

December 4, 2018

Ms. Christyne Tremblay
Deputy Minister
Natural Resources Canada
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Subject: Invitation to Participate – Public Comment Period on Additional Information for the Proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Dear Ms. Tremblay,

On December 4, 2018, the Review Panel (the Panel) responsible for the environmental assessment of the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project (the Project) announced the start of a public comment period on the additional information provided by Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (the Proponent) in response to Information Request Packages 9 through 13 and the remainder of responses to Packages 7 and 8. Information Requests and the Proponent's responses are available on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry (Document [934](#)).

The Panel invites Natural Resources Canada to participate in the review of the responses, as well as other information currently on the public record for the Project, to ensure the Panel has sufficient information to proceed to the public hearing. Accordingly, the Panel requests that all appropriate representatives / experts from Natural Resources Canada review the Proponent's responses, and that comments be provided to the Panel no later than **January 25, 2019**.

In particular, in relation to the responses that are relevant to the expertise and mandate of Natural Resources Canada, the Panel is interested in receiving your department's views on:

- whether the responses adequately address the Information Requests that were issued by the Panel; and
- the technical merit of the information provided in response to the Information Requests.

If Natural Resources Canada is of the view that there is sufficient information on responses received by the Proponent, please advise the Panel. Otherwise, Natural Resources Canada is requested to identify any additional information requirements and provide a rationale to justify their relevance using the format outlined in Appendix A.

The Panel will determine if the Environmental Impact Statement and the Marine Shipping Addendum, as supplemented by the additional information, is sufficient to proceed to a public hearing based on its own review and taking into consideration all comments received.

If the Panel determines the EIS and MSA, as supplemented by the additional information, is insufficient, it will ask the Proponent to provide further information in the necessary areas. If the Panel determines it has sufficient information, it will schedule and announce the public hearing. The Panel will provide a minimum of 60 days' notice before the commencement of the hearing.

Any questions regarding the public review and comment period on this additional information, or any other aspect of the review may be directed to Cindy Parker, Panel Manager, via email at ceaa.panelrbt2-commissionrbt2.acee@canada.ca

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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Panel Chair

cc. David Levy, Panel Member
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APPENDIX A: FORMAT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUESTS

Information Requests should be provided in tabular format, using the headings outlined below. Please number each Information Request consecutively for ease of reference.

Issue No.	Reference	Rationale	Information Request
	<i>Provide the specific volume(s), section(s), page number(s) and CEAR number of the information being referenced and provide a reference to the original IR from the Panel (if applicable).</i>	<i>Provide an explanation of the issue of concern or deficiency and include a rationale for why the stated deficiency is important for environmental assessment purposes.</i>	<i>Clearly and concisely state the information being requested from the Proponent.</i>