

Notice of Determination

Port Edward Harbour, Port Edward BC – September 17, 2021 – The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Small Craft Harbours Branch has determined that the proposed Phase 3 Wharf Reconstruction Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

This determination was based on a consideration of the following factors:

- impacts on rights of Indigenous peoples;
- Indigenous knowledge;
- community knowledge;
- comments received from the public;
- assessment of biophysical site conditions surrounding work area(s); and
- technically and economically feasible mitigation measures.

Mitigation measures taken into account for this determination are:

- Proper management and disposal of waste.
- Preparation of an environmental management plan by the Contractor.
- Preparation of an erosion and sediment control plan by the Contractor and implementation of ESC measures.
- No operation of heavy machinery within marine waters.
- The contractor will have a spill management plan and a spill kit will be available at all times. Inspections of equipment will be made to ensure it is clean and free of leaks.
- Concrete best practices will be adhered including isolation of uncured concrete from marine or aquatic environments.
- An environmental monitor will be onsite as required to ensure compliance with environmental mitigation measures, including monitoring of water quality for turbidity and pH.
- Adaptive management measures will be implemented as required and based on monitoring results to ensure mitigation measures are functioning effectively.

An environmental monitor will be onsite whenever there are works with the potential to adversely affect the aquatic environment, or at any time during the course of the project when there is the potential for adverse impacts to fish or fish habitat or the potential deposit of a deleterious substance into the aquatic environment (as determined by a qualified environmental professional).

Environmental Monitoring will include:

- The works undertaken each day and fish and wildlife present.
- Assessment of the effect of the project on the project environment, including observation, photography and physical measurements (e.g., water quality).
- Assessment of compliance with the conditions of any permits including authorizations, letters of advice or aquatic environment effects determinations, guidelines, and best management practices, and,
- Identification of any significant environmental issues and impacts and details of specific mitigation measures put in place to address those issues and impacts.

The monitor will create daily written reports describing the findings for each day the monitor is onsite. A summary monitoring report will also be provided upon completion of Project works.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Small Craft Harbours Branch is satisfied that the carrying out of the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Therefore, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Small Craft Harbours Branch may carry out the project, exercise any power, perform any duty or function, or provide financial assistance to enable the project to be carried out in whole or in part.