Site C Clean Energy Project

Framework for an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan
Stakeholder Consultation Discussion Guide and Feedback Form

Framework for an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan – Stakeholder Consultation
(November 2015-January 2016)

Purpose

BC Hydro, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Energy and Mines are seeking your input regarding the development of a Framework for an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan for the Site C Clean Energy Project.

This consultation process seeks your input regarding the four parts of the framework:

A. Implementation of appropriate construction management practices, as they pertain to agriculture
B. Approach to development of individual farm mitigation plans
C. Approach to management of surplus agricultural land
D. Establishment of a $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund

How Input Will be Used

Your input will be considered, along with technical and financial information, as BC Hydro, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Energy and Mines develop a Framework for the Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan by July 2016, a draft Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan by January 2017, and a final Plan by July 2017.

We Want to Hear From You

This consultation period runs from November 23, 2015 to January 29, 2016, so that Peace River agricultural stakeholders across various sectors will have an opportunity to review and provide their input.

As part of the consultation period, regional stakeholder meetings will be held in December 2015 and January 2016. If you are an agricultural stakeholder interested in attending a meeting and haven’t received an invitation, please email us at sitec@bchydro.com.

Learn more and provide your feedback by:

• Coming to a stakeholder meeting
• Filling out the feedback form found in this discussion guide at sitecproject.com. Alternatively, you can send your hardcopy feedback form to PO Box 2218, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3W2.
• Sending us an email to sitec@bchydro.com or letter to PO Box 2218, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 3W2

Please provide your feedback by January 29, 2016.
1. Background

About the Site C Clean Energy Project

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) will be a third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. Approved by the Province of B.C. on December 16, 2014, construction of the project began in the summer of 2015. Site C will provide 1,100 megawatts (MW) of capacity, and produce about 5,100 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity each year — enough energy to power the equivalent of about 450,000 homes per year in B.C. Site C received environmental approvals from the federal and provincial governments in October 2014, and received approval from the Province of B.C. in December 2014. Site C will be a source of clean, reliable and affordable electricity for more than 100 years. More information about Site C can be found at sitecproject.com.

Provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate – Conditions Regarding Agriculture

The Provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Site C Clean Energy Project includes two conditions specific to agriculture, summarized below:

Condition No.30: BC Hydro will develop an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan addressing the following requirements: establishing a $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund; implementing appropriate construction management practices; developing individual farm mitigation plans; and managing surplus agricultural land.

Condition No.31: BC Hydro will implement an agriculture monitoring and follow-up program for a 10 year period: 5 years prior to operations and 5 years during operations. Condition 31 requires the development of a draft Agriculture Monitoring and Follow-Up Program which has been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Peace River Regional District, and the District of Hudson’s Hope for review. A final Program will be submitted in December 2015, and the monitoring program will begin in January 2016, within 180 days of the start of construction.

Monitoring programs to determine if creation of the Site C reservoir may result in site-specific changes that may affect agricultural operations include the following:

- Reservoir induced effects on crop drying;
- Effects on crop production due to changes in groundwater elevations;
- Effects on agriculture due to changes in wildlife habitat utilization; and
- Climate parameters to estimate irrigation water requirements near the reservoir.
2. Framework for an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan

The Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan will include four components, which are the subject of this consultation process:

A. Implementation of appropriate construction management practices, as they pertain to agriculture
B. Approach to development of individual farm mitigation plans
C. Approach to management of surplus agricultural land
D. Establishment of a $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund

BC Hydro, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Energy and Mines have established a Consultation Steering Committee to guide consultation with agricultural stakeholders regarding a framework for the Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan. The Consultation Steering Committee is seeking and receiving advice from regional advisors: Hon. Mike Bernier, MLA for Peace River South, and Pat Pimm, MLA for Peace River North.

The Consultation Steering Committee has considered previous input related to agriculture received from consultation regarding the Site C Clean Energy Project and applied it in the development of this discussion guide and mitigation programs.

Process and Timeframe for Developing an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan

BC Hydro is working with the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Agriculture to develop the Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan.

The Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan will be developed within the following timelines:

• **Framework (by July 2016):** An Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan Framework will be developed in consultation with affected agricultural land owners and tenure holders, and the Ministry of Agriculture and provided to the Peace River Regional District and the District of Hudson’s Hope for review by July 2016.

• **Draft Plan (by January 2017):** A Draft Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan will be provided for review and comment by affected agricultural land owners and tenure holders, the Peace River Regional District, District of Hudson’s Hope, Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations by January 2017.

• **Final Plan (by July 2017):** The Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan will be filed with the BC Environmental Assessment Office, Peace River Regional District, District of Hudson’s Hope, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations by July 2017.
A. Implementation of Standard Construction Mitigation Measures

Standard construction mitigation measures are included in the Site C Project’s Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP outlines the requirements for Environmental Protection Plans, which must be developed by contractors prior to the commencement of construction activities.

These plans include standard mitigation measures for all aspects of construction, including those that may affect agricultural land and operations. Plans related to agricultural land include:

- **Soil Management, Site Restoration and Re-vegetation Plan** – restoration of temporarily affected agricultural land during construction;
- **Borrow and Quarry Site Reclamation Plan** – restoration of temporarily affected agricultural land within quarries and pits developed during construction;
- **Vegetation and Invasive Plant Management Plan** – mitigation of potential effects to agricultural land through protection of vegetation and limiting the spread of invasive plants; and
- **Traffic Management Plans** – mitigation of potential construction effects on individual farm operations as a result of increased traffic and road closures.

Provide Your Feedback

1. Please provide any comments regarding the implementation of standard construction mitigation measures:

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B. Approach to the Development of Individual Farm Mitigation Plans

In accordance with Condition 30, BC Hydro “must evaluate effects on agricultural land owners and tenure holders, and develop mitigation and compensation measures consistent with industry compensation standards, to mitigate effects or compensate for losses.” Also, BC Hydro’s plan must include “funding for mitigation actions for disruptions to agricultural land owners and tenure holders.”

BC Hydro evaluated effects on agricultural land owners and tenure holders as part of the agricultural assessment during the environmental assessment phase. As part of this assessment, interviews were held with potentially-affected farm operators and/or owners in 2011 and 2012. There are 34 farm operations where a portion of the operation is within the Site C project activity zone. Of the 34, 22 owners or operators agreed to participate, and provided information about current and potential future agricultural activities. The results of the interviews were used, along with other information, such as from Statistics Canada and direct observations about farm operations, to inform the agricultural assessment.

Now that Site C has moved into construction, BC Hydro’s properties team will discuss with agricultural land owners and tenure holders potential effects of the project on their land and operations, including potential mitigation actions related to disruption of their continuing agricultural operations. Where agricultural land is required for the Project it will be acquired at fair market value, and associated financial losses, including funding of mitigation actions and compensation for those effects which cannot be mitigated, if any, will be reimbursed as described in Section 11.3 of the Site C Environmental Impact Statement (Land Status, Tenure and Project Requirements).

The identification of specific mitigation actions that may require funding related to disruption of each agricultural operation will be identified by BC Hydro in private discussions with agricultural land owners and tenure holders whose land or rights may be affected by the Project. For example, potential mitigation actions may include changes to driveways to address changes to farm access, consideration of changes to unauthorised public access, relocation of farm infrastructure such as buildings, wells or fencing, or other disruptions to current agricultural operations. Where such effects cannot be avoided, individual farm mitigation plans will be developed to determine compensation for financial losses due to disruptions to agricultural land use, consistent with industry compensation standards. Funding for individual farm mitigation or compensation will be in addition to the $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund.

Provide Your Feedback

2. Please provide any comments regarding the approach to the development of individual farm mitigation plans:

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C. Approach to Management of Surplus Agricultural Lands

In accordance with Condition 30, BC Hydro’s Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan must include “inclusion of suitable land in the Agricultural Land Reserve in consultation with the Agricultural Land Commission,” and “when residual parcels are to be sold, consolidate and / or connect residual agricultural parcels with adjacent agricultural land holdings, where practical and when owner(s) and BC Hydro agree.”

These conditions reflect the fact that, through the process of land acquisition for Site C, BC Hydro will end up with surplus land holdings that may be suitable for future agricultural land use.

BC Hydro will be in a position to begin the process of identifying lands that are surplus, or not directly required for the project, approximately five years after the completion of construction. This timeline allows for the results of reservoir shoreline monitoring to inform this process, as well as the establishment of long-term mitigation measures that may include establishment of areas such as wildlife habitat compensation lands or recreation sites. Until that time, BC Hydro-owned lands will continue to be managed in a responsible manner that supports, as appropriate, agricultural land use and wildlife habitat, and continues to ensure responsible approach to noxious weed management.

Surplus lands will be assessed against land use priorities to determine their suitability for various potential uses, including land required to mitigate project effects. Consideration will be guided by ongoing conditions associated with project approvals, including vegetation and wildlife habitat compensation, agricultural land use interests and Aboriginal interests, as well as community interests as stated in official community plans and zoning.

For those lands retained as wildlife habitat compensation, there will be management plans developed. Continued agricultural use of these lands is also an objective. BC Hydro will work with government agencies, Aboriginal groups and other potentially affected stakeholders to identify the habitat management objectives, specific actions for the maintenance, creation or enhancement of targeted habitat features, compatible land use including agricultural practices, and other property-specific management considerations.

BC Hydro-owned land deemed surplus to project or mitigation requirements, and that have continuing agricultural value, may be dealt with in several ways. First, when these land parcels are to be sold, BC Hydro will make efforts to consolidate or connect residual agricultural parcels with adjacent agricultural land holdings, where practical and where owners agree. Secondly, BC Hydro will consult with the Agricultural Land Commission and adjacent landowners to include suitable land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Provide Your Feedback

3. Please provide any comments regarding the management of surplus agricultural lands:

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D. Establishment of an Agricultural Compensation Fund

As part of the environmental assessment of Site C, BC Hydro proposed the creation of a $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund for use in the Peace Region. The purpose of the fund is to mitigate the change in agricultural economic activity as a result of Site C.

In accordance with Condition 30, BC Hydro’s Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan must include:

“...establishment of an agricultural compensation fund of $20 million for use in the Peace Region or other areas of the province as necessary to compensate for lost agricultural lands and activities, and an approach for establishing the governance and allocation of funds. The EAC Holder must work with the Ministry of Agriculture to establish a governance structure for the agriculture compensation fund that will ensure funds will be used to support enhancement projects that improve agricultural land, productivity or systems.”

BC Hydro is accountable for creating the Agricultural Compensation Fund, and responsible for seeking input from agricultural stakeholders on its objectives, administration, and delivery, which is the purpose of this consultation. Input received on the discussion guide information and feedback questions below will provide content for the development of the Framework, and will be the basis for a detailed Mandate to direct the Fund’s future implementation.

The next few pages provide information and ask for your feedback regarding the following topics:

- **Vision:** Why are we creating an Agricultural Compensation Fund? Where should the Fund be targeted and what should it cover?
- **Governance:** How should the Fund be administered? How should projects be reviewed?
- **Eligibility:** Who should be eligible to apply? What is the nature and scope of projects that should be funded?
- **Allocation:** How should funds be allocated and over what time period?
D1. Agricultural Compensation Fund Vision

Why are we creating an Agricultural Compensation Fund?

The construction and operations of the Site C Clean Energy Project will affect agricultural land and operations in the Peace Region. To mitigate this impact to agricultural economic activity, BC Hydro will create a $20 million Agricultural Compensation Fund (the Fund) to support enhancement projects that improve agricultural land, productivity, and systems. As discussed in separate sections, other mitigation is proposed to address other effects, including standard construction management, surplus agricultural land management, and physical monitoring programs for agriculture.

Where should the Fund be targeted and what should it cover?

The Site C Clean Energy Project’s physical footprint is in the Peace Region. Therefore it is proposed that the Fund be targeted to activities that will enhance agricultural lands, operations, or agrifoods’ economic activity in the Peace Region. The geographic target for the Fund will be the area of the BC Peace River Regional District.

Proposed Vision Statement

Based on the information above, the following is the proposed vision statement for the Agricultural Compensation Fund:

“Enhance the Peace Region’s opportunity for agricultural production and agrifoods economic activity.”

1. Agrifoods refers to agriculture, seafood, and food and beverage processing.

Provide Your Feedback

4. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed vision statement for the Agricultural Compensation Fund:

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D2. Agricultural Compensation Fund Governance

How should the Fund be administered?

Based on research into effective fund administering organizations, the following are proposed principles to guide fund administration.

Proposed Principles of Fund Administration

- **Fair and Transparent**: The Fund must be administered in a fair and transparent manner so that all projects are reviewed and given equal consideration.

- **Regional Knowledge and Technical Expertise**: Regional knowledge of agricultural strengths, needs, challenges and opportunities combined with technical expertise will assist in good decision-making and assessment of project viability.

- **Professional**: The organization needs to be efficient in order to make timely decisions, it must be effective in document management and record keeping, and have strong communication capabilities to interact with and support Fund applicants.

- **Accountable**: The organization would ensure that the Fund meets the regulatory requirements set out by the Environmental Assessment Certificate Condition 30, and that funding recipients and projects meet the eligibility requirements of the Fund.

- **Inclusive**: The fund must be administered in a manner than recognizes the diversity of agricultural sectors, interests and opportunities in the Peace Region.

Provide Your Feedback

5. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed principles of fund administration:

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How should the fund be operated?
To achieve the administrative requirements outlined on the previous page, it is proposed that the Fund’s organizational structure would include an Executive Board, an independent Fund Administrator, and an Adjudication Committee with agriculture and economic experts. Administration costs would be covered by the Fund. The proposed roles and responsibilities of each are outlined below and the relationship between each group is illustrated in the flowchart.

Stage 1: Confirmation of Eligibility
Details:
Confirm that proposed project meets nature of projects and scope of projects criteria

Responsibility:
Compensation Program Administrator (Fund Administrator)
A Fund Administrator would be responsible for administering the Fund. The Fund Administrator would be responsible for creating an applicant-friendly process for funding requests, for completing the initial review of project submissions, for coordinating Adjudication Committee reviews, and for making recommendations for project funding to the Board.

Stage 2: Review and Ranking
Details:
Review and rank applications against 3 considerations:
   a) Alignment with Agricultural Compensation Fund Vision
   b) Technical merit including overall viability, practicality
   c) Value-added criteria including in-kind contributions and/or partnered funding (e.g. dollar ratio of requested funds to other cost covering sources).

Responsibility:
Adjudication Committee
An adjudication committee would be established to conduct technical evaluations of projects to support reviews of funding applications. Members of the Adjudication Committee would have local knowledge and would be proposed by the Fund Administrator and Executive Board and retained on an as-needed basis. Members would provide technical input on regional benefits, agriculture, economics, project viability, environmental impact, and other topic areas as required.

Stage 3: Final Decision
Details:
Make final decision based on rankings completed in Stage 2, Fund mandate, annual allocations strategy and budget.

Responsibility:
Executive Board (Board)
A Board would be established to provide oversight and strategic direction for the implementation of the Agricultural Compensation Fund’s Mandate. The Board would include representation from regionally-based agriculture groups and provincial agencies. The Board would monitor the performance of the Fund and would be responsible for project funding decisions, with input from the Fund Administrator and Adjudication Committee.

How should projects be reviewed?
It is proposed that project funding applications would be reviewed using a three-stage process:
Provide Your Feedback

6. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed organizational structure of the Fund:

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7. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed three-stage process for reviewing project funding applications.

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D3. Agricultural Compensation Fund Eligibility

Who should be eligible to apply?

It is proposed that the following groups be eligible to apply for funds:

- Individuals and/or partnerships (including new entrants to agriculture)
- Non-profit organizations
- Peace Region industry associations, agencies, boards, and councils
- Educational institutions

8. Please rate your level of agreement with the proposed applicant categories noted above:

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed applicant categories:

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What is the nature and scope of projects that should be funded?

We are interested in feedback regarding the nature and scope of projects that the agricultural community would like to see eligible for funding. BC Hydro has undertaken past consultation with agricultural stakeholders and the public regarding this topic.

In 2012, as part of public consultation regarding Site C, BC Hydro sought input regarding agriculture, asking consultation participants to rate their level of agreement with using funds from the agricultural compensation program to support the exploration of a range of regional agricultural mitigation project. 61 per cent of participants strongly or somewhat agreed with exploring the following types of projects:

- Crop irrigation research, development and infrastructure to enhance agricultural capability
- Vegetable sector projects, such as vegetable storage and processing facilities near transportation routes, to support development of higher-value agricultural production
- Forage sector projects to increase current forage and grain crop production levels
- Range and pasture sector improvements, such as clearing, seeding, fertilizing, and fencing, to increase capacity and local production
- Regional agricultural programs, such as invasive plant management, agricultural climate adaptation research or local food production programs

It is proposed that the Fund should consider a broad range of project categories to allow for consideration of projects that can provide maximum benefit to the agricultural sector. Based on this approach, the project categories proposed for the Fund include:

- Research and development
- Market development
- Training and education
- Capital investment for industry infrastructure
- Transportation and supply chain

The project criteria would be reviewed annually to ensure that it is current and comprehensive.
10. Please rate your level of agreement with projects in each of the following project categories being eligible for funding:

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11. Please provide any comments regarding the project criteria:

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What is the nature and scope of projects that should be funded?

Eligible Activities/Project

It is proposed that projects should address one or more of the following scope criteria related to agriculture in the Peace Region, and have demonstrated industry support, to be eligible:

• Land productivity (such as new crops and technology)
• Land base management (such as shelterbelts or windbreaks, weed management programs and improvements to grazing capacity)
• Land base improvements and infrastructure (such as livestock watering facilities, fencing for wildlife control and irrigation)
• Market access and infrastructure (such as regional value-added initiatives, institutions and services)
• Infrastructure and Transportation improvements (such as cleaning and packing, warehousing and storage, and distribution facilities to support vegetable industry)
• Sustainability (adoption of green and alternative technologies in place of fossil fuel-driven energy systems)
• Climate change response (on-farm responses and adaptations)
• New product and practice viability (studies, demonstrations to test new methods)

The list of eligible activities/projects would be reviewed annually and updated as needed to ensure that it is current, comprehensive, and distinct but complementary to other funding programs available to the agriculture sector.

Ineligible Activities

The following activities are proposed to be ineligible for funding:

• Core activities of government or non-government agencies or programs, including lobbying activities
• Development of policy related to land or agricultural management
• Administration of government regulations
• Engagement in enforcement and compliance activities
• Costs incurred prior to formal notification of funding approval

12. Please provide any comments regarding the eligible and ineligible activities noted to the left:

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How should funds be allocated and over what time period?

A wide variety of approaches to fund allocation, including consideration of the size of awards, maximum duration of project funding, and frequency of disbursements have been explored.

The preferred approach for the Agricultural Compensation Fund is to retain flexibility to provide funding for projects that would provide the greatest benefits to agricultural production and agrifoods economic activity in the Peace River region. It is proposed that projects requesting over $20,000 in funds should have a minimum of one other funding source. The other funding sources could include in-kind contributions or other government or private funding. A second source of funding provides external validation of project value, and also creates a greater commitment by the project proponent to deliver the project. Specific details for fund applications and project requirements will be developed after the Fund Mandate is created.

The table below summarizes options considered by the Consultation Steering Committee for the following topics:

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<td><strong>Fund Duration</strong></td>
<td>Single project investment (i.e., spend all $20 million on a major investment such as an Agricultural Research and Development Centre)</td>
<td>Determining a specific timeframe for the Fund may limit eligible projects and Fund effectiveness.</td>
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<td>How long will the Fund be in place?</td>
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<td>Endowment Approach, where only the interest would be allocated to projects</td>
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<td><strong>Annual Allocation</strong></td>
<td>$20 million in one year (i.e., single project investment)</td>
<td>Pre-determining annual fund distribution totals may reduce the impact of the Fund by delaying funding of projects with merit.</td>
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<td><strong>Duration of Project Funding</strong></td>
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<td>Due to the seasonality of agriculture, several growing seasons are often required to understand the benefits of a new program, technology or process.</td>
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<td><strong>Project Funding Limits</strong></td>
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<td>Pre-determined intakes for large applications assists in review processes, and efficiency of funding awards.</td>
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<td>When should project applications be accepted?</td>
<td>No deadlines – applications accepted and reviewed continuously</td>
<td>Consider allowance for small funding requests to be considered on an ongoing basis.</td>
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13. Please indicate your level of agreement with the proposed Agricultural Compensation Fund approach of maintaining flexibility to provide funding for projects that would provide the greatest benefits to agricultural production and economic activity in the Peace River region.

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14. Please provide any comments regarding the proposed fund allocation approach:

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15. Please provide any additional comments regarding the development of a Framework for an Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan:

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About You

16. Which provincial agricultural region are you from?
- Peace
- Omenica Skeena
- Cariboo Chilcotin Coast
- Thompson Nicola
- Okanagan
- Kootenay
- South Coast
- Vancouver Island/Coast

17. What agricultural sector(s) are you active in? (select all that apply)
- Beef cattle ranching
- Dairy cattle
- Fruit and nut tree farming
- Field vegetables, melon farming and potato farming
- Greenhouse, mushroom, nursery and floriculture production
- Hog farming
- Forages
- Oilseed and grain farming
- Poultry and egg production
- Sheep and goat farming
- Other (please specify): _______________________________

18. What is your role within the agricultural sector? (select all that apply)
- Primary producer (farmer/rancher)
- Agriculture industry organization
- Agricultural service industry
- Agricultural product processor/marketer
- Agricultural researcher/educator
- Government representative
- Other (please specify): _______________________________

19. Please provide your contact information (optional):

Name: _______________________________
Organization: ____________________________
Position: ________________________________
Email Address: __________________________
Phone Number: __________________________

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