

# BCCA NEWS

## Update on 2011 Resolutions

### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

11 – 14 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the provincial government to provide funding for the cost of materials through the Environmental Farm Plan Program, Agriculture Wildlife Program or another funding source to assist producers wanting to construct stack yard fencing to protect their winter feed supplies from wildlife damage.

- BCCA sent a letter to Min of Env & Min of Agric requesting herd reduction, stackyard fencing and compensation for damages.
- BCCA also requested to have stackyard fencing as an approved BMP under farm plans. This was declined.
- BCCA is still pursuing fencing to protect stackyards and compensation for additional damages caused by wildlife.

11 – 15 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that fuel for agricultural use be exempted from the Provincial Carbon Tax Program.

- BCCA requested that the Min of Finance exempt coloured fuel for agriculture exempt from the Carbon Tax. Govt has replied that an exemption would be too difficult to separate agriculture fuels only. BCCA is now pursuing a counter proposal that would see bonafide farmers rebated on an application basis for the Carbon Tax portion.

11 – 16 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the new Water Act create a water reserve for agricultural land.

- BCCA forwarded our draft comments on the Ag Water Reserve to members, requesting input. Member input was largely

supportive of the Water Reserve and its principles. BCCA submitted our formal comments to the BC Ag Council, as they are developing a BC's position on the Water Reserve.

11 – 19 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA continue to engage the Ministry of Environment in discussion to ensure the forthcoming Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation is practical and does not place an undue financial burden upon ranchers.

- BCCA environment committee discussed the open burning regs and submitted comments and cautions to govt as they work to implement these new measures.
- BCCA Directors attended a meeting with BC Ag Council and Govt to discuss open burning smoke regulations.
- BCCA is also suggesting to govt to reduce regulations that discouraged the use of woodwaste for creating bio-energy (eg removal of stumpage fees on wood biomass).

11 – 20 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA work to convince the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Natural Resource Operations to create an open hunting and trapping seasons for wolves in regions of BC where there is wolf predation but no open hunting season in, order to better manage their populations.

- An open season for hunting and trapping wolves was established in the Cariboo region in August.
- BCCA has asked the Min of Nat Resources several times to establish wolf hunting and trapping seasons in the Peace and Southern Interior to help manage the problem. Discussions in progress.

### LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

11 – 11 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that meat inspection be funded by government and provided by the public service and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the integrity and consistency of the current meat inspection system be maintained.

- BCCA has provided two written submissions to Min Health regarding the revisions to Meat Inspection Regulations. BCCA has supported either proposed system I or II and has had follow up discussion with Min McRae (Agric) outlining our concerns and needs. BCCA submissions have been circulated to Directors, Regionals & Locals and can be found on our website.

### LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

11 – 05 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources require consultation between forest tenure holders and the range tenure holders prior to logging and before silviculture treatment is carried out to avoid creating an unsafe work environment for ranchers, cattle, horses and dogs.

- A letter was sent, with a follow-up face to face meeting with Chief Forester Jim Snetsinger. The Chief Forester saw value in our suggestions and reassured us that grass is an equally important resource as timber to the province. Land Stewardship committee continues to urge the Ministry about ways to improve communications to tenure holders.

11 – 06 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources to ensure that tree planting policy does not allow planting on grasslands, meadows, wetland meadows and within one tree length on either side of fences.

- BCCA recommended fence protection measures to the Ministry, and has for several years. Ministry has yet to impose the one-tree length suggestions. BCCA will continue to pursue.

11 – 07(V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be obligated to compensate landowners and tenure holders for losses due to wildfires that are not normally and reasonably insurable; and FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government implement measures to prevent wildfires, and respond to wildfires on a timely basis.

- Land Stewardship Committee has outlined several recommendations for a Memorandum of Understanding with Govt on nine wildfire related topics. Ministry has decided against an MOU and instead is developing protocols.
- Ministry has appointed Bob Fowler to develop wildlife and emergency planning protocols for agriculture and fire protection. BCCA has met a couple times with Bob Fowler to present cattlemen's perspectives and recommendations.

11 – 08 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby Government to recognize the benefits of tenuring and stocking vacant Crown range and to have Government provide the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations with clear direction in the form of priority and funding to have vacant ranges advertised and tenured in as soon as possible.

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
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- BCCA has raised this issue with Min of Nat Resources. We have suggested that the Ministry invest in the necessary infrastructure to make those vacant tenures usable for cattlemen.
- BCCA is developing alternative proposals for govt to offer incentives to rebate ranchers for investments in range tenure infrastructure.
- BCCA urged the Ministry to advertise the vacancies and ensure all tenures are being stocked with cattle.

11 – 09 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA encourage ranchers to clearly document and report damage to their range improvements and submit that information to the Ministry of Natural Resource Operations; AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA ask Government to provide compliance and enforcement officials with more effective legislative tools, a strong educational component, and increased fines to help reduce this disruption of and costly loss to crown range management.

- Committee is continuing to work on this resolution.

11 – 10(V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the Ministry to find an effective solution to resolving and preventing the damage caused by the rampant recreation ATV use on our range tenures such as; the use of section 58 under the Forest and Range Practices Act to close critical areas to recreational ATV use.

- BCCA has two rancher representatives on the Off Road Vehicle Coalition. These reps are meeting regularly and offering input as the regulations are

developed. The work of this ORV committee is under confidentiality agreements with govt and limited information can be shared at this time.

- BCCA has been involved in the Resource Road Act discussions which has major bearing on access for off road vehicles.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

11 – 01 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA work together with the Ministry of Agriculture Production Insurance office to develop a production insurance option which covers loss of pasture forage production.

- A similar resolution was presented last year, and the BCCA Finance Committee looked at options and existing programs throughout Canada. None were found to have a good fit. Programs in other provinces were having limited success. BCCA is looking for a program that will insure irrigated and dryland pastures as well as Crown range AUMs.
- BCCA is working with Min Agric staff (Business Risk Mgmt dept) to look at programs that might work in BC.

11 – 02a (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA requests CCA to start consultations with all Provincial Associations to increase the non-refundable national Check-off.

- BCCA has put forward this resolution to the Canadian Cattlemen's Association Executive Committee. CCA also sees a need to increase the check-off but decided to delay any action until Canada Beef is established and its needs are better understood.

11– 03 (V) (REFERRED to Executive) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA insist that the BC government discuss with the Alberta government the possibility of extending cattle price insurance program for fat cattle, feeder cattle and calves to BC producers.

- The federal government is assessing the Alberta program to see if they can develop it as a national program. All provinces have made similar requests for a national program. Canadian Cattlemen's Association continues to pursue this with govt.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

11 – 13 (V) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BCCA encourages the Beef Information Centre to provide producers with common information required to start or maintain farm gate sales of beef.

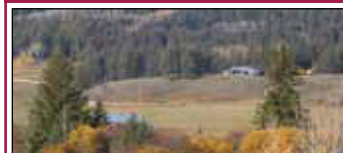
- The Beef Information Centre was in the process of disbanding and operations were being transferred to the new Canada Beef Inc during the time of the Annual General Meeting. BCCA was in communications with Canada Beef Inc in August and September 2011 regarding Beef 101 training for Behind the Beef Educators, and Resolution 11-13(V) was brought up to Vice President Ron Glaser at that time. Glaser suggested that BCCA hold off on the request until the new organization has a chance to organize operations and define roles and responsibilities.
- Now that Canada Beef is up and running, BCCA will again pursue options for providing information for farm gate sales and marketing.

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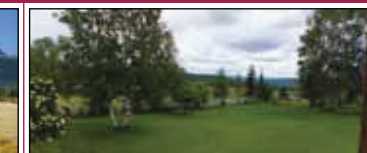
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