

# THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION Excellence in Water Stewardship Award

The Hon. Bob McLeod, Premier of the Northwest Territories, invites you to nominate deserving water stewards for the 2014 Council of Federation Excellence in Water Stewardship Award

**Nomination Deadline: January 15, 2014**

The Council of the Federation (COF) comprises all 13 provincial and territorial Premiers.

It was created in 2003: to promote provincial-territorial cooperation and closer ties between members; foster meaningful relations between governments based on respect for the Constitution and recognition of the diversity within the federation; and show leadership on issues important to all Canadians.

The COF Water Stewardship Council (WSC) was established by Premiers in 2011, and consists of Deputy Ministers from each province and territory. The purpose of this group is to inform and provide strategic advice to COF and to promote and, where appropriate, coordinate and facilitate implementation of the commitments of the COF Water Charter. The Charter was established in August 2010 and is used as a guide for jurisdictions in their work.

The Water Charter recognizes the collective obligation of Canadians and their governments to be responsible water stewards. Highlighted efforts include underlining the importance of water conservation, water quality, adaptation to climate change, water efficiency labelling, enhanced water monitoring, cooperative work with municipalities, collaboration on transboundary issues and the importance of highlighting World Water Day across Canada.

The COF Excellence in Water Stewardship Award recognizes outstanding achievement, innovative practise and excellence in water stewardship in provinces and territories.

The award is given to organizations, partnerships, business, institutions or community groups to recognize their contribution to these Canada-wide goals.

**Who Can Be Nominated?**

- A community, group or organization.
- Nominee must operate or have an existing project within the NWT.
- Nominee must have obtained required licenses, permits and approvals.
- Work must not be required by existing legislation, permits, approvals or policies.
- Nominee must not be directly linked to the delivery of a regulated program of government.

**Judging:**

- A selection committee in each province and territory reviews the nominations and selects the award recipient for that province or territory.

### **The Award Presentation:**

- The award consists of a glass trophy, a certificate and an honourarium.
- Award winners will be announced in a COF news release on March 17, 2014.
- The award will be presented on a date agreed upon by each province/territory and their respective recipient.

### **The nomination package must include:**

#### **1. A completed nomination sheet (attached):**

Please type or print clearly. Ensure the organization name is spelled correctly as it will be used on official materials.

#### **2. A description of how the project or activity promotes the following principles of the COF Water Charter (limit of 4 pages):**

- Demonstrates leadership or innovation in water stewardship.
- Promotes collaboration.
- Demonstrates/encourages water conservation.
- Improves people's approach to water stewardship.

#### **3. Letters of Support (optional):**

A letter from either someone involved with assisting the nominee or from someone the nominee has aided or inspired (limit of 3 letters, no more than 2 pages in length each).

**The nomination form and project/activity description must be received or postmarked by January 15, 2014. Please email, fax or mail the completed forms to:**

COF Excellence in Water Stewardship Award  
Selection Committee  
Department of Environment and  
Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Box 1320  
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Fax: (867) 873-0293  
Email: [nwtwaterstrategy@gov.nt.ca](mailto:nwtwaterstrategy@gov.nt.ca)

To download a nomination form or for more information, visit: [www.enr.gov.nt.ca](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca)

