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To the members of the Grain Industry Development Council and to the members of the PRAD Consultative Committee
Final Report: BCIA Environmental On-Farm Planning Workshop Held May 25th, 2002

The BCIA Peace River Branch wishes to sincerely thank the members of the Grain Industry Development Council, PRAD II for their generous support towards the Environmental On-Farm Planning Workshop that our association hosted, May 25th, 2002.

In advance of the workshop, 300 direct mail-outs were sent to individual producers and to all the Producer Associations in the Peace and the event was broadcast on TV, the community events listing, on the BCMAFF noon radio broadcast and, in the Northern Horizon, Peace River Prospects. We had 65 people pre-register for the workshop and had another 21 people walk in that day to the workshop. PRAD was given recognition and thanks for the sponsorship on all advertisement and several times during the workshop. PRAD recognition did not appear in the Northern Horizon but was on the "copy" that was sent to them.

The BCIA considered the workshop to be a huge success even though we had a lower number of day walk-ins due to the extremely late spring and spring field work. The workshop ran very smoothly and the caliber of the presentations was very high.

Attached, please find copies of the mail out, the agenda and the article that appeared in the Northern Horizon. Also, please find an attached financial report. **PRAD approved \$4,555.00 and advanced \$4,099.50. The Income minus Expenses shows that \$4,287.34 was required, leaving a balance in the amount of \$187.84 payable.** If you have any questions or need further information please call the program coordinator Allen Eagle at (250)782-3116.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for your generous support.

Yours truly,


Raymond Fromme
Treasurer, Peace River Branch, BCIA



AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Hello Folks:

May 1, 2002

This is a letter of introduction and invitation to attend two workshops that are being held during the BC Institute of Agrologist's AGM in Dawson Creek this year on May 23rd, 24th and 25th. The two workshops hosted by the BCIA that also pertain to all of the farmers and ranchers in our Peace Region occur on Friday morning May 24th and Saturday morning until 2:00 pm May 25th.

So far this spring it looks like the timing of these two workshops couldn't be worse for farmers. Spring is so dang late, I know it can change, but when the pressure cooker is cooking, other things that are also important in a different way get left behind. Lets be realistic, the farm/ranch and its production come first.

For those folks who are interested enough in these two topics to want to attend, or even to make a commitment to come, I apologize for the timing. I hope that a few of you can make it. This is the latest that the BC Institute of Agrologist's have ever held their AGM, but this year, up here, it still may not be late enough to be timely for your participation.

If you have a look at the Agenda, there are two or three key things to notice; if you are considering coming:

- 1) Friday starts at 9:00 am and the cost of participation is \$20.00 for farmers and includes lunch. It is at the George Dawson Inn, in Dawson Creek.
- 2) Saturday starts at 8:00 am and the cost is \$20.00 for farmers and also includes lunch, but there is an afternoon session until approx. 2:00pm, also at the GDI.
- 3) We will be sending a letter of request to many of the farm organizations asking if they would also be able to have a representative attending. Some component of EFP's will be part of our future, hopefully with a gov't program that assists us.

Sponsorship for the workshops have come from several sources, all of them agriculturally oriented. I was hoping to hit the window of opportunity that occurs just after calving and spring seeding and just before spraying and summer jobs/activities. It is disheartening that spring is as late as it is. This country will explode into spring, we're just not sure when it is going to grace us with this pleasure and of course necessity for you.

For further information please contact Brian Haddow or Allen Eagle at AAFC – PFRA (250-782-3116). If you finish the most pressing part of spring work, please consider coming to these workshops. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Sincerely,

Brian Haddow, P.Ag., Chairperson, EFP Committee, BCIA AGM 2002



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ARE YOU INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE?

ARE YOU A FARMER?

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY THE OIL/GAS AND AGRICULTURE INTERFACE?

DO YOU THINK THAT ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLANS ARE IN YOUR FUTURE?

READ ON!!!!!!

This agenda is the educational component of the three day AGM of the BC Institute of Agrologists. These two education workshops are open to all those involved or interested in Agriculture. Spring work comes first, but if you have a moment, I hope that we see you there.

With the dates of the workshops being May 24th and May 25th we are hoping that the Ranching operations have slowed down with calving and are not yet up to their toques in spring work and that the Grain operations are finished seeding and not yet into the full swing of spraying. With the way this late spring is progressing, who knows, it may explode into 24degree days for us.

Friday, May 24th, 2002: PETROLEUM /AGRICULTURAL INTERFACE, (Do Payments by the Petroleum Industry Cover Tangible and Intangible Costs to the Land Owner or Lessee?)

Chair: Ken Hall
9:00-9:20 Jim Collins, P.Ag. - Rancher and Management Consultant
9:20-9:40 Wim Kok, P.Ag. - Lecturer, Geography & Land Use, NLC & Univ. of Northern BC
9:40-10:00 Kirk Fowler, P.Ag. - Environmental Manager, Pioneer Land Services Ltd.
10:00-10:30 Panel Discussion with three previous presenters
10:30-11:00 Refreshment Break
11:00-11:30 Dean Lien - Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Topic: "Determining Recommendations"
11:30-12:00 Rod Strandberg - Chair, BC Mediation & Arbitration Board, Topic: "Decision Making"
12:00-1:00 LUNCH (included in workshop price of \$25.00) (Farmers' cost is \$20.00.)

Saturday, May 25th, 2002: ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLANS

Chair: Brian Haddow
8:00-8:05 Greetings
8:05-8:35 Andrew Graham - Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA)
8:35-9:05 Therese Tompkins - Alberta Ag., Information Resources Coordinator, EFP Co-ord.
9:05-9:35 Geoff Hughes-Games - BCMAFF, Resource Management Branch, Soils Specialist
9:35-10:05 Speaker Panel
10:05-10:30 Refreshment Break
10:30-11:00 Margaret May - Ontario Farmer, EFP Facilitator, OSCIA
11:00-11:30 John Kolk - Alberta Farmer, EFP Chair, AESA
11:30-12:00 Jennifer Dyson - Blueberry & Hay Grower, BC Ag. Council, Island Farmers Alliance
12:00 NOON LUNCH
1:00-1:35 Jean-Louis Daigle - Director, ECSWCC, New Brunswick. (representing the Environment Bureau of Agriculture and Agri - Food Canada)
1:35-2:00 Questions and Speaker Panel, including the Provincial Farmer Representatives.

The Saturday May 25th Workshop cost is \$25.00, including lunch. (Farmers' cost is \$20.00.)
The location for both workshops is at the George Dawson Inn, in Dawson Creek.

*Will you need to have an "Environmental Farm Plan" within 2 or 3 or 4 years?
By fulfilling the requirements of an "Environmental Farm Plan", will you be realizing the "Best Environmental/Land Management Plan" that is achievable for your farm or ranch?*



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Open to the Public

Information Sessions For Agricultural Producers to be held at the George Dawson Inn

Hosted by The BC Institute of Agrologists May 24, 25, 2002.

Peace Country Agricultural Producers and others interested individuals are invited to attend two Public Information sessions hosted by the BC Institute of Agrologists May 24th and 25th at the George Dawson Inn in Dawson Creek.

Session 1. Friday May 24th, 9:00 am till Noon. Oil and Gas Industry, Land Access and Rental Payments, Do they fairly compensate the Landowner?

Session 2. Saturday May 25th, 8:00 am till 2:00 pm Environmental Farm Plans, Current Situation, What's happening across the country and in BC.

Friday's program begins at 9:00 am and addresses the topic "**Petroleum Industry Access and Rental Payments, do they compensate the landowner for all tangible and intangible costs?**" Speakers include Rod Strandberg, Chairman of the BC Mediation & Arbitration Board, Dean Lien, Farmer's advocate of Alberta, a speaker from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Wim Kok, Lecturer Northern Lights College, and Jim Collins a local agricultural producers and consultant. A panel discussion follows presentations from each speaker

Saturday's program begins at 8:00 am and the topic for discussion is Environmental Farm Plans (EFP). The focus of the discussions will be on "**Environmental Farm Plans –Encouraging Participation.**" (*The impact of environmental policy measures on farmers and on the environment – what works?*). Speakers include Andrew Graham, Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), Margaret May, Farmer and EFP Facilitator OSCIA, Therese Tompkins, EFP Coordinator Alberta Agriculture, John Kolk, Alberta Farmer & EFP Chair, Alberta Environmental Sustainability Association (AESAs), John-Louis Daigle, Executive Director ECSWCC Atlantic Provinces, and Geoff Hughes-Games, Soil Specialist BC Ministry of Agriculture (BCMAFF). Speakers are strongly encouraged to discuss the factors that led to their provincial Environmental Farm Plans, and not just outline a description of their EFP.

The cost for each day is \$20.00 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information you can contact Allen Eagle or Brian Haddow at 782-3116. Hope to see you there!



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