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On Thursday, April 21, 2005, in response to the failure of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to comply with the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans' request for documentation, the Committee agreed to the following motion:

- That no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005 the Department of Fisheries and Oceans present to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages, the report by Mr. Robert Melvin that is referred to on page 40 of the 2004 Southern Salmon Fishery Post-Season Review; and that if the report is not received by this deadline, the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans or, if he is unavoidably unavailable the Assistant Deputy Minister, be summoned to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 to explain the reasons for not providing the report.

As you know, Parliament, and by extension its committees, has the constitutional right to initiate inquiries, to call witnesses and to demand papers. As such, this right is not limited by any ordinary statute, including the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Clerk of the Committee, James M. Latimer.

Tom Wappel, M.P.

Chairman
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