

members; three Liberal representatives, three Progressive Conservative representatives, one representative of the New Democratic Party and one representative of the Social Credit Party to be appointed by the Chairman after the usual consultations; and

That the said Sub-committee have power to elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to call witnesses and to hear evidence, and to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it.

Pursuant to the Committee's Order of May 8, 1973, the following members were appointed to serve on the Sub-committee: Messrs. Barnett, Carter, Haliburton (Vice-Chairman), McCain, McRae (Chairman), Rompkey, Rooney and Tétrault.

The following Members also served on your Sub-committee from time to time: Messrs. Bell, Crouse, Forrestall, LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent), Lundrigan, Marshall, McGrath, Schumacher and Smith (Northumberland-Miramichi).

Meetings of the Sub-committee were held on May 11, 14, 22, 23, 25 and 28, 1973 and the following appeared before, or met with, your Sub-committee:

The Hon. Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment and Minister of Fisheries;

The Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé, Minister of Public Works;

The Hon. Charles H. Drury, President of the Treasury Board.

*From the Department of Public Works:* Mr. G. B. Williams, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister; Mr. C. K. Hurst, Chief Engineer.

*From the Department of the Environment:* Mr. W. A. Reid, Director, Small Craft Harbours Branch.

*From the Department of Transport:* Mr. W. Nicholl, Harbours and Ports, Canadian Marine Transportation Administration.

Your Sub-committee met with the following from the Atlantic Provinces:

*From Newfoundland:* Mr. Rupert Prince, Deputy Minister, Newfoundland Department of Fisheries; Father James A. Berresford, King's Cove, Bonavista Centre Development Association; Mr. Albert Bird, Cartwright, Labrador; Mr. Richard Cashin, President, Fishermen, Food and Allied Workers' Union; Mr. Wayne Quinlan, Bay de Verde; Mr. Gordon Weir, Little Bay Islands.

*From Nova Scotia:* Mr. Martin Cottreau, Wedgeport; Mr. Harold Crocker, Freeport, Digby County; Mr. Rudolph Link, Clark's Harbour, Shelburne County; Mr. Roy Payzant, Liverpool, Queen's County.

*From New Brunswick:* Mr. Adrice Doiron, Barachois; Mr. Theodore Green, Seal Cove, Grand Manan; Mr.

Normand Maillet, Côte Ste-Anne; Mr. Gale McLaughlin, Grand Manan; Mr. Stanley Savage, Wilson's Beach, Campobello; Mr. Ernest Wentworth, St. Andrew's; Mr. Leonard Wilson, Lorneville, Saint John West.

*From Prince Edward Island:* Mr. Elwood Cook, Cape Wolfe, Howard's Cove, Director, P.E.I. Fishermen's Association; Mr. Adelard Gallant, Egmont Bay, Secretary, P.E.I. Fishermen's Association.

Your Sub-committee wishes to thank the witnesses for their appearance and testimony. Mr. W. Blizard, Research Branch, Library of Parliament was of valuable assistance in the work of your Sub-committee.

The Interdepartmental Task Force on Small Craft Harbours defines small craft harbours as any sheltered area of navigable water, natural or artificial, where small craft may be moored or berthed and where the harbour's present primary use is one of or combination of commercial fishing, recreational sport fishing and pleasure craft activities. In 1971, there were 2,304 such harbours across Canada. Over 50 per cent of these harbours were located in the Atlantic regions.

The planning, design, construction, maintenance, administration and funding of small craft harbours directly involve the Federal Departments of Transport, Public Works, Environment (Fisheries), and Regional Economic Expansion.

In 1968 the Interdepartmental Group on Canadian Ports recommended that a single agency of Government should be responsible for all Federal activities relating to ports and harbours in Canada. The Group reached the conclusion that Canada has many more harbours, including hundreds of small fishing harbours, in relation to population, than European countries. The Group felt that the reason for the large number of harbours was that Canada did not have heavily populated hinterlands with a high density of industry within a small area but rather has exceptionally long coast lines.

#### Conclusions

The evidence heard by your Sub-Committee covered a wide range of matters relating to small craft harbours in the Atlantic regions. Your Sub-committee is of the opinion that small craft harbours in the Atlantic regions have been very seriously neglected. The evidence suggests that there are a large number of problem areas in this regard. Due to the basic importance of these harbours to the economy of the Atlantic regions, the rising world demand for Canadian fisheries products at profitable prices, the serious social and economic implications of the present situation and due to the limited time at its disposal thus far, your Sub-committee requests that some action be taken so as to ensure the continuation of the work commenced by it. A recommendation to this effect will be presented in a separate report.

A great deal of discussion arose concerning the centralization of small craft harbours, by which some har-