

Win, Lose or Draw? The Impacts of Resource Development on our Food System.

This one hour session was videotaped and can be found in the Videos section of the 2019 Proceedings Page. No presentation slides were used but listed below are the questions that panelists were given ahead of time to answer.

1. Resource development creates temporary population changes and land disturbances. Discuss the impacts these changes have on our food system in terms of production (locally grown, wild, or imported)? In terms of access? In terms of food waste recovery?
2. What if any changes are needed so that our food system can easily adjust to sudden changes in supply and demand?
3. Where are the opportunities for our food system to benefit from resource development?
4. What makes you worry and what gives you optimism about the future of food security for northwest BC?
5. Tell us a story about how a local resource development project has affected you as an influencer in our food system.

At the end of the question and answer period, a poll was taken using a show of hands to determine how delegates would vote: Win, Lose or Draw regarding the impacts of resource development on our food system.

Most people in the room voted for Lose or Draw. A few people felt it was a Win. For more discussion on this topic, see the final report for the Forum which will be released July 31, 2019.

The panelists were:

Kieran Christison, Manager at Daybreak Farms, Terrace.

Mike Dewar, Director of Economic Development with District of Kitimat.

Bruce Currie, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Save-On-Food

Wilhelm Marsden, Sustainability Director at Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs Office

The panel was designed and moderated by Laurie Gallant.