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Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard  
ALC Planning Review #46649  
Local Government File: Denman Island Bylaw 228 and 229

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**Delivered Electronically**

**Re: Bylaw Referral 228 and 229 – Denman Island**

Thank you for forwarding a draft copy of proposed amendments to Bylaw 228 and 229 (Denman Island) for review and comment by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). The following comments are provided to help ensure that the amendments are consistent with the purposes of the Agricultural Land Commission Act (ALCA), the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation (the “Regulation”), and any decisions of the ALC. After review of the proposed amendments the ALC has the following comments:

The ALC supports the proposed separate map designation for the ALR. While the ALC acknowledges that the ALR is part of any community’s inventory of sustainable resources, the ALR is distinct in that land use is governed by local bylaws and provincial legislation. The ALC notes that proposed Schedule C of the OCP shows the ALR as a distinct designation, and yet the text refers to the ALR within a combined Resource/ALR designation. The ALC supports the separation of the ALR into a distinct designation throughout the OCP.

Notwithstanding the above, the ALC is pleased with the proposed amendments to the text of the OCP which raises the profile of the ALR by distinguishing that designation from other resource based designations. The ALC especially appreciates the numerous information notes throughout the OCP text which emphasize that ALR landowner’s must also consider the ALC in their personal land use proposals. The ALC trusts additional notes regarding the ALR can be integrated where necessary in the revised OCP.

With regard to changes to the Land Use Bylaw, the ALC notes that the Ministry of Agriculture has made comments on these proposed changes. As the Ministry publishes several guides which assist community on planning issues in agricultural areas, including appropriate setbacks and farming definitions, the ALC would have no additional comments to add to the Ministry’s correspondence.

The ALC strives to provide a detailed response to all bylaw referrals affecting the ALR; however, you are advised that the lack of a specific response by the ALC to any draft bylaw provisions cannot in any way be construed as confirmation regarding the consistency of the submission with the ALCA, the Regulation, or any Orders of the Commission.

If you have any questions about the above comments, please contact the undersigned at 604-660-7011 or by e-mail ([Gordon.Bednard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gordon.Bednard@gov.bc.ca)).

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per

Martin Collins

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