



**Meeting Date: October 23, 2008**

### **Construction Update**

- All caissons have been placed in their final locations and filling is proceeding well.
- The new tug basin has been completed and Seaspan is operating its vessels from the new site.
- TSI has awarded a contract for the first phase of terminal works; the installation of underground utilities.
- The Port and TSI are still planning on building a temporary barge berth to bring construction materials to site by barge for terminal construction and for the east causeway habitat compensation project. The Port is still awaiting a *Fisheries Act Authorization*.
- The marine works contractor is building a second temporary barge berth to bring additional materials to the site for the remainder of its marine works. This barge berth cannot be used by TSI and the Port to bring construction material to the site for the terminal works or for the east causeway habitat compensation project because of likely interference with marine works construction activities and because DCL must remove the barge berth prior to the completion of east causeway work. This berth has been reviewed by Fisheries and Oceans and the Port.
- Construction of the marine works contractor barge berth will require pile driving and is anticipated to be completed by vibro-head, however, an impact hammer may be necessary to ensure that piles reach their design depth.

### **Highway 17**

- Highway 17 improvements are open for traffic. A project completion walk through was conducted on October 3, 2008. The contractor is currently correcting deficiencies and carrying out additional work identified during the walk through.
- Post-construction noise monitoring will be conducted to determine whether sound attenuation measures are needed.

### **DP3 Amenities Fund**

- On October 2, Delta hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Seven Seas Property. As part of the DP3 Amenities Fund, we provided \$2million to allow Delta to purchase this property. Allan, Teresa, Leslie and Roger attended.
- This property will preserve public waterfront space and is part of Delta's long term plans to revitalize the historic Ladner area.

### **Environmental Update**

#### *Sandbar Stabilization:*

- Nothing new to report since the last update.

#### *East Causeway:*

- The Port is still waiting on approval from Fisheries and Oceans from the barge berth, therefore the project is still on hold. It is expected that authorization will be provided shortly but project logistics - such as tendering etc. - that it is unlikely that physical works will be initiated before the end of this year.

*Reefs:*

- Work on the reefs is still in progress and is expected to continue on a weather dependent and equipment availability basis for the next few months.

*Salt Marsh:*

- Work on the drainage channel extensions is now complete. Culvert installation is expected to be initiated within a few weeks, when the culverts are delivered.

*Caisson Refugia:*

- All of the caissons are now in place. This project is complete

*Off-site Compensation (Rose-Kirkland Island):*

- The Rose-Kirkland off-site compensation project is close to completion.

**Short Sea Shipping**

- In September, the Federal Government announced that it would be investing in a Short Sea Shipping infrastructure, including investing at Deltaport. This announcement has nothing to do with the Deltaport Third Berth Project.
- Industry is currently reviewing options for the viability of Short Sea Shipping and has nothing to report to date. All infrastructure projects would be subject to review and approval of environmental assessment branches.

**Public Information Session**

- The next DP3 Public Information Session will be held at the Tsawwassen Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, December 2, 2008.
- **Please note that location has been changed.**

## Action Items from last Meeting

***Action item: Follow-up with Curtis about investigating the feasibility of posting a sign with the truck reporting phone number on the overpass.***

The Port is interested in ways to provide the public with information on reporting unsafe trucks on port roads. The sign would need to be approved by the Ministry of Transportation as Highway 17 falls under its jurisdiction. However, there are several significant issues that Port needs to resolve prior to working with the Ministry for permission to post a sign. They include:

1. Human resources: The Port does have the resources to handle calls during the day but at this point, there would be an answering machine after working hours. The Land Operations would need to develop a system to receive and screen calls to ensure they are legitimate (port trucks, not ferry etc.).
2. Opportunities and barriers: At this point, public complaints on unsafe drivers would help identify problem drivers/companies, however, the Port would not be able "punish" or "rescind" a truck license based on a member of the public contacting the Port to report a truck through a Port Truck Information Line. The information reported to the Port by the public must have evidence that it is also reported to the Delta Police Department (DPD) or RCMP, and that the DPD or RCMP is investigating and/or has issued warning or ticket, in order for it to be considered when reviewing a trucking company's or driver's status with the Port.

Actions:

1. The Port has met with the BC Ministry of Transportation to develop a data sharing agreement in order to provide the Port with access to company's and driver's safety & enforcement records. The Port met with MoT to discuss issues around sharing information and privacy concerns are being reviewed.
2. The Port has contacted MoT to investigate if this type of signage is possible.

***Action item: Provide updated container forecast.***

Port Metro Vancouver container capacity by 2025 forecast is approximately 8.4 million TEUs.

Please note that these are forecasts and forecasts are subject to change. As a result of current global economic conditions, it is expected that forecasted growth rates may decrease slightly over a two year period, however, by 2011, it is expected that volumes will continue to grow at rates similar to what has been experienced in the past few years.

## Response to DCLC Questions since last meeting

### Questions from DCLC regarding birds (submitted by R. Emsley)

*Question 1: Did the osprey nest this year – noting that the birds are still in the area? I (Roger Emsley) have an additional question in relation to this. The MOE response indicates that VFPA could be asked to develop an alternative nesting site. Has this/will this be considered since they are still in the area?*

- Response: The ospreys are in the area but have not moved back into the relocated nest but are in the area and we continue to monitor the nesting site. At this point, a new nesting site has not been considered but we will work with the Ministry of Environment if this is required. At present Osprey nesting is not limited to Roberts Bank.

*Question 2: Is the list of birds in the fact sheet meant to be the list of all birds in the Deltaport 3 Berth area? If so it is certainly missing a lot of species – where are all the duck species other than a couple mentioned, Pacific loon, Common loon, red-necked grebe? It is the most peculiar list I have ever seen for Roberts Bank birds, including some very rare accidental ones and missing many that are regulars. Was it meant to be just red and blue-listed species? This area is part of the Fraser River Estuary Important Bird Area and I would have thought consideration of the species on the IBA list would have been part of the monitoring.*

- Response: The list of birds referred to in DCLC's *Wildlife Factsheet* is the SARA list (Species at Risk) and does not refer to the list of species being monitored. All birds present within the study area are monitored and reported on. For a comprehensive list of coastal seabirds, waterfowl and terrestrial birds in the Robert Bank area, please refer to the Deltaport Third Berth Project EA Application; Technical Volumes 6 and 7 ([http://www.portvancouver.com/container\\_expansion/deltaport/index.html](http://www.portvancouver.com/container_expansion/deltaport/index.html)).