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Attached please find Nicola Stockbreeders Comments on WAM.  
Thank you  
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## Nicola Stockbreeders Association comments on WAM

The Nicola Stockbreeders strongly support the B.C. Cattlemens position on the Water Act Modernization.

1. We believe that Ranchlands should be assured water for forage production and livestock watering or be removed from the Agricultural Land Reserve.
2. It is imperative that traditional water licensing (FITFUR) must be continued. Water must be retained in agriculture for B.C.'s food security, transferring water to other jurisdictions will not feed people.
3. We also feel Government must assist Ranchers by investing in new water storage facilities and improved infrastructure for irrigation. The people of B.C. already enjoy the green spaces that were created by farmers in the past, now we need help in times of climate change and population growth.
4. All water use must be regulated in high priority areas where cities, fish, and agriculture share the same resource (this includes wells).

In conclusion, any changes in water law in B.C. must take into consideration the differences in watersheds. The ranchers of the Nicola Valley should be a strong partner in the future of our watershed.

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