie

16 October 2007

1:30 p.m.