

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (the port authority) is committed to conducting its operations in a responsible, environmentally sustainable, and transparent manner that safeguards and, where feasible and practicable, promotes continuous improvement.

As required by the port authority's policies, environmental reviews are conducted on all projects, physical works and activities within or partially within port authority managed lands and waters to address the port authority's responsibilities under the *Canada Marine Act* and meet the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), as applicable. Reviews consider the potential adverse environmental effects on land, air and water quality as a result of a project. Based on the scope of a project, the review includes assessment of effects on fish and fish habitat, aquatic species, migratory birds, health and socio-economic conditions, physical and cultural heritage and the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes.

The port authority applies its Project and Environmental Review process to projects within its jurisdiction, which enables the port authority to undertake effective, robust and transparent environmental reviews to meet regulatory obligations under CEAA, 2012.

Between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, the project reviewed by the port authority was considered unlikely to cause significant adverse environmental effects with the application of appropriate environmental mitigation. A full list of projects reviewed is provided on the port authority's website at: www.portvancouver.com/environmental-protection-at-the-port-of-vancouver/leading-with-environmentally-responsible-practices/project-environmental-reviews/.

In June 2020, the port authority issued a project permit for the Goodrich lumber transload facility and rail spur in Surrey, British Columbia. The project included vegetation removal, grading, paving, installation of dust collector equipment, a bioswale, two stormwater outfalls, and a rail spur to facilitate the transfer of lumber for export to foreign markets via the Port of Vancouver.

Key mitigations considered in the review were the implementation of sediment and erosion controls measures, conducting pre-construction nest surveys prior to clearing vegetation, storm water management, re-vegetation of a bioswale, and installation of dust collection equipment. Through the port authority's Project and Environmental Review process, the project was approved subject to 42 permit conditions. Project related information is available at: www.portvancouver.com/permitting-and-reviews/per/project-and-environment-review-applicant/status-of-permit-applications/goodrich-terminals-lumber-transload-facility-and-rail-spur/.