

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association

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Dear Messrs. Wooldridge, Acton, and Flynn:

Re: Sterile Insect Release Board – Nomination of Industry Representatives

The BC Fruit Growers' Association appreciates the inclusion of 3 growers with votes on the SIR Board. This letter is to explain the nomination/selection process and to nominate a representative for SIR Zone 3.

The process of selecting the 3 grower representatives is as follows:

- 1. The BCFGA nominates one each from the three program areas.
- 2. One of the three must be an organic grower.
- 3. Alternates may also be nominated and the alternate will have a vote in the same manner as the regular grower representative.

The grower representatives have a vote in general operational and policy matters, but there is a supplemental requirement for financial matters that a majority of the 5 regional district representatives is also needed.

The nomination of the growers are confirmed by Regional Districts as follows:

- Zone 1 grower representative:
 - o Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
- Zone 2 grower representative:
 - o Regional District of Central Okanagan
- Zone 3 grower representative:
 - Regional District of Columbia Shuswap
 - Regional District of North Okanagan and
 - Regional District of Central Okanagan

We are advising that for the current year, the nominee from Zone 1 is an organic grower, satisfying the second requirement noted above.

The BCFGA nominee for Zone 3 for the current year is <u>Joe Dhand</u>, a grower from Vernon, BC, who currently serves on the BCFGA Board. We would be pleased if your Regional District Board would consider this nomination and inform us and the SIR Board of your decision.

Sincerely,

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General Manager