

## Formalized Navy Buoy Procedures and Best Practices for Gantry Crane Positions.

### Background

Under the *Canada Marine Act*, all Canada Port Authorities may establish practices, procedures and safety control zones for ships and safe boating and recreational activities, within port jurisdiction. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is the federal agency responsible for maintaining the safe and efficient movement of marine traffic within the Port of Vancouver and has had navigational and safe boating regulations in place within its jurisdiction for a number of years to ensure the safety of all port users.

On Nov 13, 2020 the port authority issued a notice of amendment regarding:

- Updating the definition of “bunkering” and “bunkering checklist”
- Updating language regarding critical marine mammal habitat, environmental requirements, and other language related to encounters with marine mammals
- Changing the term “Notice to Shipping” to “Navigation Warning”
- Updating language regarding shifting vessels along a berth, specifically referencing that, at all times, sufficient personnel dockside are present
- Formalizing procedures for the navy buoys in North Vancouver
- Updating language for transit windows within Traffic Control Zone 2 (TCZ)
- Designating Anchorage Delta for emergency only
- Formalizing best practices for positioning gantry cranes at all container terminals within the port authority’s jurisdiction
- Refreshing the Port Information Guide with general updates that will not affect intent or application

Following the 30-day public comment period, the port authority reviewed and considered all feedback before making updates to the practices and procedures. The final changes reflect the port authority’s commitment to promoting safety on the water for commercial traffic and recreational boaters alike, and can be found in the [Port Information Guide](#).

## Overview

The port authority received two comments during the comment period November 13, 2020 and December 13, 2020. This consideration report summarizes comments received along with the port authority’s response to comments pertaining to the proposed amendments.

Summary of comment received	Response from Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority received a request to remove references to Kinder Morgan in the Port Information Guide and update to the current language "Trans Mountain Westridge Marine Terminal".	The Port Information Guide will be updated with the correct references to the Trans Mountain Westridge Marine Terminal.
The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority received a request to amend the proposed Mooring Buoy procedures to align with the standards developed by the Council of Marine Carriers.	The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has amended the proposed procedures in "Section 11.5 Mooring Buoy" to align with the standards developed by the Council of Marine Carriers.