

proposals for certain dams and water controlling units on the upper reaches of the Fraser, dikeing and, this sort of thing. I wonder if we could have a brief explanation of what is happening there?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lucas, can you answer that question?

Mr. LUCAS: The Fraser River Board was disbanded when they made their final report to both the federal and provincial governments, I believe it was two years ago. They have made their final report, carried out their obligations and have now been disbanded.

Mr. HOWARD: Yet, the implications with respect to fish is what I am concerned about, taking in mind Dr. Logie's statement about the responsibility of the department.

Mr. LUCAS: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Fisheries was represented on the six man Fraser River Board by the regional director of fisheries, Vancouver. The board is made up of six people, three from the province and three from the federal government, representing most of the agencies involved with the water resources.

Mr. HOWARD: Do you consider there to be any conflict between the final report of the Fraser River Board and the interests of the Department of Fisheries?

Mr. LUCAS: The final report which the board presented to the two governments, contained recommendations for the construction of a series of dams at the headwaters of the Fraser River to control floods and, these dams are to be financed through multipurpose benefits including flood control and power. The type of recommendations which were made, were made with the knowledge of the fisheries agencies represented on the board and a series of dams were recommended which would do the least harm to the fisheries resource of the Fraser River. There would be some potential harm but, the system "A" recommendation would have dams on headwater streams which were not frequented by fish.

Mr. HOWARD: I was getting at the area of conflict, and even though you may have had a representative on the board and had cognizance of all the inner discussions that led up to the report, still a potential conflict may still exist. This is what I wanted to get at but, if it is minimal or non-existent, that is sufficient for an answer.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall item 1 carry?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, this brings us to the end—Mr. Bower has a question.

Mr. BOWER: We are getting very close to bell ringing time but, I want to bring up the question of inshore fishermen. I was interested in the Minister's reply to Mr. Crouse's question in respect of inshore fishermen in Newfoundland when he brought up the matter about bait expenditures and bait matters in that province. We certainly, in Nova Scotia, and particularly in western Nova Scotia, have a great numbers of inshore fishermen. I would be the first to agree that we have to modernize our fishing the major efforts being in the offshore fishing,