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Asian Breeder Stakeholders and Other Producers

I write further to the update provided to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) on December 21, 2018 and to ensure stakeholders are kept informed of developments.

In that report, the Commission advised that it had consulted regarding its draft Amending Order and intended making certain decisions at its January 9, 2019 board meeting. At the same time, the Commission also advised that certain questions had arisen during the consultation requiring further review.

As discussed during the consultation process and as discovered during its initial work with specialty hatcheries on reporting mechanisms, it remains clear to the Commission that much is still to be learned about the actual operation of the Asian Breeder sector. It is critical that we ensure that even our initial regulation via the Amending Order sets a proper foundation for production management/control/planning, program development and effective enforcement capability if we are to have a viable regulatory regime of any kind.

The Commission remains committed to fulfilling all the requirements of BCFIRB's July 17, 2018 directions by the end of this year. However before its next round of consultation, it is essential that certain fundamental issues are addressed in support of an effective review process so that we can achieve a final resolution. Something that is long overdue.

At its January 9 meeting, the Commission reassessed its draft Amending Order to address issues arising from its first consultation. A revised draft Amending Order and work plan will be distributed as soon as possible for review so that we can move forward in accordance with the balance of the work plan.

Any questions can be addressed to the Commission office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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