

South Delta - Rich in Nature and Farmland or paved over for Port Development?

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There is a DARK CLOUD hanging over South Delta





What Might South Delta Look Like in the Future?

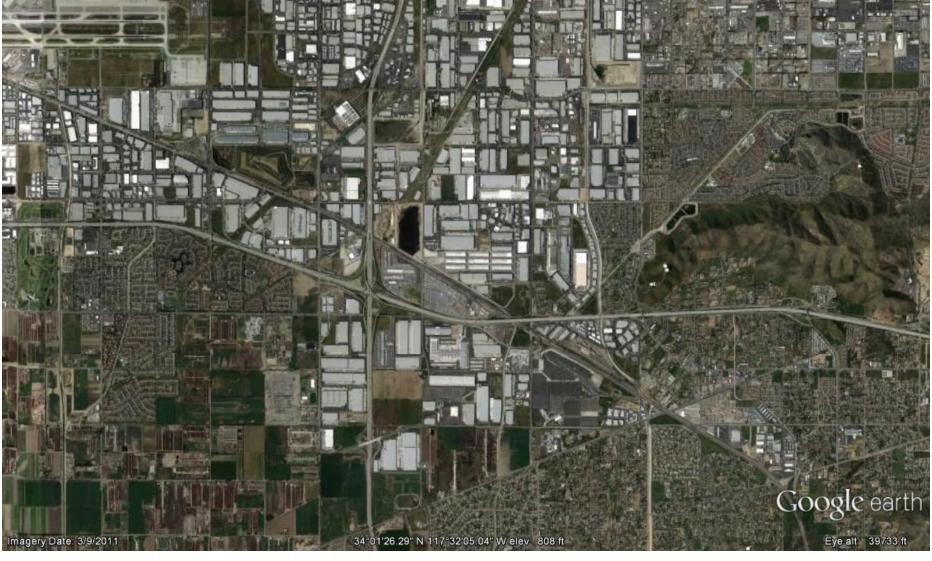


Similar to Mira Loma in California – was a small rural township with farms and horse and walking trails

But, it was near the intersection of three Interstate Highways and a main railroad, with Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports not far away. Here is what it looks like now

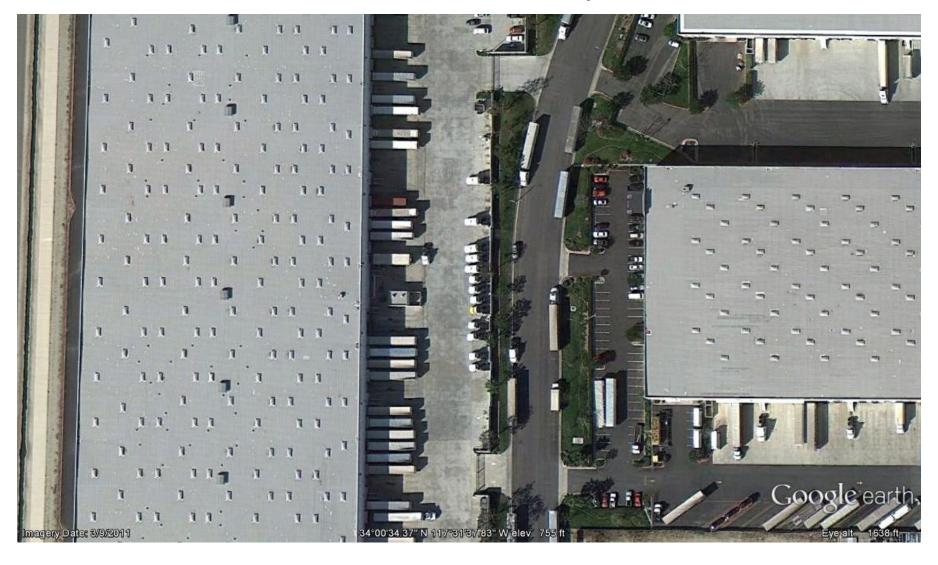
Mira Loma California





Typical Warehouse/ Distribution Complex







Supernatural British Columbia



Delta Motto Ours To
Preserve by
Hand and Heart

Roberts Bank Monster Container Port

INDUSTRIALIZATION OF DELTA COURTESY PORT METRO VANCOUVER

Deltaport - 3 Berths





Proposed Location of Terminal 2 -An Environmental Catastrophe



Adds another 3 - 4 million or more containers

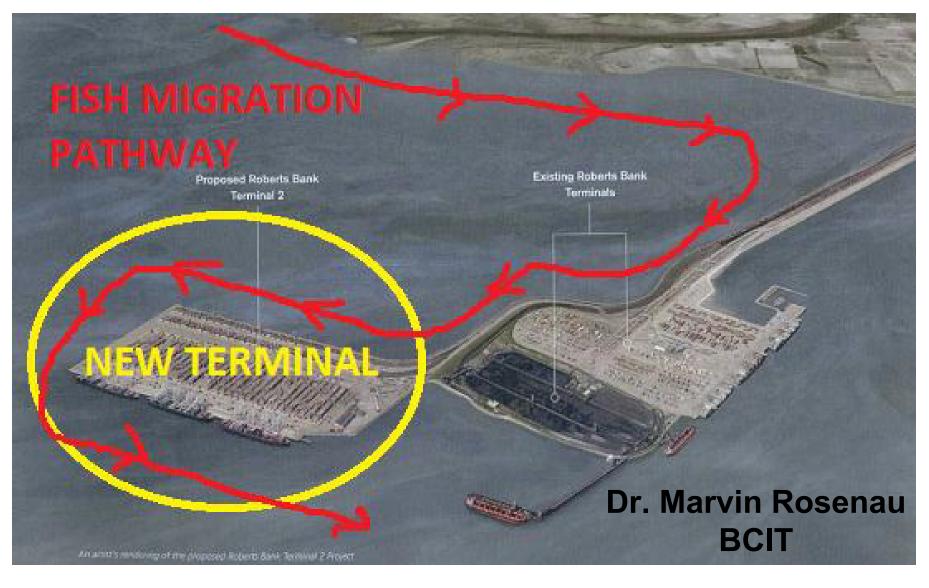
PMV ignoring concerns of Environment Canada,
Canadian Wildlife Service,
Department of Fisheries and Oceans



285 Acres - almost one third the size of Stanley Park

T2 Effectively Dams the Estuary for Juvenile Salmon





Deltaport Development already Damaged the Intercauseway



If T2 goes ahead the same thing will happen on the other side of the causeway. Huge risk for biofilm habitat destruction, now a rich food source for millions of migratory shorebirds

Erosion Channels

Lots of Eelgrass

Very Few Migratory Birds

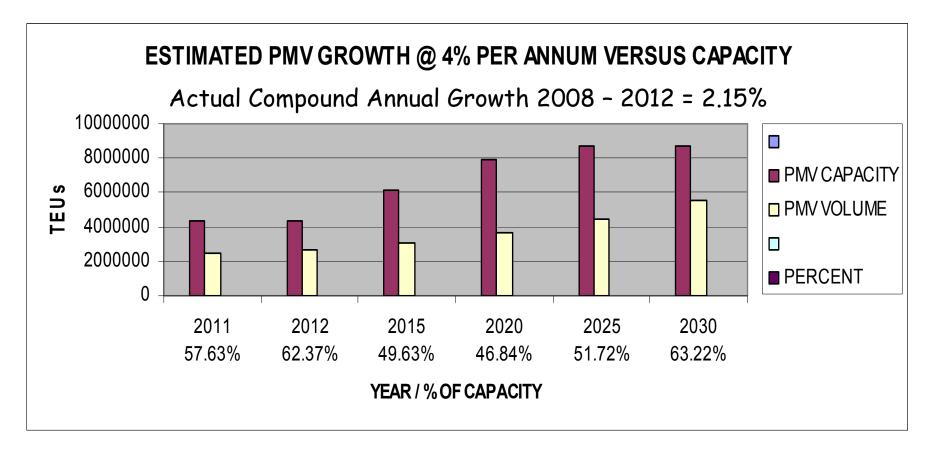
Terminal 2 Not Viable



- Terminal 2 makes no business sense \$ 3 plus billion price tag. Where from? Can't be done without massive government subsidy
- 2. Their forecasts "container traffic is expected to double over the next 10 to 15 years, and triple by 2030". Would have to more than double their market share. Not Going to happen
- 3. Terminal Operators said no need for T2
- 4. PMV are ignoring Federal Government Report (2008) which says to fully develop Prince Rupert before adding infrastructure in Vancouver
- 5. Jobs numbers way overstated Deltaport generates about 1300 jobs. T2 would be much less

Sufficient Port Capacity without T2

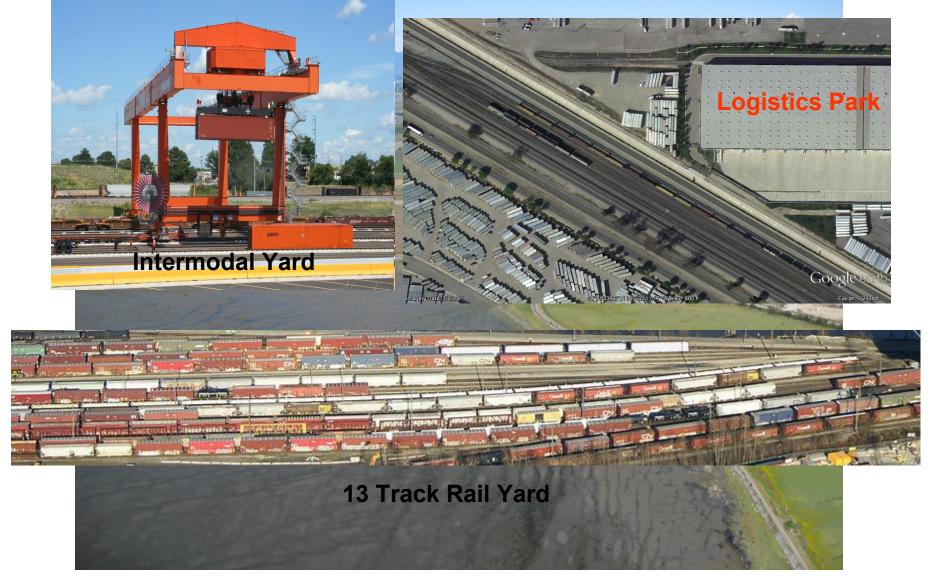




PMV shipped 1,500,000 empty containers in the last 5 years - 315,000 in 2012 alone

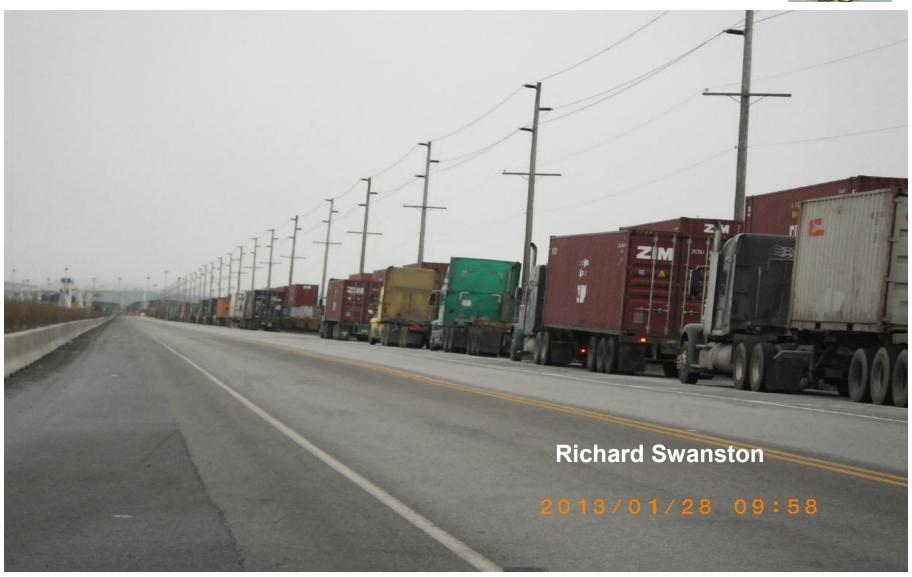
Potential Plans for Industrializing South Delta





This is Why The Massey Tunnel is Gridlocked in Rush Hour





Trucks Lined up Down Deltaport Way





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- If Port Metro Vancouver cannot resolve the murky power lines history how can they expect to be trusted, or to deal credibly with the environmental issues around T2?
- All these developments are on Roberts Bank and involve risks to internationally significant migratory bird populations.

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- Port Expansion will change tidal flows, and coastal geomorphology and destroy rich inshore habitat
- Widening Causeway cuts into critical habitat
- Key stopover on Pacific Flyway for Millions of Migrating Birds - may be destroyed

Tipping Point for Roberts Bank Wildlife and Ecosytems



- Endangered Orca Whales even more at risk
- Increased Risk from Marine Accidents
- In the middle of the recently declared Ramsar Site of International Significance
- Loss of Top Quality Farmland, ditches and hedgerows - critical habitat for songbirds and raptors
- Total area alienated 1000 plus acres

Too Many Risks and Issues:



Port Metro Vancouver is not listening
There is a cloud hanging
over South Delta

We lose:

- Our Quality of Life and Rural Lifestyle
- Our Natural Environment

We Gain:

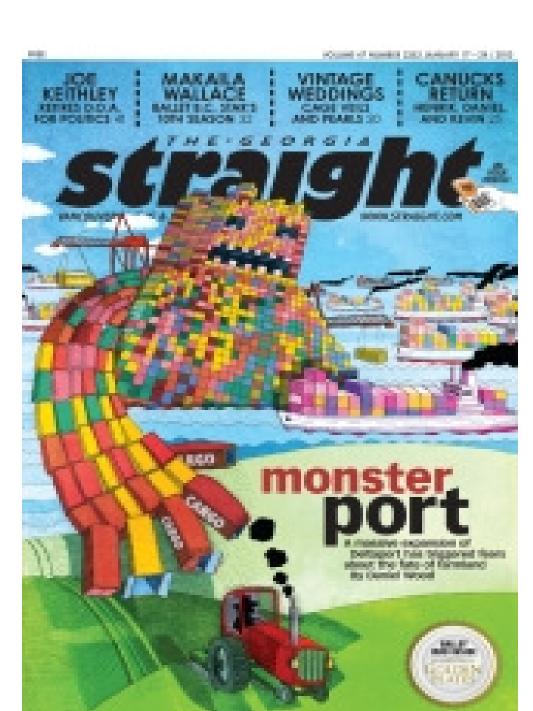
- Air Pollution particulate from ships, diesel trucks, rail, causing health issues, climate change
- Light and Noise Pollution
- Disruptive Truck Traffic

My Conclusions



- 1. Stop any further Expansion Improve Deltaport Productivity
- 2. No Terminal 2 on Roberts Bank Plenty of capacity on the BC West Coast. Expand Prince Rupert to satisfy demand
- 3. Roberts Bank the most important estuary and ecosystem on the West Coast of North America and must be protected
- 4. Stop paving over farmland No Container Storage, Warehousing, Logistic Parks and Intermodal Yards on Prime Farmland

The Alternative - Get trucks off the road. Move containers from Deltaport by barge and/or short haul rail to existing inland terminals or intermodal facilities close to mainline rail on the Fraser River







What will South Delta be known for in the Future?

Or

Its Amazing Wildlife

Its Railyards and Warehouses





It is up to you - With Sufficient
Local Opposition
It Can Be Stopped
Are Delta's environmental
treasures and our quality of life
theirs to ruin, or ours to protect?

Enough is EnoughSay No to Roberts Bank

Terminal 2

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