

## Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Hearings May 14, 2019

We need informed naturalist club members to get involved and to register to attend RBT2 public hearings. the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) Review Panel has set May 14 as the date when public hearings will commence. Precise timings and locations have not yet been established, but the first session will be in Delta BC on May 14. We need as many people as possible to register to present concerns at these public hearings. The deadline for registration is March 22 and it is to be done by emailing your completed registration form to [CEEA.PanelRBT2-CommissionRBT2.ACEE@canada.ca](mailto:CEEA.PanelRBT2-CommissionRBT2.ACEE@canada.ca). The registration form is attached to this document <https://ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/documents/p80054/126871E.pdf>

You have three choices; make a written submission; make an oral submission at the hearing; make both a written submission and an oral submission. Whichever you choose you must do so by March 22. If you choose written submission then once you register you then have until April 15 to send in that submission.

I therefore ask that each and every one of you register by completing the registration form. Some hints to help you:

- Q6 - register for the general session and choose either Delta and/or Victoria
- Q7 - make a written submission at least, but also agree to make an oral presentation (it will carry more weight)
- Q9 - don't be intimidated. Are you directly affected - YES. How, because you live in Delta, because you use the trails overlooking Roberts Bank, because you are impacted by the air noise and light pollution. Any one or all of these will do. Do you possess relevant information. YES. Comments on the VFPA submissions. Have you participated - YES if you have sent in submissions, attended any of the public sessions, read any material on the VFPA website, been to any VFPA meetings.
- Q10. Keep this brief. Whether you are writing or making an oral presentation simply state you will present environmental, wildlife, public health, community concerns.

We have got to make sure that the Panel receives robust and convincing arguments such that it is convinced that RBT2 should be turned down. The main issues to focus on are:

- environmental effects of the project, and their significance. This to include wildlife impacts, fish, aquatic species, migratory birds etc. Remember Environment Canada has already expressed its concerns, including that the Pacific Flyway may be broken. Keep reminding the Panel as to what Environment Canada, as the ruling regulatory authority, has already stated.
- cumulative effects - i.e. RBT2 plus all the previous industrial and port development that has occurred in the area
- alternative means of carrying out the project, such as expanding the existing Deltaport Terminal on the same side as the existing three berth terminal.

The Panel terms of reference have already placed certain limitations on what can be presented:

- impacts to be considered only include those within the care and control of VFPA. That excludes such aspects as traffic issues,
- community impacts such as economic, social, heritage and health effects are part of the review but will not be part of the decision to approve or not.
- marine impacts - especially the endangered Orcas are part of the review but will not be part of the decision to approve or not.