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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WATER BOARD

DISPOSITION

Tabled	To Committee	Accepted as Read	Accepted as Amended	Deferred (to Session)	Rejected	Noted not Considered

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The Northern Inland Waters Act provides for its regional administration by Territorial water boards. These boards will be given the responsibility to approve applications for use of water. In so doing, the board will play an important role in the equitable distribution or sharing of surface and ground water resources among persons and private and public corporations with legitimate, but often conflicting, claims to the use of water. Moreover, the board will be instrumental in controlling the pollution of our water resources by establishing, and maintaining in principle, that rights to the use of water for beneficial purposes are dependent on users accepting the responsibility for maintaining the quality of the water or restoring its quality, after use, to acceptable standards before discharging the water back to its natural environment.

The Northwest Territories Water Board members will be appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development from among nominees of Federal Government departments which have water management responsibilities in the Northwest Territories and from nominees named by the Commissioner-in-Council. An extract from the Act (Section 7) is attached which outlines the method for establishing the board.

Recommendation

Council is asked to nominate three persons to be appointed to the Northwest Territories Water Board. The Administration suggests that one member be chosen from the mining or oil industry, one member from the Administration and one possessing a general background.

NORTHERN INLAND WATERS ACT

Section 7 - Establishment of Water Boards

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- (1) There shall be two boards to be known as the Yukon Territory Water Board and the Northwest Territories Water Board, each consisting of not less than three and not more than nine members appointed by the Minister.
 - (2) The membership of each board shall include
 - (a) at least one nominee of each of the departments of the Government of Canada that in the opinion of the Governor in Council, are most directly concerned with the management of water resources of the Territory and the Territories; and
 - (b) at least three persons named by the Commissioner-in-Council of the Yukon Territory in the case of the Yukon Territory Water Board and at least three persons named by the Commissioner-in-Council of the Northwest Territories in the case of the Northwest Territories Water Board.
 - (3) The Minister shall designate two of the members of each of the boards to be chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the board of which the persons so designated are members.
 - (4) The main office of the Yukon Territory Water Board shall be at the seat of government of the Territory, and the main office of the Northwest Territories Water Board shall be at the seat of government of the Territories.