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BC Cranberry Growers Association
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BC Fox Breeders Association
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BC Goat Breeders Association
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BC Landscape & Nursery Association
BC Llama and Alpaca Association
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BC Mink Producers Association
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PREFACE

This Reference Guide is intended to assist producers in developing an environmental action plan for their farm. This is a plan that enhances our natural resources and reduces the possibility of accidental harm to soil, air, water and biodiversity values. It is one of a number of publications prepared to support the implementation of the BC Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Program and includes a convenient summary of current legislation and regulations as well as beneficial management practices. Also included are references to other published material that might be useful in implementing an Environmental Farm Plan.

Completing an EFP will provide farmers and ranchers with an understanding of agriculturally related environmental regulations and of farm management practices that enhance environmental values. In many cases the outcome of improved water and nutrient management will also be profitable. Protecting riparian areas can improve water quality as well as enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. Your decision to do an EFP will bring positive recognition to yourself and your industry.

The BC Agriculture Council, in cooperation with the federal and provincial governments, encourages all farmers to take the opportunity provided by the BC EFP Program to develop a plan that addresses environmental awareness and concerns on their farms. Doing so demonstrates the continuing commitment of our industry to responsible stewardship of the natural resources essential to a sustainable and economically viable agriculture for many generations to come.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Dick Klein Geltink
Chair
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