

Maps

The Port of Vancouver borders 16 municipalities and intersects with the traditional territories of several First Nations and one treaty First Nation. The port authority works with many groups and governments in our jurisdiction to balance the needs of the shipping industry, other businesses on the waterfront, local communities and the environment.

Learning Objective

Use a map to learn about the extent of the waterfront around Port of Vancouver, and its many inhabitants and uses.

Questions to Ask Students

Ask students to guess: If the shoreline at the Port of Vancouver were stretched into a straight line, how long would you have to drive to reach the same distance?

Answer: The shoreline is 350 km long. Driving at 50 km/hr you would need to drive for over 7 straight hours. That's as far as Kamloops, B.C.

Discuss why Vancouver is a good place for a large international port, e.g., deep water, proximity to the border, road and rail connection.

Activity

The Port of Vancouver Jurisdiction Map

- Have students locate and label the 16 municipalities in Metro Vancouver and the one treaty First Nation.

Find the Ships in the Port

- Google “Port of Vancouver Interactive Port Map” and have students use this online mapping tool to track real time status of ships in our harbour.
- Click on “Map Regions” and select “Vessel” from the dropdown menu. Hover your pointer and click a ship icon and a pop-up text box will tell you the ship details.