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BC Nature is getting ready for Giving Tuesday 2021, which takes place on November 30th. This is the day after Black Friday and Cyber Monday - the ideal day to show your support for a cause close to your heart. Be the first to know about all the exciting happenings at BC Nature this Giving Tuesday by following us on social media.

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Connected Estuary: a webinar series on the Fraser River Estuary



Join us and explore how the Fraser River Estuary connects people, salmon, whales and birds across ecosystems.

Connected Estuary

As a nursery and feeding ground, the Fraser River Estuary connects a food web linking people, fish, birds and marine mammals across two hemispheres. *Connected Estuary* is a 6 episode webinar series that explores what science can tell us about the history, vulnerability and connectivity of the Fraser Estuary.

Watch *Connected Estuary* webinars

Against Port Expansion in the Fraser Estuary, BC

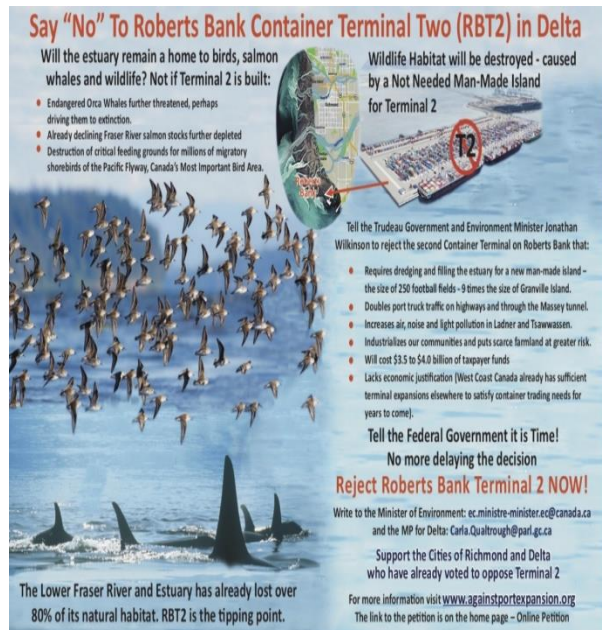
Serious Container Vessel Accident and Fire Near Vancouver:

A serious and concerning accident occurred on October 22 2021. The container vessel ZIM Kingston, which was headed to dock with a full load of containers to a berth at Deltaport on Roberts Bank, was caught in heavy seas close to the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Our sympathy is with the vessel's owner and its crew.

Carla Qualtrough Remains in Cabinet and Is Opposed to Rbt2:

MP for Delta Carla Qualtrough was re-appointed to the federal cabinet on October 26 2021. She has previously spoken out against the Roberts Bank Container Terminal 2 (RBT2) project that is now in the final stages of environmental assessment. The government will make a decision in the near future to approve, approve with mitigation, or deny approval. We must make sure it **DENIES APPROVAL**.

[Read more here.](#)



Say "No" To Roberts Bank Container Terminal Two (RBT2) in Delta

Will the estuary remain a home to birds, salmon whales and wildlife? Not if Terminal 2 is built:

- Endangered Orca Whales further threatened, perhaps driving them to extinction.
- Already declining Fraser River salmon stocks further depleted
- Destruction of critical feeding grounds for millions of migratory shorebirds of the Pacific Flyway, Canada's Most Important Bird Area.

Wildlife Habitat will be destroyed - caused by a Not Needed Man-Made Island for Terminal 2

Tell the Trudeau Government and Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson to reject the second Container Terminal on Roberts Bank that:

- Requires dredging and filling the estuary for a new man-made island - the size of 250 football fields - 9 times the size of Granville Island.
- Doubles port truck traffic on highways and through the Massey tunnel.
- Increases air, noise and light pollution in Ladner and Tsawwassen.
- Industrializes our communities and puts scarce farmland at greater risk.
- Will cost \$3.5 to \$4.0 billion of taxpayer funds
- Lacks economic justification (West Coast Canada already has sufficient terminal expansions elsewhere to satisfy container trading needs for years to come).

Tell the Federal Government it is Time!

No more delaying the decision

Reject Roberts Bank Terminal 2 NOW!

Write to the Minister of Environment: ec.ministre-ministre.ec@canada.ca and the MP for Delta: Carla.Qualtrough@parl.gc.ca

Support the Cities of Richmond and Delta who have already voted to oppose Terminal 2

The Lower Fraser River and Estuary has already lost over 80% of its natural habitat. RBT2 is the tipping point.

For more information visit www.againstportexpansion.org
The link to the petition is on the home page - Online Petition

B.C. cattle company wins appeal; ranch entitled to restrict public access to 2 lakes near Merritt



[through cattle company lands](#)

Another page has been added in a longstanding legal battle over public access to two lakes surrounded by private property in [B.C.'s Southern Interior](#).

On Friday, the B.C. Court of Appeal released its decision between the Douglas Lake Cattle Company (DLCC) and the Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club.

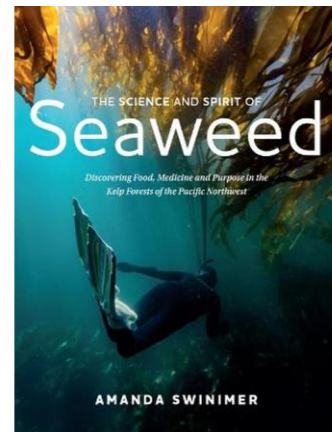
At stake are two lakes that are surrounded by property belonging to the ranch, which is owned by American billionaire Stan Kroenke.

In B.C., bodies of water are considered [Crown land](#), and are available for public use. However, if they're surrounded by private property, can the public legally access those lakes?

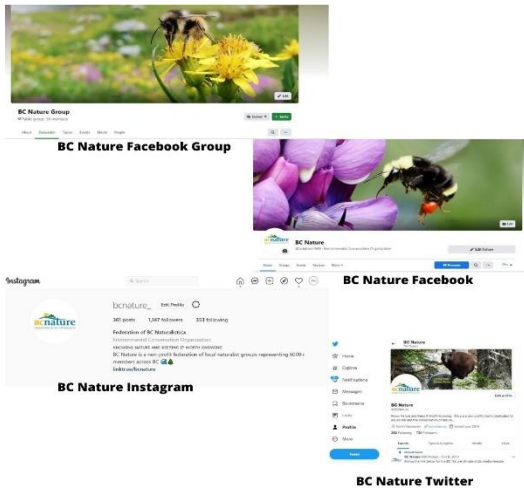
READ MORE: [B.C. court orders access to public lake](#)

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If you are interested in reviewing **The Science and Spirit of Seaweed: Discovering Food, Medicine and Purpose in the Kelp Forests of the Pacific Northwest** [please email here](#).



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