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ALR public input to April 30 West Shore Voice News

• British Columbians are encouraged to participate in the final week of consultations to revitalize the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). Ideas, opinions and passion for BC farms and food are invited with participation at https://engage.gov.bc.ca/agriculturallandreserve

In recent weeks, about 1,500 people from around BC have offered their thoughts and vision of how to make it easier and more efficient for the ALC to fulfil its mandate of preserving farmland and encouraging farming. "I encourage all British Columbians to make sure their voice is heard," says Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "Your input on ALR topics like on-farm processing and sales, residential uses, and creating a defensible and defended land reserve, will help frame recommendations for an ALR that will serve generations. **WSV**

The online consultation portal is open to 4 pm on Monday April 30.