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TABLING STATEMENT FOR THE HONOURABLE A. J. McCALLUM RE STATEMENT OF  
THE HONOURABLE ROMEO LeBLANC - MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS ON  
MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES IN WESTERN ARCTIC . . . . .

In keeping with the theme of this Session, I am pleased to table a statement from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans - the Honourable Romeo LeBlanc.

The Minister is responding favourably to the concept of integrated renewable resource management in the Western Arctic. Mr. LeBlanc has agreed to a management scheme that will see this government become his agent for the purposes of administering the Fisheries Act in the COPE land settlement area on the implementation of the settlement legislation. The statement reads as follows:

"THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS, THE HONOURABLE ROMEO LEBLANC, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, MR. S. M. HODGSON, HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WILL ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE FISHERIES RESOURCES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE FOR ORIGINAL PEOPLES ENTITLEMENT (C.O.P.E.) LAND SETTLEMENT AREA IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL HELP TO FULFILL A PROPOSAL UNDER THE C.O.P.E. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR AN INTEGRATED RESULT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE AND THE COORDINATION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES. BOTH OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTERS IN THE C.O.P.E. AREA WILL BE SERVED UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT. THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY UNDER THE FISHERIES ACT FOR COASTAL AND INLAND FISHERIES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REMAINS WITH THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS, AS DOES RESEARCH AND INSPECTION.

THE OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENT ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AND FINALIZED JOINTLY OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS."

I invite Members, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and Mr. Drury to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Mr. LeBlanc.

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ATT: MR. S.M. HODGSON, COMMISSIONER

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