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January 2020 Round Tables
Casino Rama, Orillia
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(1) Fish Processing Regulation

- In 2014, responsibility for provincial Fish Inspection was transferred from MNR to OMAFRA.
- Ontario Regulation 456-Quality Control under the Fish Inspection Act. Under this regulation OMAFRA provides oversight of fish processors that distribute within the Province.
- OMAFRA monitors food safety in processing plants regulated under the Fish Inspection Act.
- Some processors may also be inspected by Public Health Units under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.



Proposed Changes

- Proposal: To replace the Provincial Fish Inspection Act with a new regulation under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001.
- This would enhance food safety while minimizing burden to the industry by:
- Preventing contamination rather than responding to its occurrence
- Focusing on higher risk processing rather than processing that is low-risk
- Eliminating duplication in government inspection
- Allowing for flexibility in how processors achieve food safety outcomes



Status of Proposal

Potentially Regulated

Higher-risk processing

- Smoked fish
- Canning
- Ready-to-eat products (RTE)
- Vacuum or modified atmosphere packaging
- Licensed meat plants that process fish

If distributing any of these products to other businesses (e.g., restaurants, stores)

...would require a licence

Potentially Out of Scope

Businesses processing food products containing 25% or less of fish by weight, **except if RTE**

Lower-risk processing (e.g., cutting, filleting)

Any fish processing if all products sold directly to consumers

Federally Registered/Licensed fish processors
(Inspected by Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

Oversight of Public Health Units under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*



(2) Bill 156

- Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act 2019
- Creation of Animal Protection Zones and prohibits people from entering into these Zones without prior consent of farm owner/occupier. Prohibits people from interfering with a motor vehicle transporting farm animals
- Fine (max of \$15,000 for first offence to \$25,000)
- Gives the owner/occupier of the farm the ability to arrest a person who is trespassing with use of force



Restitution for Damages

- If a person is found guilty the court may make a restitution order for any injury, loss or damages
- Limited liability clause-protects the owner/occupier from damages including injury, loss or damage suffered to the trespasser unless the owner created a danger with a deliberate attempt to do harm
- Time limitation of two years after the day the offence was committed



(3) Crown Land Sale for Agriculture

- MNRF has recently released a new policy on Crown land sale for agriculture.
- The goal is to support the growth of the Province's agri-food industry to diversify the Northern Ontario economy.
- The policy will assist proponents interested in traditional crop/livestock projects where Crown land may be required.
- The applicant leads the process with an application
- The ministry takes into account a variety of factors



Agricultural Funding Opportunities



- Advancing Northern Maple (\$20,000) at 50%-open
- SNAPP (\$10,000) at 50%-open



- NICFI (Northern Integrated Commercial Fisheries)



Local Food Infrastructure Fund

Stream 1 Closed Nov 8th-closed

Stream 2 Opens in 2020-? Waiting for release



Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative-open
Places to Grow Agri Food Initiative-Open



Agricultural Funding Opportunities

- IAPO-Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario
- CAP-various cost share funding for producers and processors (businesses)
- FEDNOR
- Fair Finance Fund
- Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program
- CORDA
- NOHFC
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Innovation Initiatives Ontario North



Agricultural Funding-New

- Agridiversity Program
- Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program



Other Programs/Opportunities

- Environmental Farm Plan Workshops

This is a free two day seminar to assess your farm business. In this seminar you develop an Action plan and learn more about the various cost-share opportunities available. It enables you to set a realistic action plan with a time table to improve environmental conditions.

- Growing Your Farm Profits Workshops

This is a free two day workshop that gives you the tools to assess your current farm management practices. It covers things like marketing, production, financial management, human resources, succession planning, business structure and business strategy.



Round Table Discussion

- How will the changes to the Fish Processing Regulations affect your community, aboriginal or treaty rights?
- How will Bill 156 Security from Trespass affect your community, aboriginal or treaty rights?
- How will the Crown Land Sale for Agriculture Policy of MNRF affect your community, aboriginal or treaty rights?
- Do you know anyone interested in setting up an Environmental Farm Plan workshop?
- Other questions or comments



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