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**Sent:** July 29, 2019 2:06 PM  
**To:** Lore Schick <[LSchick@cariboord.ca](mailto:LSchick@cariboord.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Class D and E Licensing

Good afternoon,

This email is in regards to the recent request from the Ministry on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to provide feedback on Class D licences. I am following up with you personally to ensure you receive the news about the extension for feedback regarding Class D licences, since your Regional District submitted feedback. I can confirm receipt of your submission.

The Ministry has heard from some of you about the challenges of being able to respond within the allotted time. In order to ensure meaningful input, the Ministry has extended the deadline for providing feedback to **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. We want to give local governments more time to respond to this important issue and provide input that will result in better consultation. **Regional districts who have already provided input are encouraged to add to or alter their prior submissions in order to improve them, if they wish.**

To support rural slaughter capacity, the Ministry would like to invite input from local governments on:

- **proposals for new Class D regions or sub-regions; and**
- **designation of new regions or sub-regions.**

**We want to highlight that this invitation for feedback is an opportunity to present new ideas, and for updating and consideration of previous input in the context of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food's report on meat production in BC.**

For more information please see the attached document.

Please provide feedback by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**, (in PDF or Word format only) to [bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca)

As well, please direct all questions to [bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca)

Thank you,

Diana



**Diana Berry** (née Edwards)  
Policy and Project Analyst  
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Ministry of Agriculture

*Please note that my name has changed from "Diana Edwards" to "Diana Berry" as of July 2019.*

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## **Discussion Paper to solicit feedback from Local Governments about Class D Licences**

July 29, 2019

### **Provincial Meat Inspection**

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The Committee released their report with 21 recommendations for government related to licensing and oversight, skilled labour and workforce, and industry growth and development. The Ministry is seeking further feedback on recommendation #3 related to Class D licensing:

**#3:** Help Class D and E licensed producers reach markets closer to home by investigating alternative boundary restrictions for sales, other than regional districts.

### **Invite Feedback**

To support rural slaughter capacity, the Ministry would like to invite input from local governments on:

- **proposals for new Class D regions or sub-regions; and**
- **designation of new regions or sub-regions.**

The Ministry has received submissions related to this topic in the past. This invitation for feedback is an opportunity to present new ideas, and for updating and consideration of previous input in the context of the Committee's report.

For more information about Class D licences please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/food-safety/meat-inspection-licensing/class-d-e-licences>

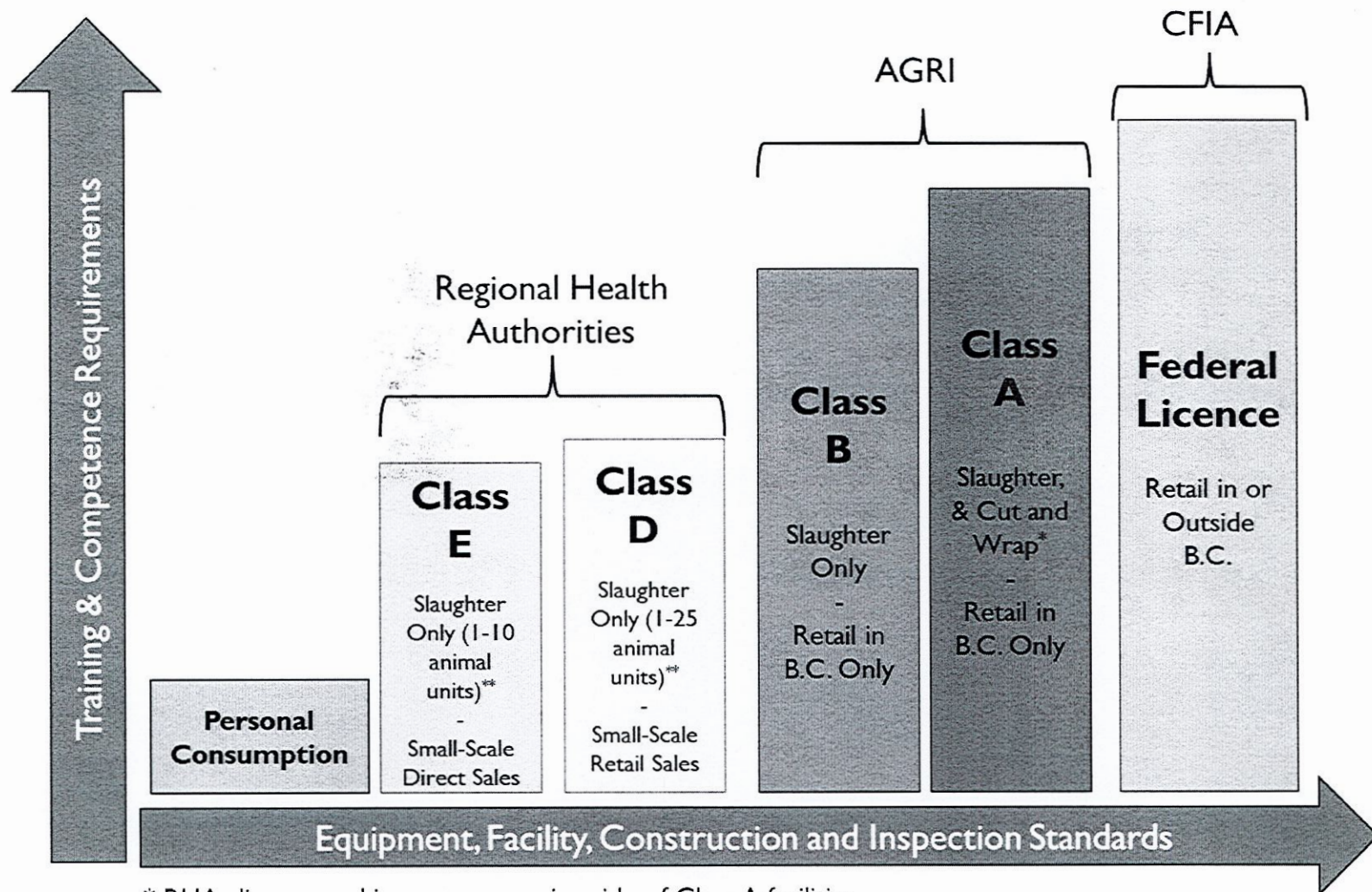
Please submit feedback by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** (in Word or PDF format only) to

[bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca)

**Please note:** Only submissions from local governments will be accepted.



# Four Classes of Slaughter Licences



\* RHAs licence and inspect processing side of Class A facilities

\*\* One animal unit = combined weight, when measured alive, of 1,000 lbs or 454 kg of meat



## Class D & E Licences

Class D and E licences allow on-farm slaughter. Find out which licence is right for your farm.

If the operation is in a designated area, apply for a class D or class E licence.

(Click map to enlarge)



If the operation is not in a designated area

- complete the [class E feasibility study \(PDF\)](#)
- [Email us](#) if you have questions about the study

## Class D Licence

The class D licence allows on-farm slaughter of 1-25 animal units\* for direct sale to consumers or retail sales to secondary food establishments (for example, restaurants and meat shops) within the boundaries of the region where the meat was produced. Class D licensees may slaughter their own, or other peoples' animals. Class D licences are available in 10 provincially designated regions.

## Class E Licence

The class E licence allows on-farm slaughter of 1-10 animal units\* annually for direct sale to consumers. Sales are restricted to the region in which the meat was produced and operators are only permitted to slaughter their own animals.

Class E Licences are only available when slaughter services are not available to the producer.

**In order to support local slaughter capacity and local food security, the Ministry of Agriculture is reducing the travel time restriction associated with Class E applications from 2 hours to 1 hour. The Ministry of Agriculture will recommend against a Class E licence if a Class A or B abattoir is located within one hour travel time of the proposed Class E establishment.**

- [Find a provincially licensed slaughter establishment](#) (Interactive Map)
- [Printable list of licenced slaughter establishment \(PDF\)](#)
- [Printable list of licenced slaughter establishments by region \(PDF\)](#)

## How to Apply

Complete the following steps to apply for a class D or class E licence. If the operation is located in a non-designated area, a [class E feasibility study\\_\(PDF\)](#) is required prior to applying to a SlaughterSafe training course.

1. [SlaughterSafe training course](#)
  2. [Food safety plan for the operation](#)
  3. Site assessment with the regional health authority
  4. [Class D/Class E application form \(PDF, 32 KB\)](#)
- [Submit your application package to your regional health authority.](#)

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## Compliance

Environmental health officers and meat inspectors are addressing illegal meat sales and lack of compliance through warnings and ticketing. Make sure you know the regulations that apply to your establishment.

- [Meat Inspection Regulation](#)

## Class D and E Consultation

The consultation is part of a review of the province's rural slaughter capacity the ministry is undertaking to support B.C. ranchers and livestock producers in rural communities.

[Read the Summary\\_\(PDF\)](#)

## Age Verification of Cattle

Canadian cattle producers have a world class industry-led system to identify individual animals by recording the animal's actual birth date or calving date. Producers are also using this system to verify cattle ages to meet market requirements.

- [Register for age verification](#)

## Contact Information

Contact us if you have questions about slaughter establishments or meat inspection.

### Office:

[778-974-3767](tel:778-974-3767)

### Email:

[bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca](mailto:bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca)



## John MacLean

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**From:** Margo Wagner  
**Sent:** July 21, 2019 9:51 AM  
**To:** John MacLean; Lore Schick  
**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: Class D Consultation deadline this Friday  
**Attachments:** SSMPA\_Regional\_D.pdf; ATT00001.htm; BCCC.pdf; ATT00002.htm; AGRI Discussion Paper to solicit feedback Class D Licences.pdf; ATT00003.htm

Can you refresh my memory, did we do a letter of support for this, not specific to the Grey Ghost farm requests but overall? If not we probably should.

Margo Wagner  
Chair - Cariboo Regional District  
Director - Area H  
Proudly representing Forest Grove, Gateway, Bradley & Buffalo Creek, Ruth, Hawkins, Canim, Mahood & Hendrix Lakes.  
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Sent from my I-Pad

" Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean"

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Grey Ghost Farm <[greyghostfarmbc@gmail.com](mailto:greyghostfarmbc@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** July 21, 2019 at 9:48:15 AM PDT  
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**Cc:** [info@smallscalemeat.ca](mailto:info@smallscalemeat.ca)  
**Subject:** URGENT: Class D Consultation deadline this Friday

Dear CRD Staff and Board,

As a small scale meat producer I support the SSMPA position on this review. The Cariboo has lost significant access to certified slaughter in the last several years causing hardship for many small producers. Our farm struggled for several years before recently becoming Class E certified. We are grateful for the ability to obtain a Class E license in the Cariboo; however, given the choice preferred a Class D. But this option was not available to us, despite not having a certified facility that would take our animals.

In addition, the restrictions of the Class D and E licenses meant that longtime clients can no longer purchase our products. As a small farm business trying to grow to profitability it is a significant setback to lose existing customers, especially on the heels of our 2017 wildfire losses.

Our farm abides by all the licensing requirements, safety procedures, and management best practices from regular water testing, to IHA inspections to environmental farm certification. As a small producer we pay the same fees for water and more for certification than the neighboring large producer pays and while they have access to all markets, government support and funding, our farm is restricted by government regulations and receives no support or funding. In a regional district built on agriculture I hope you can see the challenge with this.



July 21, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

It was just brought to our attention that the Ministry of Agriculture is seeking input from local governments with regards to Class D licenses. In particular, they are interested in feedback pertaining to:

- proposals for new Class D regions or sub-regions; and
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Abattoir capacity and meat processing is one of the biggest challenges facing small-scale producers across BC so we urge you to take the time to provide feedback to the Ministry of Agriculture on this issue.

**We recommend that Class D licenses be available in ALL regions.** Currently, Class D licenses are only available in 10 regional districts. There is too much variation in situations for a Regional District boundary to be rational. For example, one of our members has a Class D in Lillooet. His neighbour is 5 km FURTHER from the nearest abattoir, but in the TNRD so he can not slaughter on farm under a Class D licence, because the TNRD is not a 'designated regional district'. This position is supported by the BC Chamber of Commerce (see attached).

**We recommend that the distribution of un-inspected meat not be restricted by regional districts.** The strict limit on slaughter capacity and sales outlets provides sufficient control over the distribution of uninspected product without limiting where a producer sells. Currently, Class D & E Licenses established and regulated under the Meat Inspection Regulation, and are overseen by the regional health authorities under the direction of the Ministry of Agriculture. Since all Class D & E licensees are regulated provincially and must adhere to the same rules & regulations, they should be able to sell their product anywhere in the province.





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June 3, 2019

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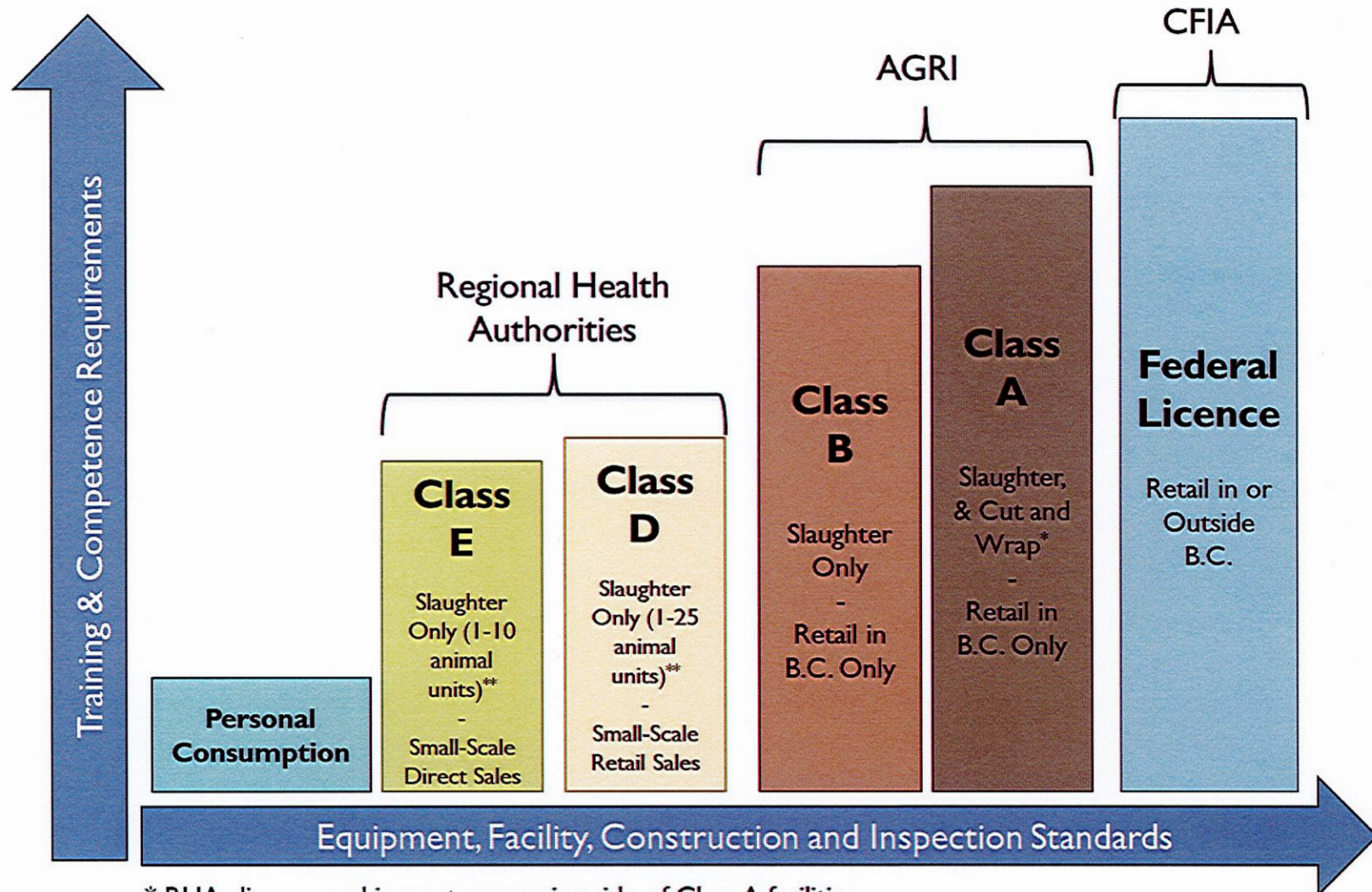
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**E-MAILED**  
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July 23, 2019

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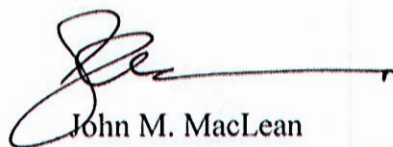
Re: Class D and E Licensing

The Cariboo Regional District has consistently supported our local agricultural sector. In these days of economic downturn in the forestry sector, it is even more important to remove barriers to economic activities.

The Cariboo Regional District supports the expansion of the availability of Class D and E Licenses and the opportunity for licensed facilities to sell their products across BC.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,



John M. MacLean  
Chief Administrative Officer

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