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Yukon celebrates Canada Water Week

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is joining provinces and territories to increase awareness of water initiatives and issues in Canada as part of the first Canada Water Week March 14 to 22.

"Yukon's water resources are fundamental to the lives of all Yukoners and ensuring healthy rivers and living lakes is a central commitment of the Yukon government," Premier Dennis Fentie said.

In August 2010 Canada's premiers approved the Council of the Federation Water Charter, recognizing the collective obligation of Canadians and their governments to be responsible water stewards.

Under the Council of the Federation theme "Celebrating and Conserving Water across Our Country," provinces and territories are holding a number of events and activities to celebrate healthy rivers and living lakes, and to draw attention to water's importance to Canada's prosperity.

Yukon activities for Canada Water Week include science lectures and film screenings at the Beringia Centre and information displays at the Main Administration Building and in the Elijah Smith building foyer.

"Yukon government continues to work with municipal, federal and territorial partners on water management in Yukon," Fentie added. "Water week is an opportunity for Yukon to highlight the good work being done throughout the territory on water-related initiatives."

The Government of Yukon is committed to work in partnership to ensure safe and secure water supplies for all Canadians. For more information on Canada Water Week activities in Yukon, visit www.gov.yk.ca.

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