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May 19, 2006

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard

Sunshine Coast Rod & Gun Club  
PO Box 377  
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Application # Z-36452**

Those parts of District Lot 4076, 4077 and 4078, together with that Parcel or Tract of Land in the Vicinity of District Lot 2461, Group 1, New Westminster District, containg 24.51 hectares, more or less

The Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (the "Commission") has now concluded its review of your application to use a 24.5 ha portion of Crown land for the development and operation of a shooting range. The application was submitted pursuant to section 20(3) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (the "ALCA").

The Commission wishes to thank Fred Gazeley for taking the time to meet with its representatives on April 7, 2006 at the site. The Commission found the report of the meeting and site visit informative.

The Commission writes to advise that it approved your application subject to:

- the use being restricted to the 24.5 ha area identified on the attached plan.
- compliance with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment. The Commission suggests you contact the Sunshine Coast Regional District at your earliest convenience.

The decision noted above is recorded as Resolution # 225/2006.

Please quote your application number in any future correspondence.

Yours truly,

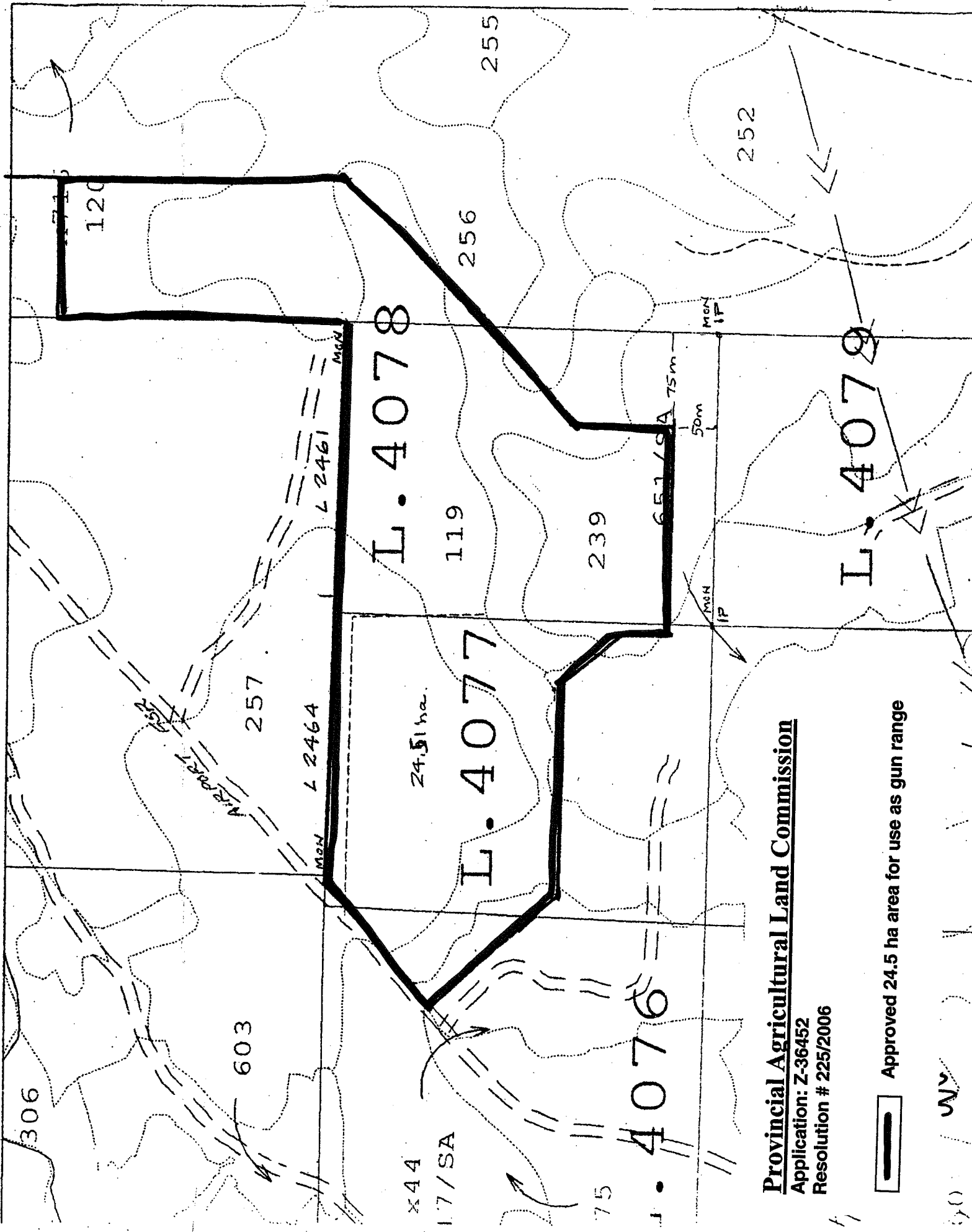
PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karsen, Chair

pc: Sunshine Coast Regional District Attn: Teresa Fortin file # 45-D  
ILMB - Attn: Andrew Upper (file # 2407106)

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**Provincial Agricultural Land Commission**  
 Application: Z-36452  
 Resolution # 225/2006

 Approved 24.5 ha area for use as gun range

**MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION**

**Minutes of a meeting held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (the "Commission") on April 26, 2006 at Fort Langley, B.C.**

**PRESENT:** Peter Dhillon Chair  
Carol Paulson Commissioner  
Walter Dyck Commissioner

**STAFF:** Gordon Bednard, Regional Research Officer

**For Consideration**

Gordon Bednard presented his staff report dated March 9, 2006 regarding application #Z-36452.

**Site Inspection**

A site inspection was conducted on April 7, 2006. Those in attendance were:

- Commissioner Dyck
- Agricultural Land Commission Staff: Gordon Bednard
- Fred Gazeley

The Commission viewed the site and discussed the application with Mr. Gazeley.

**Commissioner Eligible to Vote**

Commissioners Dhillon and Paulson were not present at the site inspection and confirm that they are eligible to vote on the application as they were given a summary of the site inspection.

**Commission Discussion**

The Commission considered that there would be minimal impact on the ALR if the project were to proceed as the subject area did not have a high agricultural capability rating and the facility proposed could be easily removed and the ground rehabilitated if necessary.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Walter Dyck  
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Peter Dhillon

THAT the staff report be received and the application be approved for the above reasons.

This approval is subject to compliance with any other enactment, legislation or decision of any agency having jurisdiction.

CARRIED



**Staff Report**  
**Application # Z – 36452**  
**Applicant: Sunshine Coast Rod & Gun Club**  
**Contact: Fred Gazeley**

**DATE PREPARED:** March 9, 2006

**TO:** Chair and Commissioners – South Coast Panel

**FROM:** Gordon Bednard, Regional Research Officer

**PROPOSAL:** To use a 24.5 ha portion of the subject Crown lands for the development and operation of a shooting range.

This application is made pursuant to section 20(3) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The present shooting ranges have been set up and operated without approval from the Commission. Without confirmation of the date when these activities began, staff cannot confirm if they are in violation of the Act and Regulations.

An agreement was signed in July 2004 between the Club and the Crown which allowed for the proposed developments. To staff's knowledge, no permission was sought or granted by the Commission for this present proposal.

**Local Government:**

Sunshine Coast Regional District

**Legal Description of Property:**

Those parts of District Lot 4076, 4077 and 4078, together with that Parcel or Tract of Land in the Vicinity of District Lot 2461, Group 1, New Westminster District, containing 24.51 hectares, more or less

**Purchase Date:**

08/01/2004 (date of agreement between Club and Crown)

**Location of Property:**

Off Forest Service Road within DLs 4076,77 and 78, east of Sechelt

**Size of Property:**

24.5 ha (The western 20 ha are within the ALR).

**Present use of the Property:**

rifle and shooting ranges

**Surrounding Land Uses:**

- WEST:** Crown forest land on small and large lots, out of ALR
- SOUTH:** Smaller blocks of Crown forested land within the ALR
- EAST:** Crown forested land, out of ALR
- NORTH:** Vacant private land, out of ALR

**Agricultural Capability:**

Data Source: Agricultural Capability Map # 92G/5  
The majority of the property is identified as having Secondary ratings.

**Official Community Plan and Designation:**

No OCP in this area

**Zoning Bylaw and Designation:**

Rural 3 RU-3  
Subdivision District G  
1.75 ha MLS

**PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:**

NONE

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**

Forwarded with support from RD Board

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff recommends an onsite by one or more of the Commissioners and staff to determine if the location of the proposed activities, and the construction of the proposed facilities would have any effect on the future use of the property for agriculture. As well the onsite should determine if the soil capability rating is accurate.

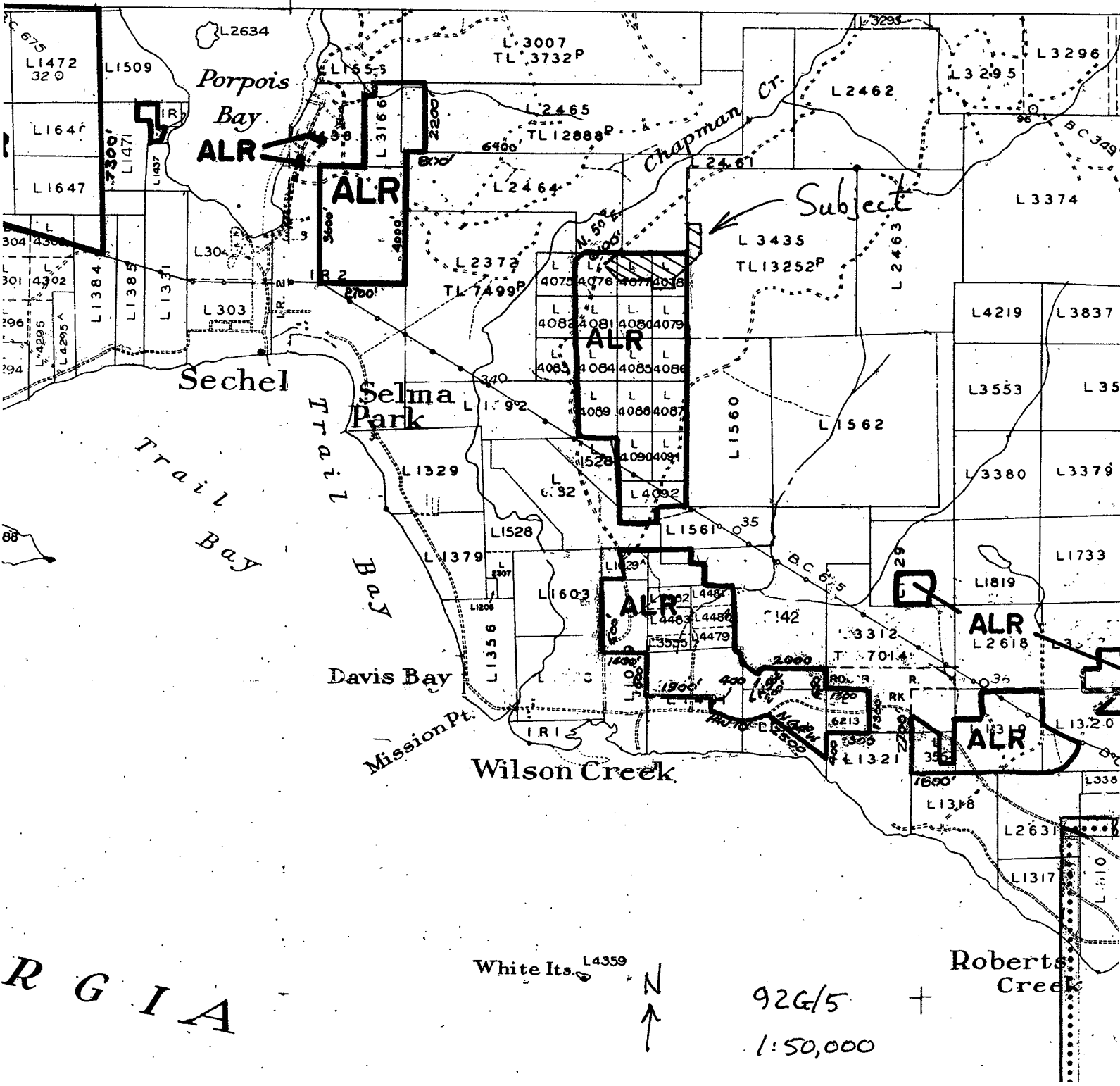
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**Signature**

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**Date**

# AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE PLAN NORTH SHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT



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