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December 2019

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive updates about the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project.

Happy holidays!

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy new year from all of us at the port authority.



What to expect this month

Dredging and infilling to create new land to the east of Centerm will continue up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a small exception—crews will take a holiday break from December 23 until December 27, 2019.

We will also be demolishing the old grain elevator at Columbia Containers this month. Read more about this demolition project below.

Traffic impacts

- *Commissioner Street*: Single lane alternating traffic during work hours and two-way traffic during non-work hours, Sundays and statutory holidays. October 28, 2019 to February 2020.
- *Clark Drive overpass*: Closed to trucks until July 2020. Now open to port pass holders driving standard vehicles.

Keep up to date with all the traffic detours for the port and road closures by downloading the **PortVan eHub app**.

Dyke completion

The dyke east of Centerm is complete. Now we will build new land between Burrard Dock and Ballantyne Pier. This month, sand is being brought to the project site to fill the area.

Another in-water activity underway is construction of the southwest dyke. Silt curtains, used to contain dredged sediments within a specific area, will be installed this month. You will notice up to three barges in that area.

About the yellow buoys

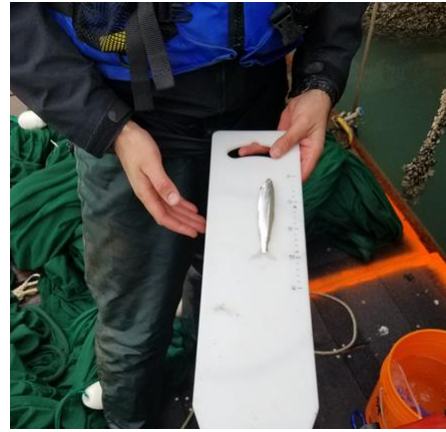
The yellow buoys you see in the lagoon are part of a long pipe that will carry sand to be put inside the lagoon to create new land. The dredging barge will anchor near the dyke and connect to the pipe. Sand pumped into the pipe will come out on the other end into the lagoon, and new land will rise from the sea!



Pictured: The new dyke on the east side of the terminal and the pipe used to transfer sand from the dredging barge into the lagoon.

Marine life salvage update

We salvaged marine life in the lagoon at the end of November, using fish nets and crab traps to catch an impressive amount of sea creatures!



Pictured: A juvenile pacific herring measured by a biologist, before being relocated. Safely relocating the fish requires carefully transferring them to a cooler containing an aerator for the move to their new home.

Marine life collected this time

- 3,747 three-spined stickleback fish
- 184 dungeness crabs
- 42 pacific herrings
- 38 coonstripe shrimp

All marine life collected has been transferred to water near New Brighton Park in East Vancouver.

Fun facts

A total of 11 crab traps, baited with cat food, were set in the lagoon.

"Seine netting" was used for this particular salvage operation. This method of catching fish involves using a weighted net hung vertically from a rope and attached to buoys at the water's surface.



Three-spined stickleback fish



Dungeness crab



Pacific herring



Coonstripe shrimp

Demolition of Columbia Containers grain elevator update

The Columbia Containers grain elevator demolition is now scheduled to start next week. The grain elevator is coming down to make room for roadwork on Commissioner Street.



Work will occur weekdays and weekends (no work will occur on statutory holidays) 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What to expect

During demolition, an excavator and/or a crane will be used to demolish the building and load materials into dump trucks for proper disposal at a licensed facility. You may also see water used to control dust from demolition activity.

Nearby residents and businesses can anticipate noise associated with construction and demolition activities, such as concrete crushing, banging, scraping and loading materials into trucks.

Learn more on the port authority's [website](#).

Extended work hours notification at Centerm

This winter, work at Centerm will take place outside of regular work hours once a month on designated union nights.

Work days and hours

- November 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020
- 8:00 p.m. to midnight
- Known upcoming union-night work: December 11, 2019

Once confirmed, dates for union nights in 2020 will be posted on the port authority's [website](#).

What to expect

Work is all low-noise and low-light-emitting activities that should not significantly impact local residents. No impacts to traffic on port roads are anticipated.

About the projects

The port authority is building the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project to help meet anticipated near-term demand for containers shipped through the Port of Vancouver. The project includes

a new overpass for Centennial Road, making Waterfront Road a continuous road along the South Shore, and a reconfiguration and expansion of the Centerm terminal.

The projects, delivered by Centennial Expansion Partners (CXP), are set to be complete by the end of 2021.

Interested in seeing the full construction schedule?
Download the construction activities and timelines PDF



Centerm: Current view



Centerm: Rendering of view following construction completion

Contact us

If you have not already done so, please sign up to receive regular updates of these projects. You can subscribe [here](#).

Website: www.portvancouver.com/centerm-expansion

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