

BY EMAIL

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Daphne Stancil, Chair Supervisory Panel BC Farm Industry Review Board 780 Blanshard Street Victoria, BC V8W 9B5

Dear Ms. Stancil,

This is to follow up on informal notice yesterday regarding an extension request.

As mentioned, the Commission had a series of meetings with stakeholders May 30-31. Unfortunately, the Commission's meeting with the Chicken Board had to be deferred due to accommodate a scheduling conflict of another stakeholder. At our meeting with the Asian Breeder applicants we advised that the Commission might seek a short extension.

Those meetings provided new information to the Commission which will require further analysis. The Commission has already identified issues that will need further questions to stakeholders as follow up. Basically, the Commission requires a bit more time to ensure it makes an informed recommendation to BCFIRB as to an option(s).

Accordingly, the Commission requests that the BCFIRB panel approve the following amendments to the work plan schedule:

- The Commission will be meeting on June 8 to review all information to date and confirm optionsrelated issues/questions it considers outstanding.
- The Commission will communicate those issues/guestions to stakeholders on June 9
- Responses/final submissions from stakeholders by June 16
- The Commission issues its recommendation(s) to BCFIRB by June 26.

At the May 31 meeting, the Asian breeder applicants asked the following with respect to the potential extension request:

- 1. Would the Commission issue a moratorium on changes to the specialty breeder sector pending the Commission's recommendation?
 - a. We do not believe the Commission is in a legal position to do so. We are also keeping the extension request as short as possible.



- 2. Would the Commission issue its recommendations in draft to stakeholders prior to submission to BCFIRB?
 - a. The Commission has considered this request but feels at this time that it would be better and timelier for the Commission to focus on delivering its report to BCFIRB as soon as possible. The Commission's June 9 follow up issues/questions will also provide further opportunity for stakeholders to inform the Commission's final decision making.

Regards,

Stephanie Nelson, Executive Director BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission