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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 16, 2018 1:26 PM
To: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Subject: TB IN
Attachments: IN_Bovine TB Southern Interior DRAFT.doc

Here's a draft, with the bg condensed from the info that will go to AGRI staff on Monday. I can ask Graham, Mark and Jane to comment if you like.

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Sent: November 30, 2018 4:30 PM
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Subject: AGRI: End of Day Media Request Report - Nov 30

MLP Interviews – Complete

- Grace Kennedy - Cloverdale Reporter: ALR - Bill 52
- Cameron Welch - Concrete Garden: ALR
- Peter Mitham - Country Life in B.C.: Year End Interview - Agriculture Minister

Background provided

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail - BC Bureau; Lynda Mapes - The Seattle Times
 ISSUE: Federal govt salmon funding announcement

- Provided DFO media advisory and contacts to see if call ins from reporters outside of Vancouver could be accommodated

Melanie Nagy - CTV News (BC)
 ISSUE: Broughton update

- Reporter advised GCPE will follow up with her when there is news to share

Laura Kane - Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
 ISSUE: Cannabis production in BC

Below background provided to PSSG

- Preservation of agriculture land is a priority for the Province.
- In July 2018, local and First Nations governments were provided the ability to prohibit cannabis production in new concrete-floored structures on ALR land if they so choose.
- The change allows individual local and First Nation governments to make decisions regarding cannabis production on the ALR that align with local planning and priorities in their communities, including the preservation of farmland.
- The changes only pertain to land in the ALR. Local governments have the ability to regulate or prohibit cannabis production on other land in their communities.
- This policy also prohibits local governments from banning commercial cannabis production in existing licensed operations (or in open fields or in soil based structures in the ALR moving forward.)
- Many local and First Nation governments have different approaches for regulating marijuana growth in their communities, be it on the ALR or lands that are zoned for industrial or other purposes.

- Cannabis growers should consider which local government's bylaws and regulations regarding cannabis production align with their proposed operations, and plan accordingly.

Other

Laura Brougham - CFX 1070

ISSUE: Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund - MLP interview Monday @ 8:20

- MLP not available at that timeslot

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 7, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Milne, Jillian GCPE:EX; Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Subject: AGRI: End of Day Media Request Report Nov 7

Wendy Stueck - Globe and Mail - BC Bureau

ISSUE: Farm Cash Receipts, reporter interested in a regional break down of Farm Cash Receipts in BC

STATUS: Provided Background

- Reporter directed to the information posted @ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/statistics/census-of-agriculture> including FCRs by regions and regional districts.

Bridgette Watson - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Entomological Society of America AGM in Vancouver, reporter interested in interviewing AGRI entomologist about the upcoming conference.

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- Referred to Entomological Society of America comms dept for conference details, noting AGRI entomologists can speak to conditions & experiences in BC, and the efforts and programs the ministry is involved in to reduce the risk to crops and plants

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 9, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Lalani, Arif AGRI:EX; Mack, James AGRI:EX
Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Milne, Jillian GCPE:EX; Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Subject: AGRI: End of Day Media Request Report Nov 9th

Completed

Elizabeth Nolan - Driftwood Gulf Islands Media

ISSUE: ALC Amendment Act

STATUS: Provided Background

- Can you help clarify what that means? Does that mean any new residences in the ALR must be approved by the ALC or does it mean it mean variance applications that would normally go through local land use planning authorities will now go to the ALC instead? Or something else?
 - The term additional residence refers to a second home being constructed on a piece of land in the ALR.
 - Currently, additional residence applications for farm uses are made to local government.
 - The ALC has heard through consultation with some local governments that often they don't have the agricultural expertise or the level of staff to appropriately manage these types of applications.
 - The new process will now have the ALC, who have the technical expertise on farming, making decisions together with local governments.
 - Local governments will still play a role in ensuring the additional residence fits within their bylaw standards.

Thanks! I'm also wondering if there will be a separate amendment that will address farmworker dwellings.

- Bill 52 is part of the government's ongoing commitment to revitalize the ALR and the ALC, and work on protecting the ALR will continue.
- Details on other changes that focus on strengthening governance and decision making for the ALC and other topics will be shared as they are announced

Abby Wiseman - Small Batch Vancouver

ISSUE: Support for Hazelnut Sector

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- MLP to call reporter Thursday Nov 15th @ 1pm to 1:15 pm for hazelnut industry overview and replant program

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 5, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Currie, David GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Cc: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Subject: ALC legislation introduced this pm
Attachments: Q and A - ALC A bill-Nov 4-Draft 8.docx; 2018.11.02 Key Messages ALC A Bill - Draft 1.docx; 2018AGRI0083-002125.pdf

Should your MO seek more details about the AGRI ALC legislation that will be introduced this afternoon circa 2pm, we've attached latest Q and A and KM. The NR will be issued once the bill is introduced.

Pls let me know of any questions

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 15, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Raymond, Mark AGRI:EX; Pritchard, Jane AGRI:EX
Subject: Document discussed on National Stakeholders Call this pm
Attachments: CFIA_ACIA - #11230919 - v3A - CPA PAU -Media lines -Bovine TB 2018.docx

In case you didn't receive it

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 30, 2018 12:38 PM
To: Singh, Mohini AGRI:EX
Cc: Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: CPA Workshop PowerPoint - CAP Template

Hi Mohini, some comments from AAFC below for consideration please.

Blake joined GCPE recently and is working on many things CAP related, so please include him on materials you send along.

Thanks a bunch, hope you have a good weekend ahead

From: Robert, Renee (AAFC/AAC) [mailto:renee.robert@canada.ca]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Stewart, Jackie (AAFC/AAC); Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CPA Workshop PowerPoint - CAP Template

Hi Robert,

Thanks for the opportunity to review. Just a few comments.

Nowhere is it explained that AgriStability is cost-shared between the federal and provincial government (60:40), but delivered in BC by the province.

The correct short form for the Canadian Agricultural Partnership is "the Partnership", not CAP.

Slide 5: I find the 3rd bullet very confusing. How about simply saying: Producers will receive an AgriStability payment when their income in the program year drops more than 30 per cent below their historical reference margin.

I think it would make sense to include bubbles/boxes that explain the program margin and reference margin on this slide or on the next. I'd spend more time explaining those key program concepts before getting into eligibility and application process.

Good luck.

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 6:18 PM
To: Robert, Renee (AAFC/AAC) <renee.robert@canada.ca>
Cc: Stewart, Jackie (AAFC/AAC) <jackie.stewart@canada.ca>; Bilmer, Blake GCPE:EX <Blake.Bilmer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CPA Workshop PowerPoint - CAP Template

Hi Renee,

please have a look at the attached ppt presentation and let me know of any comments or suggestions, It is for an online workshop the ministry is planning for the new year, they intend to reach out to accountants etc with agri clients to offer them a BRM intro.

Thanks!

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From: s.15,s.19 GCPE:EX
Sent: November 8, 2018 9:49 AM
To: s.15,s.19 GCPE:EX
Subject: KM AGR-2018-84973 - Richmond Cannabis Bylaw / Regulation

These may be useful when the pkg is released, Applicant is a law firm but I suppose there is a chance Country Life or Richmond media look into it.

- I am not considering regulating the City of Richmond.
- In July 2018, the Ministry announced that local and First Nations governments could prohibit cannabis production in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) within their communities, unless it is grown in ways that preserve the productive capacity of agricultural land.
- The regulatory change gives authority to local and Indigenous governments to prohibit cement-based, industrial-style, cannabis-production bunkers on ALR land in their communities, should they wish to.
- The regulation allows local and First Nations governments to make decisions regarding cannabis production that align with local planning and priorities in their communities.
- It also gives Local and First Nations governments the ability to regulate or prohibit cannabis production on land outside of the ALR.
- I've written to the Mayor and Council to encourage them to revisit the bylaw in light of the new cannabis regulations.
- Ministry staff are in contact with City staff about the regulatory change and the City's concerns regarding concrete-based structures in the ALR.

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Approved.

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APPROVAL REQUIRED BY November 9, 2018

Please review the attached redline and return your approval to me on or before the due date indicated above.

Details of Call:

All records and correspondence between the City of Richmond and the Ministry of Agriculture and/or any other Ministry involved in the decision to adopt order in council No. 380 prohibiting the production of cannabis in cement based structures on ALR land other than in structures that have been constructed or are under construction. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 07/24/2018) – Date Format: MM/DD/YYYY

The following public bodies have also received this FOI request: MAG, MOE



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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 19, 2018 2:02 PM
To: 'Ian.Holmes@jpbg.ca'
Subject: Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update

Hi Ian,

Dr Pritchard let me know you were looking for an update on the status of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update being found in feral rabbits in the south island. I hope the below summary from the Ministry of Agriculture helps.

- The Ministry of Agriculture has not received reports of deceased feral rabbits since April of this year, and continues to recommend that rabbit owners vaccinate their animals.

Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 8, 2018 4:17 PM
To: 'Stueck, Wendy'
Subject: RE: another factoid

Sorry this turned out to be later in the day Wendy, but I hope the below, attributable to the Ministry of Agriculture if needed, is helpful. I was correct about your question re: ALR percentage of land mass in a city in the ALR, but the ALC may have those details.

- The data was collected during the Ministry of Agriculture's ALUI (Agriculture Land Use Inventory) for the Metro Vancouver region for a soon to be published update.
- Details on ALUI's and published information is at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=41055AAED83246F0BDF22D2DAE4BDD59>
- The data indicated 11 new large estate homes, as noted below:
 - In 2011, 7.4% (83 of 1121) of houses on the ALR were large estate homes
 - In 2016, 8.4% (94 of 1118) of houses on the ALR were large estate homes
 - 13.3% increase in large estate homes on the ALR between 2011 and 2016
 - ALUI surveys have been conducted since the early 2000's and have defined "Estate" homes as those greater than 465 square metres (5,000 square feet) since the category's introduction in 2006

-----Original Message-----

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 12:56 PM
To: 'Stueck, Wendy'
Subject: RE: another factoid

No problem, I don't think the ministry tracks the data for the question below (if they do, they're keeping secrets because I've never seen it....) so it may be best to follow up with ALC as well, in case they track it, you can get some data from them for your story. If it turns out we do have info on it, I'll send it along with the other details once I make contact with my colleagues

Is there a map or list that shows which municipalities/regions have the highest percentage of land mass in the ALR? On its city website, Richmond says 39 per cent of the city is within the ALR - I'm guessing that is among the highest for municipalities?

-----Original Message-----

From: Stueck, Wendy [mailto:WStueck@globeandmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: another factoid

Fantastic, much appreciated. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX [mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 12:04 PM

To: Stueck, Wendy
Subject: RE: another factoid

I'm working on this for you Wendy, just having some trouble reaching my colleague with the details. You'll hear from me this pm,

-----Original Message-----

From: Stueck, Wendy [mailto:WStueck@globeandmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 6:18 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: another factoid

Oh and one other thing, sorry - is there a map or list that shows which municipalities/regions have the highest percentage of land mass in the ALR?

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX [mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Stueck, Wendy
Cc: Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: another factoid

Thanks Wendy, will be in touch with some info tomorrow

On Nov 7, 2018, at 5:01 PM, Stueck, Wendy <WStueck@globeandmail.com> wrote:

Hello – also from the November 5 release, this from the backgrounder:

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§ The building of mansions and lifestyle estates on ALR land has steadily increased in recent years.

§ In Richmond, for instance, the number of mega-mansions on ALR land has increased 13.3% between 2011 and 2016.

1. What is the government using as the definition of mansions and lifestyle estates – a specific square footage figure?

2. Re the 13.3 per cent increase – can you provide the numbers and the source for those numbers?

Thanks very much. This is all for a follow-up story I am working on.

Tomorrow is fine.

- Wendy Stueck

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 22, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Executed SCACP19-039 Communication Guidelines
Attachments: CAP Social media guidelines.xps

Thanks for checking Colleen, I think the attached excerpt specific to Social Media is probably better, AAFC had noted the Protocol is internal earlier. They can always send the first one over as a trial, to make sure it aligns before completing others

From: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Subject: Executed SCACP19-039 Communication Guidelines

*Hi Rob,
BCAC has requested the CAP Communications Protocol – shall I forward a copy to them?
BCAC has been provided the Graphic Standards Guide .*

https://spc-agri.gov.bc.ca/CAP_CP/CAP Communications/CAP Communications Protocol.pdf

Colleen

From: Becky Parker [mailto:BParker@bcac.ca]
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2018 9:49 AM
To: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Executed SCACP19-039 Communication Guidelines

Hi Colleen,
I am wondering if you can send the Communications Protocol document. We would like to do some social posts about the training we are running and I want to ensure that they are done in accordance with the policy.
Thank you.

Becky Parker

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From: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX [mailto:Colleen.Colwell@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 11:57 AM
To: 'Becky Parker' <BParker@bcac.ca>
Subject: Executed SCACP19-039 Communication Guidelines

Hi Becky,

As I was unable to locate language concerning funding in the attached CAP Graphic Standards Guide, I have updated the wording used in GF2.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Governments of Canada and British Columbia through Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative

OR

This project is supported by Canadian Agricultural Partnership a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Colleen

From: Becky Parker [<mailto:BParker@bcac.ca>]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Executed SCACP19-039
Importance: High

Thank you Colleen,
We look forward to getting started on this right away.

In terms of a press release to share this news, can you please let me know the next steps?

As well, I am hosting two training sessions next week which fall under Activity 3. I don't intend to provide any written material to the participants, but want to acknowledge the funding appropriately. Is there a communication/media contact I should work with, or will everything go through you?

Please acknowledge if there is a statement I can use to verbally acknowledge funding, or if we should develop a standard powerpoint slide which we can get approval for (by Tuesday) that I could show at the events.

Thank you!

Becky Parker

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From: Colwell, Colleen AGRI:EX [<mailto:Colleen.Colwell@gov.bc.ca>]
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Cc: Buchanan, Stephen AGRI:EX <Stephen.Buchanan@gov.bc.ca>; Anderson, Blake AGRI:EX <Blake.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Executed SCACP19-039

Good morning Becky and Reg,

*Following is the fully executed Agreement, and the Certificate of Insurance as per Schedule C, due in 10 days. Looking forward to the project results.
Have a great weekend.*

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 13, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Levesque, Lisa AGRI:EX
Cc: Guan, Tiffany AGRI:EX
Subject: RE: Industry newsletter - Premises ID ads

Hi Lisa, thanks for checking in, it is not a simple answer I'm afraid.

The govt has a ban on non-statutory ad placements, so paid advertising will be tough. If there is willingness from industry to share the information in ad format in their newsletters (e- or hardcopy) we can ask our graphics dept to design one. They'll need to know the size of the advertisement (length by width) and if it is colour or black and white if you'd like help with the design. They are typically straight fwd, text and logo with a border. Just send along the text if you'd like to go this route with the info, and I'll ask them to begin. Another option if you are willing would be to contact the newsletter writers and offer an interview on the importance of Premises ID – or if you prefer they may ask / you could offer to submit a few hundred word article.

Please let me know if either of the above sounds worth pursuing, GCPE would like to be involved in either option.

From: Levesque, Lisa AGRI:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Guan, Tiffany AGRI:EX
Subject: Industry newsletter - Premises ID ads

Hi Rob –

We are hoping to dig out an old Premises Identification registration ad which I hope to publish in the various livestock industries' upcoming newsletters.

I assume your group would like to review, and possibly even coordinate this kind of thing, although I'm happy to do so as well.

What is the process for this? And if there is a cost, how is that dealt with?

Thanks,

Lisa

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: November 1, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Speirs, Alison AGRI:EX; Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Use of social media to promote CAP programs
Attachments: CAP Social media guidelines.xps

Hi Alison, the attached outlines the requirements, depending on the type of posts.

For BC gov tags, the Twitter is [@BCGovNews](#) and the FB post is [Government of British Columbia](#)

From: Speirs, Alison AGRI:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX
Subject: Use of social media to promote CAP programs

Hello

Our third party delivery agent for the SCACP-009 EFP/BMP would like to utilize Facebook to promote the program and encourage uptake, can you advise on the process for this? Is social media use allowed? They would need to include logos etcwhat does this involve?

Thanks,

Alison Speirs P. Ag.

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