

Quota Review Task Force Meeting Notes – April 21, 2016

Chair: Joe Neels

Attendees: Allan Cross, Allan Mulder, Sharmain Bennie

Staff: Stephanie Nelson, Joshua Crossett

Guests: Matt Klassen

Agenda:

1. Review of Agenda
 - No changes or additions.
2. Review of Notes
 - No changes or additions.
3. Feedback from posted information
 - Review of the email received by staff from a Producer.
 - Producer expressed concerns regarding the timeline and budget of the Task Force.
 - Task Force members acknowledged that the review is a part of the Strategic plan and the aim is to have it finished with the current strategic plan. It is also budgeted for under the current budget. Staff instructed to share that information with the Producer that emailed.
4. Review of last meeting's Task List
 - Staff presented.
 - Concerns regarding the allotment of quota not solving the problems identified. Egg-based, with a saleable chick payment system, does not result in a reduction to the critical control points. New issues arise (bird density, performance actual vs. perceived, over/under production) which may affect the Official Flock Schedule.
 - Is there potential for a saleable chick allocation system? Unlikely due to national allocation being in eggs.
 - Producer side: Black box = Hatchery hatching the eggs.
 - Hatchery side: Black box = Producers until the pickup of eggs.
 - Hatcheries may have less supply concerns with domestic, excepting that an 80% hatch is not guaranteed.
 - Are there incentives to get hatcheries reinvesting in their business?
 - Does the hatchery-producer relationship improve under egg-based quota? What happened in Ontario? Potential nature of how OBHECC is run and hatcheries holding positions on their board that resulted in perceived relationship improvements; hatchery board positions not within purview of the QRTF.
 - Feed reps take on a distinct role in BC.
 - Ordering eggs
 - o Cycle issues;

- Commission would deal with rolling;
 - Commission would deal with surplus removal;
 - Commission would need to take responsibility of egg quality, etc.
 - Theoretically a good idea, but more administrative.
 - A warehouse-less pooling system was previously looked into; no action on warehousing/ordering eggs to be taken.
- Tackling the black box may eliminate a number of issues; staff recommended looking at the end of the hatching egg supply chain to seek relief on areas of concern (payment system).
 - Any potential changes to the front end of the system?

5. Update Task List