

Date	Action	Purpose
September newsletter	Update on NEP consultation.	Inform producers of upcoming consultation.
September 25, 2017	Finalize NEP Committee members and schedule first meeting.	To ensure a meeting is set in advance of Nov. 16 Board meeting.
September 29, 2017	Set up webpage for NEP Consultation on BCMMB website.	To have a central, user-friendly location for information/updates on all stages of the NEP consultation.
October 5, 2017	Activate webpage on BCMMB website Send <i>Notice to Industry</i> re: consultation, webpage and survey link .	Gather input re: goals of new NEP. Inform the industry of NEP consultation and online survey.
October 17, 2017	Send info package to NEP Committee.	To ensure NEP committee members have some background information on other New Entrant programs across the country (in dairy and other supply-managed commodities).
October 20, 2017	Deadline for survey ; close survey, but keep website open for comments until April 30, 2018.	Focus attention during the two-week survey, but allow for open comments on the program for the remainder of the consultation.
October 24, 2017	Meet with NEP Committee.	Review survey results. Gather more focused input and determine some potential policy options. Policy options to Board for consideration at Nov 16 Board mtg.
November 16, 2017	Board meeting	BCMMB will review NEP consultation input and recommendations to date. The Board will also review a presentation & discussion paper for Fall Producer Meeting (Dec 8).

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November 22, 2017	Post NEP survey results and NEP discussion paper to BCMMB website.	To keep industry updated on NEP consultation.
November 30, 2017	Send out discussion paper and consultation questions for Fall Producer Meeting.	To inform industry of NEP consultation taking place at Fall Producer and Spring Producer meetings and provide current policy options under consideration.
December 8, 2017	Consult on NEP at Fall Producer Meeting.	Gather input on a selection of specific policy options.
January 2018	Meet w/ bank industry reps.	Gather feedback on specific policy options.
March/April 2018	Consult on NEP at Spring Producer Meetings.	Gather feedback on specific policy options.
April 16, 2018	Send reminder email that website will be closed for comments by April 30, 2018.	To inform industry of webpage comments deadline.
April 30, 2018	NEP Consultation comments section on webpage closed for comments.	Bring closure to the consultation for final wrap-up of feedback. Information will remain on website.
April/May 2018	Meet again with NEP Committee to review summary feedback (Fall/Spring).	Finalize some specific policy options for final consideration of the Board.
May 2018	Board meeting(s)	Review/revise/approve final program <i>or refer questions back to NEP Committee, if necessary.</i>
June/July 2018	Post new program on website. Send Industry Notice re: new program.	To inform the industry of the new NEP program and of the date the BCMMB will begin accepting new applications (Aug/Sep 2018).
Jan - August 2019	First NEP participant(s) to start production.	The remaining <i>GEP participants</i> will have rolled out their production starts by Jan 2019.