

Field Studies Information Sheet – Westham Island and Finn Slough Drone Survey

At the port authority, as we respond to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19, the safety and health of our employees, customers, operators and stakeholders is our top priority. Due to the quickly-evolving nature of COVID-19, fieldwork may be subject to change.

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority will be conducting a drone survey in the areas of Westham Island and Finn Slough as part of ongoing environmental and technical work for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

Study Name	Summary
Westham Island and Finn Slough Drone Survey	<p><u>Purpose:</u> To collect high resolution imagery and topographic survey information to assess the potential for log removal and current site elevation.</p> <p><u>Study Area:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The potential Westham Island Canoe Pass Tidal Marsh Project, which is located in Canoe Pass – the southernmost distributary channel of the Fraser River, near the south side of Westham Island in Delta, B.C. 2) The proposed Finn Slough Enhancement Project, which is located near the junction of Dyke Road and No. 4 Road on the south shore of Richmond, B.C., in the south arm of the Fraser River. <p><u>Methods:</u> A drone survey will be conducted at low tide to collect topographic survey information and georeferenced imagery to determine current surface elevations as well as the precise locations of heavy accumulations of logs that could be selectively removed in the future to allow marsh establishment/re-establishment.</p> <p><u>Timing:</u> This survey is planned to take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 (weather permitting).</p>

Some field studies require environmental authorizations and/or access to public and private land. Prior to starting any studies, the port authority will obtain any required permits and landowner permission before accessing private property. The port authority will be conducting other fieldwork in October, the details of which will be communicated in the October field studies notice.

Past updates regarding the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project are available [here](#).

For further information

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