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Subject Skookumchuck Ranch Ltd ALR Exclusion Application

REQUEST

Authorize the submission of the exclusion application by the RDEK to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for 9.54 ha of land located on the north shore of Premier Lake at 3918 Wasa Sheep Creek Road near Skookumchuck.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Private Landowner Agricultural Land Reserve exclusion application for 9.54 ha of land located on the north shore of Premier Lake at 3918 Wasa Sheep Creek Road near Skookumchuck as identified in the March 2, 2026 staff report be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission.
2. THAT the Private Landowner Agricultural Land Reserve exclusion application for a 9.54 ha of land located on the north shore of Premier Lake at 3918 Wasa Sheep Creek Road near Skookumchuck as identified in the March 2, 2026 staff report not proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

The improvements made to the application may provide a balance to the loss of agricultural potential from the proposed exclusion area. On-going management of the existing development on the lands proposed for exclusion present challenges for the applicant. To determine a productive path forward it would be helpful to receive a decision from the ALC.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The application request for the exclusion is being processed in accordance with the RDEK Private Landowner Request for ALR Exclusion Application Policy. A public hearing to gather the views of the public on the proposed exclusion was held on April 21, 2026. Three written submissions were received prior to the public hearing. Two were received stating they had no objection to approval of the application and one was received in opposition. The letter of opposition includes a historical perspective and further information disputing certain aspects of the application.

A few members of the public and some of the proponents attended the hearing and the proponents spoke in support of the application. The public hearing report will be submitted to the ALC as part of the application package. In order to proceed with the exclusion application, a resolution of the Board authorizing the application to be forwarded to the ALC for consideration, is required.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Previous Board Action

On March 13, 2026 the Board passed Resolution 52892:

“THAT the Private Landowner ALR Exclusion application request by Skookumchuck Ranch Ltd. for their properties located at the north end of Premier Lake near Skookumchuck, as identified in the March 2, 2026 staff report, proceed to a public hearing to gather the views of the public on the proposed exclusion application.”

Financial

An application fee payable by the RDEK in the amount of \$750 will be required upon final submission of the application to the Agricultural Land Commission.

Attachments

- Public Hearing Report
- Skookumchuck Ranch Ltd ALR Exclusion – March 2, 2026 Staff Report