

BC Feral Pig Workshop

February 27th, 2023 9:30am to 12:30pm (registration required)

Inn at the Quay, New Westminster

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP ON FERAL PIGS

Feral pigs are a very destructive invasive species that can cause significant economic and environmental damage. Preventing the establishment of feral pig populations is critical and requires strong partnerships to prevent introductions, increase reporting and rapidly respond to detections. Join us to find out what is happening in BC, who is involved, and plans for the future. As with all invasive species, collaboration across all borders and ‘fences’ is important.

This session is co-hosted by the BC Wildlife Federation, the Province of BC, and the Invasive Species Council of BC. Thanks to the Province of BC for their support for this workshop!

OBJECTIVES

- » To raise awareness and understanding of the threats of feral pigs to Canada
- » To share knowledge about feral pigs and management approaches in BC
- » To increase understanding of roles and responsibilities within government and beyond to protect BC from feral pigs
- » To recommend ways to work together to prevent establishment of feral pigs in BC

Draft Agenda

Time	Topic
9:30am	Welcome and Introduction
9:45am	Feral Pigs in Canada <i>Dr. Ryan Brook, University of Saskatchewan</i>
10:05am	Provincial Overview: Status, Roles & Plans <i>Emily Lomas, Terrestrial Invasive Fauna Specialist, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship</i> <i>Logan Wenham, Director of Fish and Wildlife, Ministry of Forests</i>
10:35am	Questions
10:40am	Indigenous Overview: Status and Actions (TBC)
10:50am	Questions
11:00am	Break
11:10am	Risks - Wildlife and African Swine Fever <i>Dr. Caeley Thacker, Provincial Wildlife Veterinarian, Ministry of Forests (Virtual)</i> <i>Dr. Theresa Burns, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Agriculture (TBC)</i>
11:30am	Questions
11:40am	Risks to the Pork Industry – African Swine Fever <i>Canadian Pork Council (TBC)</i>
11:55AM	Moving Forward - Facilitated Discussion <i>What other actions do we need to take to protect BC? What other information, if any, is needed? How can we improve collaboration?</i>
12:25PM	Wrap Up & Next Steps