

To all BC Vegetable Industry Stakeholders

2019-20 VEGETABLE REVIEW – TELL US HOW YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The outcomes of the 2019-2020 Vegetable Review have the potential to affect your business and the future of the B.C. regulated vegetable industry. The next phase will dig deeper into each of the three areas of focus, and your input will become increasingly important. We want to speak with as many registered growers, agencies, wholesalers and other interested stakeholders as possible.

You can help by filling out this short survey by May 29 to let us know how you want to be consulted:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GCC7W8>

If you do not want to use the survey link, you can fill in and fax (250.356.5131) or email (Karl.Martinson@gov.bc.ca) the attached survey form, or you can phone Karl Martinson, BCFIRB staff, at 778.974.3348 with your survey response.

Vegetable Review Topics

On April 3, 2020, the BCFIRB 2019-20 Vegetable Supervisory Review panel requested feedback from industry by April 30, 2020 on three proposed Supervisory Review objectives, as well as how industry would like to be consulted regarding the overall supervisory review process.

We would like to thank all growers and other stakeholders who took the time to respond. Of the 155 Registered Growers, Agency Representatives, Wholesalers, and other stakeholders, we received submissions from eight. The panel found the response rate low and likely not fully representative of industry views. See the attached Submission Summary document regarding feedback we received.

The panel weighed the option of extending the feedback period for the Supervisory Review topics given the low response rate. However, we have decided to continue moving ahead in the interest of timeliness and to provide clarity on issues currently affecting business, including the moratorium on agency applications. Based on what we have heard so far, the panel is moving forward with the following topics:

1. Commission structure
2. Agency accountability
3. Delivery allocation

We Want to Hear from You

Your input is important as the panel and Commission start to work on the three Review topics.

With COVID-19 precautions limiting travel and in-person gatherings, we are looking at other ways to get your ideas and input.

You can help by filling out this short Survey Monkey poll to tell us how you want to be engaged:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GCC7W8>

The survey deadline is May 29, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Gorsuch, BCFIRB Manager of Issues & Planning at Wanda.Gorsuch@gov.bc.ca or 778-974-5790.

[Click here](#) to visit the Vegetable Supervisory Review webpage.

Yours,
BCFIRB Vegetable Review Supervisory Panel

Attachments:

2019-20 Vegetable Supervisory Review Submission Summary

2020 Vegetable Review Engagement Survey

cc: BCFIRB Website