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BASIN MANAGEMENT IN QUÉBEC: WHAT ROLE FOR WATER LAW IN A VOLUNTARY APPROACH?

Basin management is generally identified as a standard of best practice for water governance. Accordingly, the Québec Government has recently become a proponent of integrated watershed management. Despite this apparent political will and a general recognition that law is an important tool to foster basin management, the influence of the integrated watershed paradigm on the provincial legal framework for water resources remains tenuous. This might stem from a decision to promote a voluntary rather than a regulatory approach. Nevertheless, recent developments indicate that basin management principles are emerging in Québec law although the existing legal framework could hamper their implementation.

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