

# Farming for Info: Agrologists coming to a field near you

Provincial agrologists will be touring qathet Regional District this summer to collect information on crops, irrigation, livestock, and land-use for farming areas in the region. The crew will navigate public roads and observe land from within the vehicle, often with binoculars.

Watch for a pickup truck with BC government logos in farming areas between July 15<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

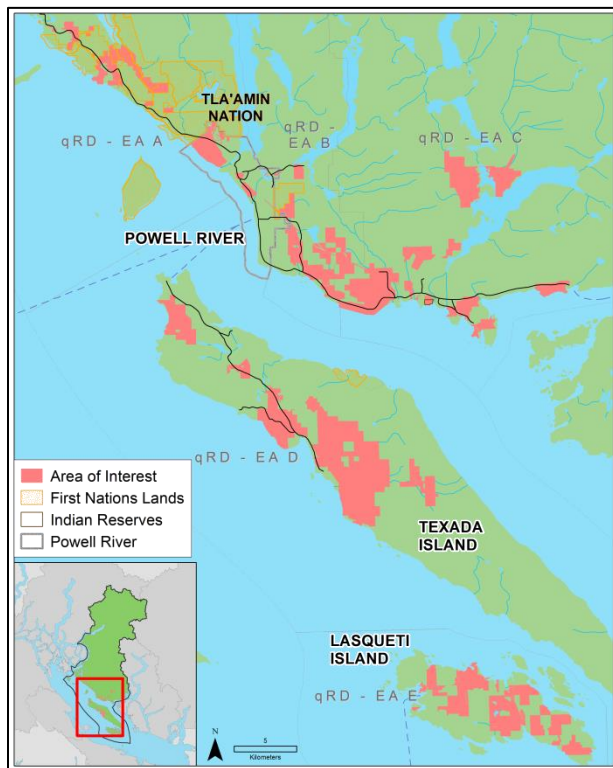
Agriculture is an important sector in the region, and to help ensure its viability, the Ministry of Agriculture, qathet Regional District (qRD), and the Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC have partnered to complete an Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI) & Water Demand Model (WDM)

The Agricultural Land Use Inventory will:

- Define the amount of actively farmed land in the region;
- Provide a benchmark for monitoring land use change; and
- Assist land use planning including official community plans & Crown land use planning.

The Agricultural Water Demand Model will:

- Enable examination of water management alternatives that consider future land use changes;
- Define potential impacts of climate change and identify appropriate adaptation strategies; and
- Inform future water storage modelling projects.



The qRD has allocated \$5,000 plus in-kind support to complete the project. Additional funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five year (2018-19 to 2022-23), \$3 billion investment by federal provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector, ensuring continued innovation, growth and prosperity.

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