



Transfer of Water and Environment Responsibilities

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Business Today

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada:

- Primary Water Manager
 - Water Monitoring
 - Water Licensing
 - Taiga Environmental Lab
 - Water Agreements (e.g. Mackenzie River Basin Board)
- Environmental Assessments
- Environmental Agreements
- Protected Areas Secretariat
- Land Use Planning
- Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP)
- Reclamation Security Management (Water Licenses, Environmental Agreements)
- Contaminated Sites Support



Existing Interests and Authorities

- Environmental Management and Administration
 - Reports of EA
 - Environmental Agreements
 - Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements
 - Land Use Plans
 - Protected Areas Strategy Secretariat
 - Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program (CIMP) and Audit
 - Interim Resource Management Assistance Program
- Management of Water
 - Water Licences
 - MOUs and Agreements



Residual Federal Authorities

- Land & water management responsibilities on Federal lands
- Policy direction, appointments and funding to Mackenzie Valley boards
- Management of some waste sites



Transition and Post-devolution

- AANDC and GNWT are working together to ensure a seamless transition to devolution
- Working group established with Boards to address implementation of devolution **and transition issues**, as well as regulatory improvement initiatives
- AANDC HQ and Region are both restructuring their organizations to reflect their roles post devolution



GNWT Legislative and Policy Framework

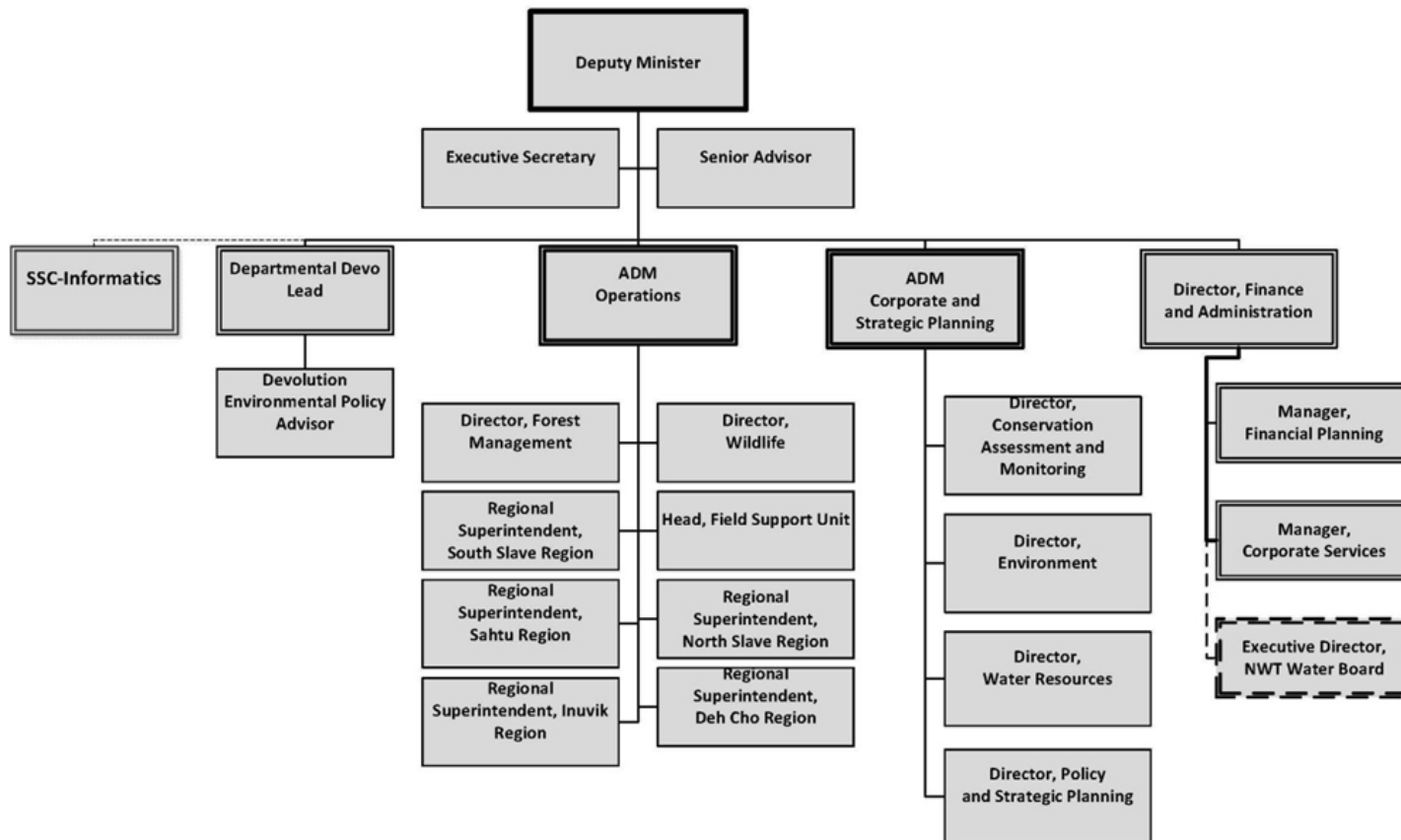
- *NWT Waters Act* (mirrored legislation)
- *Environmental Protection Act* (existing GNWT legislation)
- Delegated Authorities under the MVRMA
- Water Stewardship Strategy
- Sustainable Development Policy
- Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program
- Inuvialuit Final Agreement



Departmental Structure

Environment & Natural Resources Deputy Minister

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Day-to-Day Operations

- Taiga Lab
- PAS Secretariat, compliance with Land Use Planning
- Water Licenses (e.g. technical advice for Boards, enforcement)
- Monitoring (e.g. CIMP, water quality/quantity, other community-based monitoring)
- Reclamation security management (water licenses and environmental agreements)
- Some Waste Sites



Resource Management - Waters

- Security Holder and Manager* for water licences
- Inspections and enforcement* of water use and deposit of waste regarding activities and developments on or which impact public lands and waters
- Policy Development* for waters

Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR):

- Regulator* – Board in ISR will issue water licences
- Decision Maker* – Inuvialuit Final Agreement Environmental Assessments



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR)

ENR will:

- Oversee new roles and responsibilities under new *Waters Act* and MVRMA
- Reconcile existing mandate and legislation that is the responsibility of ENR
- Coordinate with GNWT departments:
 - Regulatory processes and Environmental Assessment – technical advice and decision making
 - security holdings
 - inspections and enforcement
- Coordinate with other water administrators and regulators (e.g. inspections)