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# Commission Report

BC Vegetable Marketing Commission Monthly Newsletter

Commission  
Election  
March 31, 2008

## 2008 Commission Election

The Vegetable Marketing Scheme requires the Commission to maintain a register of non-commercial and commercial producers and that its election policy has received prior approval from the BC Farm Industry Review Board (FIRB).

As there are eight elected Commissioners there are elections each year for four positions. Licensed commercial producers are eligible to be nominated for serving on the Commission. Commissioners serve for a term of two years.

The term for the four incumbent Commissioners displayed in the box below expires **March 31, 2008**.

- Linda Delli Santi – District I & II – greenhouse vegetables – Bell Peppers
- William Cheuk – District I & II – greenhouse vegetables - Tomatoes
- Robert Spetifore – Districts II & III – Storage Crops  
*Due to Mr. Spetifore's recent resignation this position is vacant.*
- Doug Gourley – District 1 – storage crops

Recently, the Commission mailed information to select producers on the Commission's register of commercial producers regarding the election of four Commissioners. Included in this information were nomination forms.

If, on reviewing the information set out in the box in the left hand column you produce a regulated crop in the mentioned district, but you have not yet received election materials from the Commission you are encouraged to contact Dianne Driessen, Staff Elections Officer, at the Commission office in order that information and materials can be directed to you. The telephone number is 604-542-9734, extension 22.

Nominations for each of the four positions are to arrive at the Commission office by end of day on **Friday, February 15, 2008**.

Potato Producers  
can now apply  
for OFI funding

## On-Farm Implementation Funding

On-Farm Implementation Funding (OFI) is now available for BC Potato Producers under the **Canadian Food Safety & Quality Program**.

The total OFI funding allocation is a maximum of \$1,050 per producer. This includes workshop attendance, technical support and/or the purchase of specialized food safety equipment. OFI funds are not available retroactively, however, approved purchases made after January 2, 2008 are eligible for reimbursement.

Detailed information will be forwarded to potato producers registered with the Commission.

BC Vegetable  
Marketing Commission

Storage Crop  
Delivery Allocation  
Policy undergoes  
revision

## ***Suspension of General Order Part XVII Section 6***

Section 6 of Part XVII – ***Procedures for Determining Delivery Allocation for Root Crops or Storage Crops and Field Crops*** - of the General Order provides for the allocation of over base Delivery Allocation in the event that all producers with assigned Delivery Allocation for a Delivery Allocation period have delivered up to 100 % of their individual Delivery Allocations.

Storage crop Agencies, which operate with sub-delegated Commission authority, administer Delivery Allocation. When the above-described situation arises Agencies are to follow what is provided in the General Order regarding the awarding of overbase Delivery Allocation. What occurs during an overbase situation is important for determining future delivery opportunity. This is so because actual deliveries within a Delivery Allocation period affect each producer's 5-year average that determine Delivery Allocations.

During the December 13, 2007 regular Commission meeting a policy change regarding how storage crop producers are to participate in an over base situation was considered. The matter was referred to a Panel of the Commission for the purpose of reaching a Commission decision.

A decision of the Commission dated December 18, 2007 was widely circulated to District 1 potato producers. It serves to suspend the General Order provisions for awarding overbase Delivery Allocation and replacing them with an interim policy having the provisions set out in the decision.

The revised policy is to be referred to the Storage Crop Advisory Group for review and comment. On receiving the advice of the advisory group the Commission will either rescind the revised policy or amend the General Order so that it becomes the industry standard guiding the awarding of overbase Delivery Allocation.

Until further notice Section 6 of Part XVII of the General Order is suspended. Consequently, the defined term *Family Unit* that is set out in Part 1 of the General Order and is referenced in Section 6 has no application at this time.

A copy of the December 18, 2007 Commission decision can be obtained by contacting the Commission office or by visiting the web site and click on orders and decisions [[www.bcveg.com](http://www.bcveg.com)].

## ***Notice of Annual General Meeting***

**Date:** Wednesday, March 19, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Delta Town & Country Inn  
6005 Highway 17 at Hwy. 99, Delta

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