

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 28 September 2022

Fisheries Amendment Bill

Proposed amendment

Todd Muller, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 13

In *clause 13*, after *subclause (2)* (page 9, after line 34), insert:

(2A) In section 72(5)(c)(iv), replace “.” with “; or”.

(2B) After section 72(5)(c), insert:

- (d) the following provisions were complied with, namely,—
 - (i) equipment (including electronic equipment) to observe fishing or transportation was installed and operating on the vessel in accordance with regulations made under section 297(1)(ca) at the time of the return or abandonment of the fish, aquatic life, or seaweed; and
 - (ii) the equipment referred to in **subparagraph (i)** observes and records the taking and the return or abandonment of the fish, aquatic life, or seaweed; and
 - (iii) the amount of fish, aquatic life, or seaweed was included in the returns for the appropriate period that are required to be made by the commercial fisher under this Act.

(2C) In section 72(6), after “subsection (5)(c)”, insert “or (d)”.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Fisheries Amendment Bill. It would provide an additional defence to return any quota management scheme fish to the sea

under camera surveillance. Where camera surveillance occurs on vessels, it can be used to verify compliance, including with any exceptions to landings by instruments. That surveillance will allow verification of any reported returns. A consequential amendment is made to ensure reporting of the returns for the catch-balancing purposes of section 76.