

Thank you for the opportunity to address my thoughts and concerns. I am a retired fisher who has worked within the marine and brackish Fraser River Estuary waters for over 65 years.

The Fraser River and its outer tidal marine estuary is the largest and most productive salmon producing watershed in Canada. The F.R. estuary lies in the great Pacific Flyway, which links waterfowl habitats on three continents. To what extent has estuary habitats been lost or just degraded as of 2018 and will this now speed end up degradation continue?

Is the V.F.P.A. area mandate is much too large today to manage all of it properly I do not agree that V.F.P.A. should be able to over-rule local zoning and expropriate lands for Future Port Uses! Records show that the present V.F.P.A., with land purchase including A.L. R. properties and have an Active Real Estate Division. They are in the Real Estate business and should not be!

I understand that the V.F.P.A. also does not pay their fair share of Income and Municipal Taxes, as a taxpayer "that must change" now!

The V.F.P.A. inherited from the past two Fraser River Commissions numerous waste burial and burning sites on or near the Fraser River and are NOT moving quickly enough with their much needed cleanups! On sites next to or close to the Fraser River Contaminated Sites the cheaper "Cap and Cover should NOT be considered a CLEANUP OPTION.

Federal Government "Fraser River Action Plan" D.O.E. 1998 – 2011. Summary: "The purpose of F.R.A.P, was to restore the environmental health and promote long term sustainability of the River and its outer estuary, in cooperation with all governments and stakeholders.

The past two F.R. Harbour Commissions, the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Plan and the now V.F.P.A. are not living up to the scientific purpose of this public funded Fraser River Recovery Action Plan!

The D.O.F. F.R.A.P. document identified in 1995 the "Sediment Transport and its Environmental Implications in the lower Fraser River and Fraser Delta " and the expensive report suggested that a monitoring of the Fraser Delta Forefront including the fore slope would provide an excellent basis for assessing the health and well-being of the whole Fraser River ! Why was this report ignored by the Fraser River Harbour Commissions and now by the V.F.P.A. as it is very important to the Extension of the Delta Port Containership Project?

The 1980 Fisheries and Oceans Report "Consequences of Training walls and Jetties for aquatic habitats at two B.C. Estuaries ", one being the Fraser River outer Estuary! Again this import scientific study related to the expansion of the delta port project and was not mentioned as pubic information by V.F.P.A.?

The V.F.P.A. also applies to E.C. for Marine Ocean Dumping "Point Grey Site" related to Projects in Inner Burrard Inlet with no detailed public input required and that needs to change !

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to comment on the Port Modernization Review!

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