

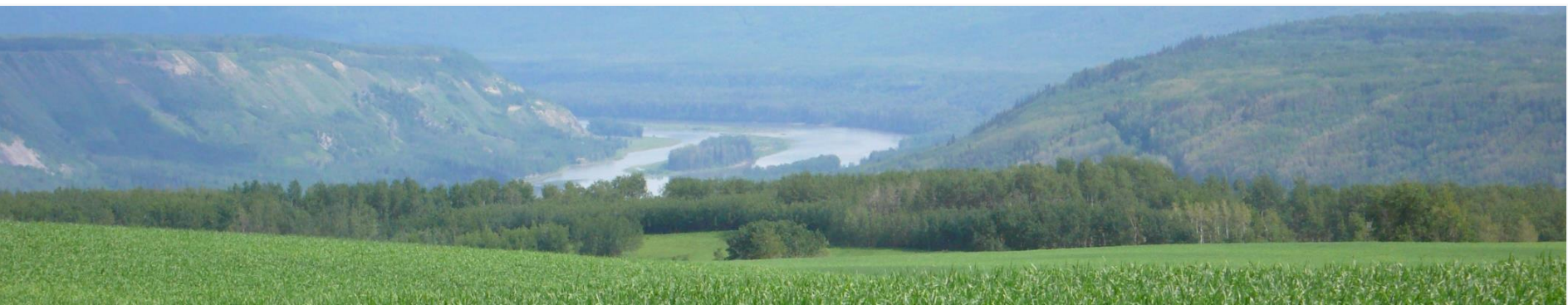
BC's Agricultural Land Commission

- ALC is an Independent administrative tribunal
- Carries out mandate via the purpose set out in ALCA
- Interprets & applies the legislation written by gov't

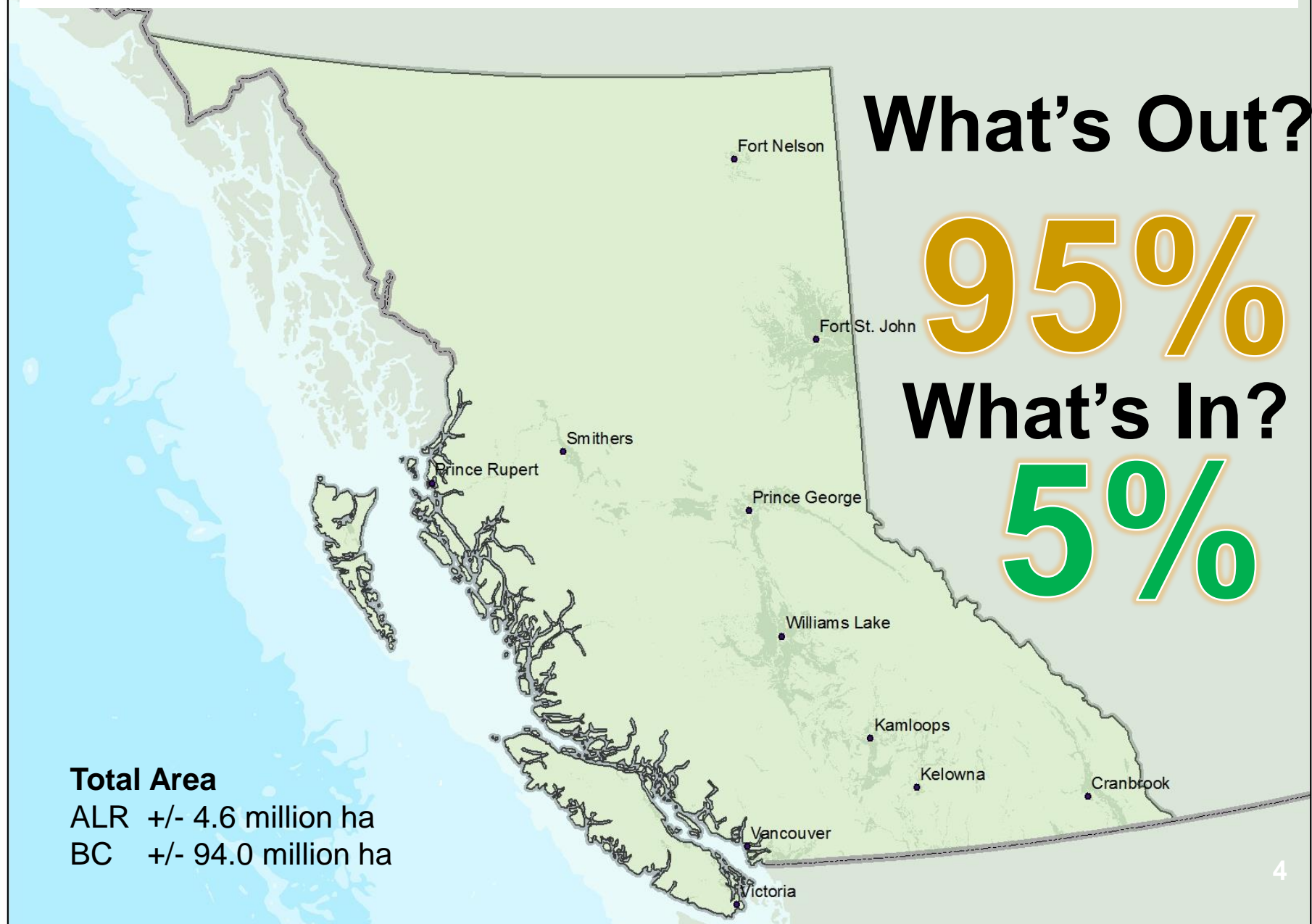


Sec. 6 Purpose of the ALC Act

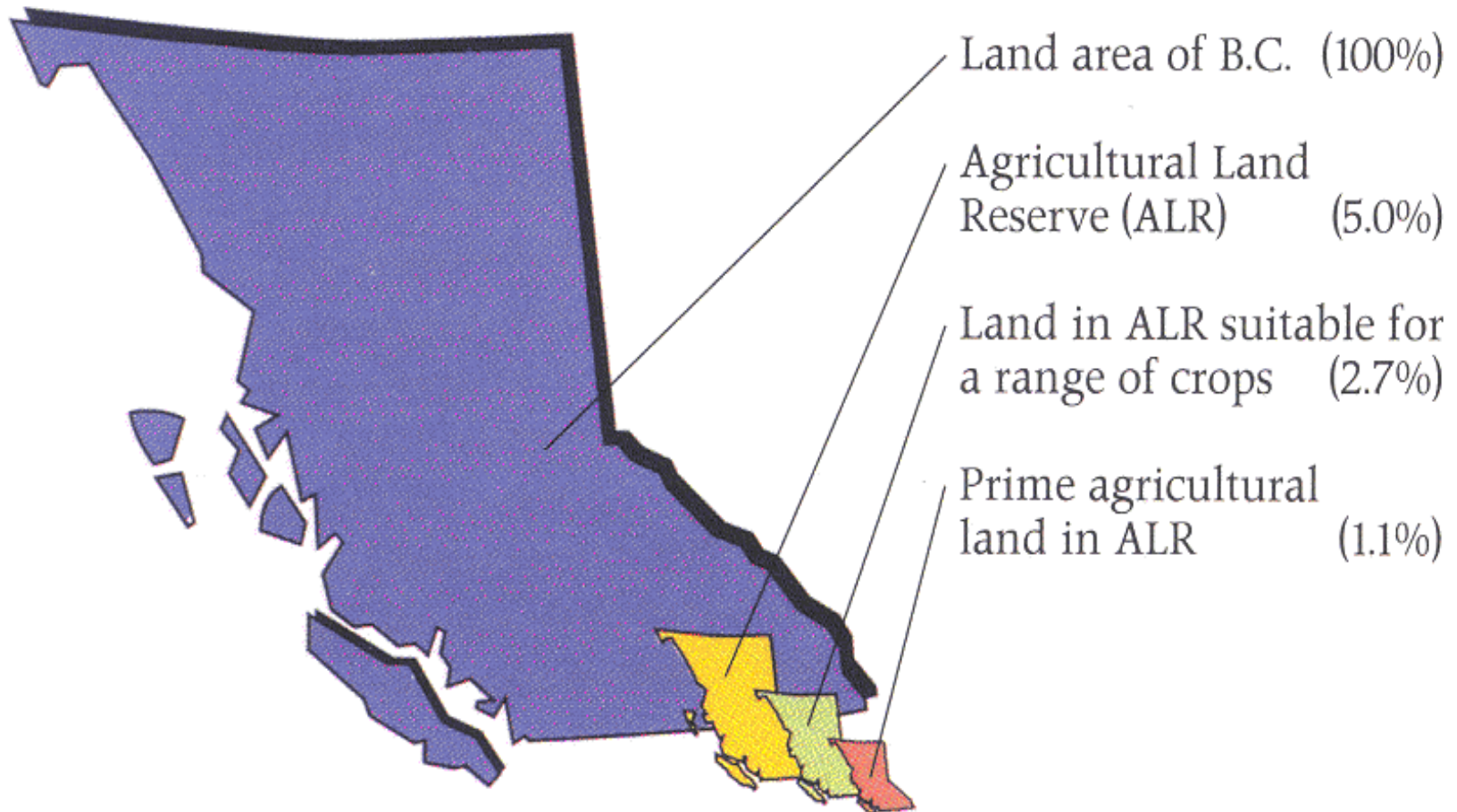
- Preserve agricultural land
- Encourage farming on agricultural land in collaboration with other communities of interest
- Encourage local governments, First Nations, the government & its agents to enable & accommodate farm use of agricultural land & uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws & policies



The ALR – It's A Finite Resource in BC



The ALR in BC



ALR Area by Region

Region	ALR Area (hectares)	Percent ALR Area
Okanagan	224,977	5%
Island	116,207	2%
South Coast	148,207	3%
Interior	1,528,968	33%
Kootenay	392,557	8%
North	2,210,783	49%
Total	4,621,699	100%

Bill 24 – ALC Act Changes

- May 30, 2014 - Royal assent
- September 5, 2014 - Came into force
- Split ALR into two zones (Zone 1 and Zone 2)
- Legislated 6 independent panels
- Role of the Chair defined
- Section 4.3 new considerations in zone 2 (economic, cultural and social values)

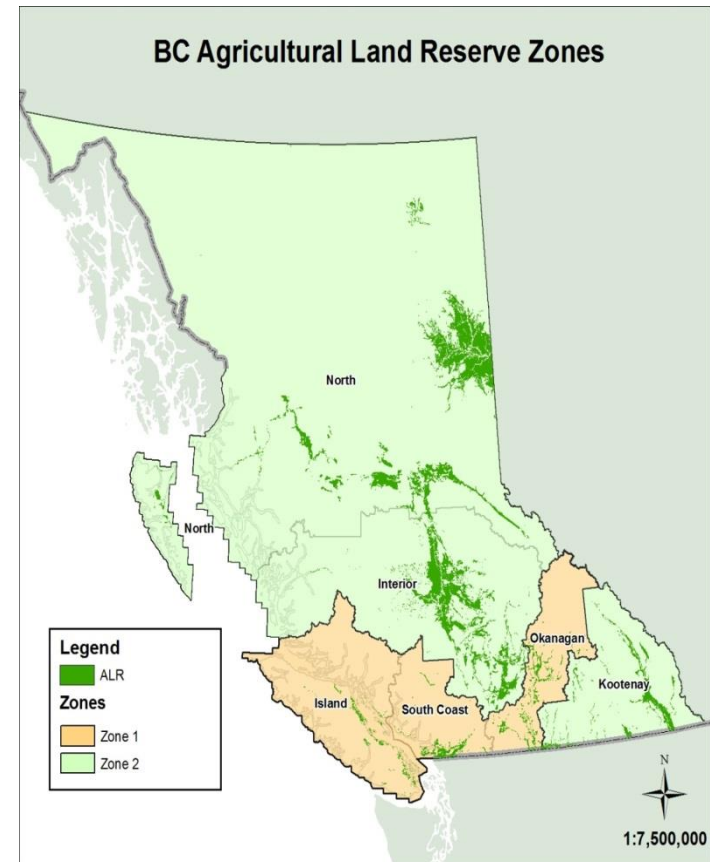
Zone 1 and Zone 2

Zone 1:

South Coast, Island & Okanagan Panels

Zone 2:

Kootenays, Interior & North Panels

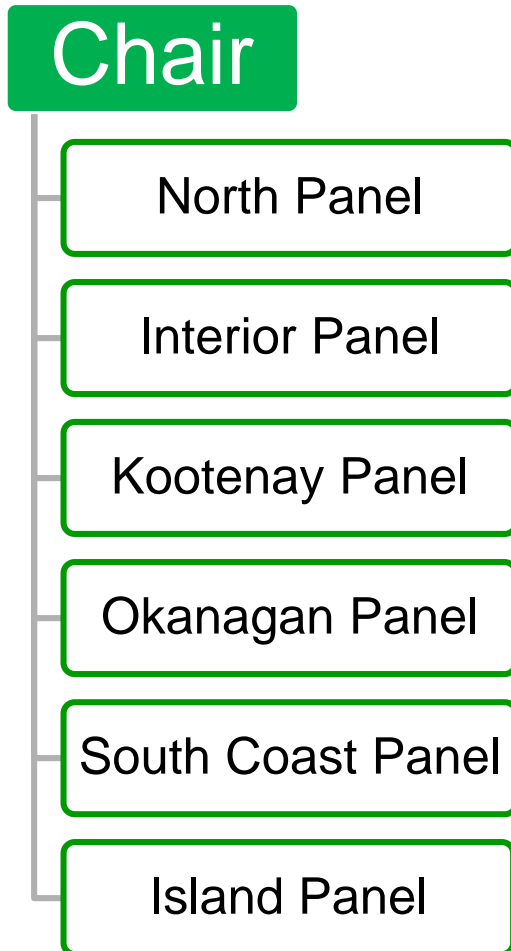


Section 4.3 of the ALC Act

When exercising a power under this Act in relation to land located in Zone 2, the commission must consider all of the following, in descending order of priority:

- (a) the purposes set out in Section 6;
- (b) economic, cultural and social values;
- (c) regional and community planning objectives;
- (d) other prescribed considerations.

ALC Governance Model



Full Commission = 19 members

6 Regional Panels = 1 Vice Chair + 2 Commissioners

Executive Committee = Chair + 6 Vice Chairs

Chair

Panel Regions



Executive Committee

- Chair and six Vice Chairs
- Responsible for:
 - deciding applications referred by the Chair
 - deciding applications referred by a regional panel
 - making reconsideration determinations
 - exercising any other functions delegated by the Commission



The Full Commission

- Develop policies governing the Commission, pass resolutions and bylaws re: conduct of its affairs
- Recommend legislative or regulatory changes to Gov't
- Determine ALR boundary
- Ensure local government land use planning is compatible with agricultural use of ALR
- Develop policy that encourages agriculture

Chair Oversight

- Authority to refer a particular application to the Executive Committee within 60 days of a decision for reconsideration:
 - If believes may not fulfill the purpose of Section 6
 - Does not adequately take into consideration the considerations set out in Section 4.3



ALR Regulation Changes

- Government amended the regulations in 2015.
- Amendments include:
 - Medical marihuana production permitted
 - Farm retail & processing permitted by a Co-operative Association
 - Breweries, distilleries and meaderies permitted provided the 50% farm product input
 - Able to lease a portion of a farm for farm purposes



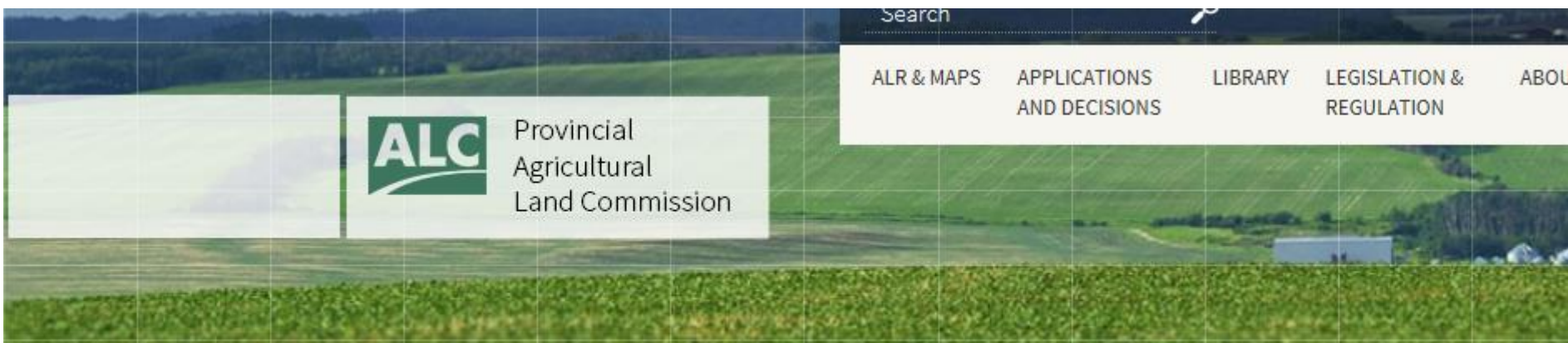
Local Government Partners

- Local governments, regional and municipal, are partners in agricultural land preservation
- First step in application process
- Adopt supportive land use plans, policy, and bylaws
- Work together to achieve compliance

75% of the ALR is under local government jurisdiction

ALC Initiatives

- New improved website
- Web-based application portal – apply online
- ALR mapping self service
- Historical document capture & access to records 1974 to present – near future





Moving Forward – Key Issues

1. Improve application processing and inquiry response times
2. Engagement & proactive planning with local governments & other stakeholders
3. Enhancing compliance & enforcement program
4. Targeted ALR boundary reviews (Kootenay, Interior & North)
5. Agri-tourism/Ministry of Agriculture White Paper
6. Work to elevate our encouraging farming mandate

Thank you

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