

August 28, 2020

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Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Re: Timing of responses to information requests for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

Further to the letter from the minister of environment and climate change Canada posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Agency's Registry for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project on August 25, 2020, the port authority confirms that we will work directly with the applicable federal government agencies and Indigenous groups to advance the work outlined in the information request.

Over the coming weeks, we will seek clarity from the applicable federal government agencies on the additional information required and obtain feedback from Indigenous groups regarding consultation timelines. As noted in our letter to the minister dated August 19, 2020, we expect that our response to the information requests will be provided in time to support a decision by government in advance of the 2021 summer recess.

We anticipate that information specific to fish and fish habitat offsetting; avoidance and mitigation measures for project construction; biofilm and effects to migratory birds; and additional information from Indigenous groups gathered through ongoing consultation will be substantially completed by fall 2020, which will allow for meaningful dialogue and consultation with Indigenous groups during the winter of 2020/2021.

Requirements for additional information and assessment associated with avoidance and mitigation measures for project operation and marine shipping associated with the Project but outside of the port authority's jurisdiction will be determined in consultation with DFO officials over the coming weeks. Additional information with regard to the timing of the response to this component of the information request depends on the outcome of these discussions with DFO and will be provided to the Agency as it becomes available.

As described in our letter to the minister, we are committed to doing what we can to make sure the project is built in time to support Canadian importers and exporters who rely on the Port of Vancouver to get their goods to and from Asian markets, while also balancing the importance of protecting the local environment and considering communities. As such, the timelines noted above are subject to change based on further scoping of technical work and timelines for Indigenous consultation.

We look forward to providing the agency with the requested information in order to support a federal government decision.

Yours truly,

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