Roberts Bank Terminal 2 field studies information sheet: April to June 2024

Overview

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is continuing field studies as part of our ongoing environmental and technical work for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project.

Ongoing field studies

A description of each field study taking place between April to June 2024 is provided below. Past field studies information sheets summarizing our work are <u>available on our website</u>.

Study name	Summary
Coastal geomorphology: abiotic parameters study	 Purpose: to determine water column physical conditions e.g., temperature, salinity, at Roberts Bank Study area: Roberts Bank in the upper and mid-intertidal zones north of the Roberts Bank causeway Methods: water quality measurements (conductivity, temperature, and depth) will be recorded in the mid and upper intertidal zones of Roberts Bank Timing: this study continued in April, May, and June and will carry on monthly
Marine sediment and water quality: water column suspended sediment monitoring	 Purpose: to collect data on existing water column turbidity and total suspended sediment (TSS) levels near the project area Study area: subtidal areas offshore of Roberts Bank Methods: monitor turbidity and TSS using a combination of continuous turbidity data loggers attached to a moored monitoring buoy. Periodic monitoring of TSS will occur from a small vessel via grab samples, which will be analyzed at a lab. Timing: this study continued in April, May, and June, and is expected to conclude by July 2024

Field studies may require environmental authorizations and/or access to public and private land. Prior to starting these studies, the port authority will obtain any required permits and landowner permission before accessing private property. The port authority may also conduct fieldwork to advance proposed offsetting projects at a variety of locations. Updates on this work will be posted to our website.

About the project

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 is a future marine container terminal in Delta, B.C., led by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, that will deliver critical capacity and supply chain resilience. We have designed the project under our public-interest federal mandate, leveraging our deep experience building top-tier sustainable infrastructure. In 2023, the project received approval from the federal government and an environmental assessment certificate from the provincial government, following a rigorous environmental assessment.

For more information

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