



BC Farm Industry Review Board

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Dear Mr. Solymosi:

2019-20 VEGETABLE SUPERVISORY REVIEW – CONSULTATION WITH THE BC VEGETABLE MARKETING COMMISSION (COMMISSION)

As the Vegetable Review moves towards completion, please see the following process update and steps for the supervisory panel's consultation with the Commission.

Process update

The BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) supervisory panel has completed its scheduled consultation meetings with industry members (21 meetings between July 13 and 24, 2020). The panel is trying to accommodate two or three industry members who, for various reasons, are seeking to reschedule their consultation meeting with the panel by August 18, 2020. If the panel is unable to accommodate these industry members, they have the option to make written submissions by August 21, 2020.

Industry members who scheduled a consultation meeting with the panel include: storage crop producers, greenhouse growers, designated storage agencies, other supply chain members, producer associations, and businesses applying to become designated agencies. No designated greenhouse agencies participated in the consultation meetings. A "What We Heard" summary document will be available on BCFIRB's web site¹ by August 14, 2020. The summary document will be updated as necessary following any additional industry consultation meetings.

Industry members will have until August 21, 2020 to make written submissions on the three Vegetable Review topics: Commission structure, agency accountability and storage crop delivery allocation.

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/boards-commissions-tribunals/bc-farm-industry-review-board/regulated-marketing/supervisory-reviews/2019-2020-vegetable-supervisory-review>

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As communicated previously, the supervisory panel will provide any direction, as it determines necessary, to the Commission regarding the temporary moratorium on new agency and producer-shipper applications by early fall 2020.

Commission consultation

Before starting its deliberations, the supervisory panel would like to hear directly from the Commission as follows:

1. A written submission **by September 4, 2020** to include:
 - a) Input on the Review topics as per the July 2020 Consultation Document;
 - b) The status of agency accountability and delivery allocation projects, including the priority focus areas, and overall steps and schedule for completion; and,
 - c) Any responses to the consultation meeting summary information and written industry submissions (for example, but not limited to the importance and scope of market information collected by and relied on by the Commission, and the need and plans for timely decision-making on new entrant applications).

A proposed meeting with the Commission Working Group will be scheduled for **mid-September 2020**. BCFIRB staff will coordinate with you to schedule this meeting and assess venue options (i.e. video conference, in-person or some combination thereof).

The panel anticipates that the Commission's 2020 Public Accountability and Reporting Project (PARP) 2020 report will provide a status update on the governance "areas of development" activities described in the 2019 PARP report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,



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