

**STOP THE ROBERTS BANK CONTAINER TERMINAL 2
APE SAYS "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"**

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Port Metro Vancouver is back on its expansion bandwagon, announcing today a Container Capacity Improvement Program. They would have us believe that the 2010 container volume growth is justification to re-open the case for another container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta.

Against Port Expansion (APE) – a Delta BC based Community Group - is firmly opposed to any further container port development on Roberts Bank. Why risk the destruction of one of the most important wetlands on the west coast of North America? Roberts Bank is a major stopover point on the Pacific Flyway and a critical feeding area for millions of shorebirds. Not only that but light pollution from the existing Deltaport is already causing problems – for wildlife as well as for the residents in Delta. Add to that the diesel pollution and noise from the ships, trains and trucks, the threats to wildlife (including the endangered Orca Whales), and it is clear that there should be no further industrial development allowed on Roberts Bank.

Canada does not need the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Container Port – now or any time in the foreseeable future. "With the container volume growth experienced by Port Metro Vancouver in 2010 they only handled about the same volume of containers as in 2007" stated Roger Emsley, Executive Director, Against Port Expansion Community Group. "Even if Port Metro Vancouver manages a steady annual growth of say 5 percent, (which could be lower with possible losses for ships diverting via the Suez and Panama Canals straight to East Coast ports) then by the year 2020 Port Metro Vancouver may still handle less than 4 million TEUs annually" he further commented.

In 2010 Port Metro Vancouver handled 2.514 mill. TEUs (twenty foot equivalent container units). This was only a slight increase (0.75%) from 2007. However in the meantime not only has Port Metro Vancouver increased capacity at Deltaport by 50 percent, but Prince Rupert also opened its container port. Taken together therefore all of British Columbia's container ports have capacity to handle container volumes for many years to come. With even small productivity improvements the BC West Coast could well have container port capacity of 7 million or more TEUs by the year 2020 – **WITHOUT BUILDING ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2.**

Enough is enough! We do not need or want any further port expansion in Delta. APE is ready to fight. We call on residents of Delta, our Mayor and Council, our MLA and our MP to join us in opposing a second container terminal at Roberts Bank.

About APE: Against Port Expansion in Delta is a group of concerned citizens who recognize that plans for container terminal expansion on Roberts Bank will see the degradation of the quality of life for thousands of Lower Mainland residents; the industrialization of prime agricultural land; and the loss of globally-significant habitat for salmon, migrating birds and orca whales. It is a broad based community group from various backgrounds. For more information visit www.againstportexpansion.org or email: ape.info@dccnet.com

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