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BC Vegetable Marketing Commission

SUPERVISORY REVIEW – VANCOUVER ISLAND

“WHAT WE HEARD” DOCUMENT PUBLISHED

The “What We Heard” document has been published. It can be found under the “*News & Notices*” tab of the BC Vegetable Marketing Commission’s Website in the section titled **REGULATORY REVIEW INFORMATION**.

The Commission website is - <http://www.bcveg.com/news.asp>

From the feedback received in Stage 1 of the process, it is evident there are stakeholder concerns about the overall current regulatory structure and Commission governance, along with specific Vancouver Island issues. As the Review proceeds, the Commission will continue to assess and communicate how these larger picture concerns will be addressed and their relationship to the future of the regulated industry on Vancouver Island.

The next phase of the process is Stage 2 - Joint Problem Solving. Workshops will be organized on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland.

The workshops are to be moderated by a third party. A drafted Vision Statement will be presented. Discussions are to focus on solutions to the issues brought up in the *What We Heard* document. Restructuring options will also be presented for participants to work through the implications. The objective of the workshops is to engage participants and ensure there is good dialogue on feasible solutions.

Upon completion of the workshops, the Commission will develop and apply evaluation criteria based on general S.A.F.E.T.I. based principles to assess the options and feedback heard in Stage 2. A recommendation will then be made to BCFIRB. The Commission decision and rationale will also be posted to the Commission website. The intention is to have the decision submitted to BCFIRB by the end of March 2016.