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Reserved Practice Rights Granted to Agrologists

VICTORIA – Professional Agrologists in British Columbia have today been granted *Reserved Practice Rights* by the Cabinet of British Columbia. This will come into effect on September 1, 2022. *Reserved Practice* rights mean that only registered professional agrologists have the right to provide agrology services in British Columbia.

“This is the most significant development for the profession of agrology since the incorporation of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists (“BCIA”) in 1947. This will ensure that the public interest and the environment of our beautiful province will be protected by persons that have the education, qualifications and experience to safeguard our agricultural, environmental and natural resources.”

~ Jessica Morgan, PAg, BCIA President

Founded in 1947, the BCIA is the regulator of professional agrologists in British Columbia. BCIA and its Registrants protect the public interest in British Columbia’s agricultural, environmental and natural resource sectors through stringent accreditation, mandatory professional development, and conduct standards that include rigorous complaint and discipline procedures.

“The granting of practice rights recognizes the significant contribution agrologists make to the responsible, sustainable, viable and respectful use of certain resources within our amazing province. Moving forward the BCIA will continue its long-standing work to ensure all of its Registrants are continuously equipped to continue the essential work of the agrology profession.” ~ JP Ellson, CEO/Registrar

BCIA would also recognize the granting today of Reserved Practice rights to Registrants of the College of Applied Biologists of British Columbia (“CAB”). Together with the other accredited professions working within the natural and environmental resource sectors in the province CAB and the BCIA will continue to ensure that the public interest in the resources of our province is always protected.

Attachment: [President’s Special Report](#)

Learn More:

For information about the *Professional Governance Act*, visit <https://professionalgovernancebc.ca/about/professional-governance-act/>.

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