

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
6TH COUNCIL, 39TH SESSION**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL
NO. 3-39**

TABLED ON JUNE 16, 1969

Recommendation to Council 3-39
Tabled on June 16, 1969
June 6, 1969.



RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL NO. 3

TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF FISHING TO N.W.T. GOVERNMENT

DISPOSITION

Tabled	To Committee	Accepted as Read	Accepted as Amended	Deferred (to Session)	Rejected	Noted not Considered
16-6-69	16-6-69	17-6-69				

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TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF FISHING TO N.W.T. GOVERNMENT

At the 38th Session, Council requested the Administration to prepare a report concerning the transfer of jurisdiction over fishing, in particular sports fishing, to the Territorial Government.

At a meeting of the Fisheries Advisory Committee held in Yellowknife, May 13, 1969, R.N. Gordon, Director, Central Region, Department of Fisheries and Chairman of the Fisheries Advisory Committee pointed out that the transfer of jurisdiction of fishing to the Territorial Government constitutes a policy matter and is therefore beyond the terms of reference of the Advisory Board. However he suggested that in order to clarify the situation, the Territorial Government should place their proposal before the Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

As the administrative responsibilities for the sports, commercial and domestic fisheries would be very difficult, if not impossible to separate, Mr. Gordon did not favour the transfer of the jurisdiction of sports fishing to the Territorial Government. In addition, it was learned that the Privy Council had recently rejected an application from the Yukon Territory to take over the administration of sports fishing in that Territory.

The Administration agrees with the Department of Fisheries that the total management of this single resource should be kept under the jurisdiction of one agency. If the proposed future application to take over the entire responsibility for fisheries is accepted by the Federal Government, jurisdiction of sports fishing would, of course, be included.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner, therefore, recommends,

- (a) until the Territorial Department of Industry and Development is fully up to strength, and
- (b) both the Mackenzie and Arctic Districts are under the control of the Territorial Government, and
- (c) all detailed planning is completed for the transfer,

that any action to have the jurisdiction of fishing turned over to the Territorial Government be deferred for approximately eighteen months.

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