



## Roberts Bank Terminal 2

### 2023 spring biofilm and western sandpiper field work

#### Field work employment opportunities

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is committed to Indigenous participation in field studies as part of the ongoing environmental and technical work for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) project. This spring, the port authority plans to continue technical studies on biofilm and western sandpipers in the Fraser River estuary. To support the collection of data, the port authority is seeking Indigenous participants to be a part of the field team.

#### Role description

Applicants may express interest in one or more of the following roles, as there may be one or more studies operating at the same time:

- Assist in salinity data downloads and the collection of biofilm and sediment samples at predefined locations on the intertidal mudflats of Roberts Bank and Westham Island
- Assist in the counting and collection of western sandpiper fecal deposits ('droppings') on the intertidal mudflats of Roberts Bank, Westham Island, and Boundary Bay
- Assist in the processing and storage of samples
- Accompany a drone operator in the collection of aerial imagery
- Work in accordance with established health and safety protocols

#### Time commitments

- Approximately 2 to 3 hours of training and health and safety review before field work commencement
- Approximately 2 to 4 days per week in the field between late March and late May 2023, including weekends. See below for approximate field work schedule.
- Approximately 6 to 10 hours in the field per field day, dependent on the tasks and tides
- Up to 370 technician field hours available over the duration of 37 field days (subject to change)

#### Skills desired

- A high degree of physical fitness as the work is very physically demanding. The work will involve moving through muddy terrain for an extended period (6 to 10 hours per field day)
- Experience performing environmental sampling work in adverse field conditions
- Knowledge of Roberts Bank marine ecology
- Team player with a positive attitude who does not mind getting muddy

*On-the-job training can be provided if candidates do not possess all the desired skills/knowledge*

#### Training required

In preparation for the field work, the team member will be required to undertake a paid 2-to-3-hour training session to discuss survey methods, and to review health and safety protocols.

#### Equipment required

The employee will be required to wear tight-fitting rubber boots or hip waders (provided by the port authority) to access the mudflats.

## Remuneration

The field technician will be paid on an hourly basis.

## Approximate field work schedule

- April 5 – 7
- April 10 - 12
- April 17 – 19
- April 22 – 24
- April 26 – 29
- May 1 – 4
- May 7 – 9
- May 12 – 14
- May 17 – 19
- May 22 – 24
- May 27 – 29 (if required)

*One day opportunities can be accommodated*

## Contact information

For any questions or clarifications about this employment opportunity or to communicate your interest in this position, please contact Alycia Majorkiewicz-Ata **by March 24, 2023**.

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