



Project and Environmental Review Process

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Metro Vancouver is a port city and naturally beautiful region, and it's important that we continue to enjoy the benefits of trade for generations while protecting the environment.

Through our Project and Environmental Review Process, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority assesses proposed activities or developments on federal port lands and waters to avoid or mitigate potential effects of port activities on the environment and surrounding communities.

The role of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is the federal body responsible for the stewardship of lands and waters that make up the Port of Vancouver. We are accountable to the federal minister of transport and operate under the *Canada Marine Act* with a mandate to facilitate trade while protecting the environment and considering local communities.

Our Project and Environmental Review Process

We use our Project and Environmental Review Process to fulfill our federal responsibilities under the *Canada Marine Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, carefully reviewing and considering potential effects from all proposed project development on federal lands and waters before determining if a project should proceed.

The scope of a port authority review

Our review is an assessment of studies and evidence to determine whether a project can go ahead without impacts to the environment and community that cannot be mitigated. It is not a review of the business case or product being traded.

Depending on the project and scope of the review, our team of experts, including planners, environmental

scientists, engineers, consultation professionals and if needed, independent consultants, will assess:

1. Effects on biophysical environment
2. Changes to traffic and transportation
3. Impacts of noise, lighting, views and other effects on communities
4. Effects on the rights and interests of Aboriginal groups

Public and stakeholder interests are considered through consultation opportunities and engagement, and Aboriginal consultation is required when the proposed project may adversely impact potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Some projects may also require additional regulatory approvals and permits from other authorities.

