

Subtidal Seapen Survey (September 2011)

As part of the Container Capacity Improvement Program, Port Metro Vancouver is conducting field studies in and around Roberts Bank to gather information and data to assist in evaluating the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

Scope of Work

Port Metro Vancouver is initiating an underwater survey in the vicinity of Roberts Bank from mid to late September to assess the habitat value and distribution of the orange seapen bed. Seapens are soft corals that resemble an antique quill pen.

A towed underwater video survey using a subtidal imaging and mapping system (SIMS) will be used by Archipelago Marine Research Ltd.

A dive survey (SCUBA) will also be used to collect information on the group of seapens from two stations within the seapen bed and one station outside. These stations were used in previous dive surveys conducted by Archipelago in 2008. All three stations are along the slope that is southwest of the Westshore Terminal at Roberts Bank.

The study will utilize a field team consisting of a boat operator, two biologists and a SIMS technician. Activities are anticipated to occur during daylight in mid-September with the boat being tied to the Seaspan Corporation's barge each night.

Container Capacity Improvement Program

The Container Capacity Improvement Program is Port Metro Vancouver's long term strategy to deliver projects to meet anticipated growth and demand in container capacity until 2030. The program includes assessing potential efficiency gains throughout Lower Mainland container facilities, with an initial emphasis on investment and infrastructure improvements at Roberts Bank in Delta.

Following improvements at Vanterm and Centerm in 2005, and the completion of the Deltaport Third Berth Project in 2010, Port Metro Vancouver is evaluating additional terminal improvements, including road and rail improvements, at Roberts Bank in Delta. In addition, we are exploring an additional multi-berth container terminal at Roberts Bank, the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project is a proposed multi-berth container terminal which could provide container capacity of more than two million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit containers) per year.

The proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project will be subject to a thorough and independent environmental assessment process.

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