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BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

QUOTA TOOLS ASSESSMENT REVIEW (QTAR) – UPDATE

The following is a brief update on the status of the subject review after the BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission and the other four supply managed boards submitted their reports to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) on June 30, 2017.

After the reports were submitted, BCFIRB staff met with staff of each of the boards for a technical review of the submissions. Subsequently, the full BCFIRB board and senior staff met with each of the boards and their senior staff. BCFIRB and the Commission met on September 11, 2017.

BCFIRB has moved into its evaluation stage but to date, has not made any final decisions with respect to last in/first out (LIFO), 10/10/10, other quota assessment tools or new entrant programs. On September 19, 2017, it did however issue an initial decision to not approve: a recommendation from the BC Egg Marketing Board and BC Milk Marketing Board that incentive quota not be transferable for 10 years; and, a Milk Board recommendation to freeze the price of quota at a target price. A copy this BCFIRB decision, along with other QTAR-related information is <http://bcbhec.com/news/>.

The Commission's meeting with BCFIRB resulted in some frank discussion and exchanging of views. Members of the Commission were passionate in supporting the Commission's role in the effective regulation of the B.C. hatching egg industry. Members of BCFIRB were equally passionate about their role in ensuring that our regulation met the public interest. Having sat on both sides of that table, I can understand the concerns of both the Commission and BCFIRB. It is important that ongoing, constructive and sometimes frank engagement between our boards finds a balance between those two important objectives.

As outlined in our June 30, 2017 QTAR report, the Commission continues to support the Ministry of Agriculture's Regulated Marketing Economic Policy and BCFIRB's overarching objective of delivering "sound marketing policy in the public interest". It is through SAFETI and other good governance processes that the Commission can demonstrate to BCFIRB and other stakeholders that it is meeting those important goals along with meeting the needs of industry.

QTAR remains a work in progress for the Commission. We will continue to keep you abreast of developments from BCFIRB and as the Commission examines its own policies, engage in further consultation with stakeholders.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Collins".

Jim Collins, Chair
BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission

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