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Subject: RE: Resolving Public and Environmental Conflict of Interest with PMV

I wholeheartedly support the position taken by Otto Langer and the recommendations that he makes regarding Port Metro Vancouver.

I have been a member of the Port Community Liaison Committee for Delta and its predecessor committee for the past ten years or so. During that time I have watched as Port Metro Vancouver has become more and more arrogant, less prepared to listen to community concerns, less interested in listening to alternative viewpoints on environmental matters and on a number of key issues simply refusing to address matters that are raised in and by communities that host port operations.

I have tried to raise the central issue of Port Metro Vancouver's powers and their abuse of them with the Minister of Transport and to date have not received a response. I filed petitions on related matters through the Commissioner for the Environment and received responses – in particular from the Ministry of Transport - that amounted to a brush off.

We cannot wait any longer.

The Fraser River and Estuary are at a tipping point - under extreme threat and Port Metro Vancouver is the root cause in many instances.

What we now need is a moratorium on all industrial/port development in the Fraser River and Estuary while a full and independent study is carried out that properly assesses the cumulative impacts and risks from existing and planned industrial developments.

Top of mind is Port Metro Vancouver's plans to build a second container terminal on Roberts Bank. This is not sustainable development. A project such as this should not be allowed in an ecosystem as important as Roberts Bank. The Port's environmental assessments are flawed in a number of respects. One recent example relates to the study of biofilm on Roberts Bank – a critical food source for millions of shorebirds. The

studies done by Port Metro Vancouver on this aspect were heavily criticised in many submission regarding their Roberts Bank Container Terminal 2 project. Their studies were incomplete and appeared biased towards the answer that they wanted.

I therefore call on decision makers to put the moratorium in place, convene an independent multi-disciplinary study and to immediately remove Port Metro Vancouver's powers and authority to carry out and approve environmental reviews.

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March 22, 2016

Subject: Urgent Need to Eliminate the Public and Environmental Conflict of Interest with Port Metro Vancouver (PMV).

The Fraser River Estuary and delta area of Metro Vancouver is under tremendous industrial pressure and the remaining and surviving habitat areas and fish and wildlife populations will now be the victim of significant losses if improvements are not now made to assure better environmental assessment processes and effective protection of that essential habitat that supports globally significant populations of many fish and wildlife species.

Other than urgent changes that are required in environmental legislation, that was gutted in 2012 by the previous government, it is extremely odd that it is a federal agency (Port Metro Vancouver) that is the greatest present threat to the estuary. An agency such as PMV cannot be the developer and also have jurisdiction for most project assessments and then profit from their own approval of such projects eg. approval to allow jet fuel tankers into the Fraser River.

Please refer to the **attached letter** on this matter and please advise us of the action you plan to take on this most urgent and unsatisfactory issue.

Sincerely yours,

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