

Summary of Issues

Point Rouse Port Expansion Project

The Summary of Issues outlines the key issues that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) considers relevant for the federal impact assessment process for the Point Rouse Port Expansion Project (the project). The proponent's response to the Summary of Issues will support decision-making by IAAC on whether further assessment is required under section 16 of the *Impact Assessment Act*. If an assessment is required, the key issues outlined below and the proponent's response will inform the scope of the impact assessment, and the development of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and plans, as appropriate.

IAAC was informed by input received to date from federal and provincial authorities, Indigenous groups, and the public on the proponent's Summary of the Initial Project Description. The proponent is encouraged to read all submissions on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the project (Reference Number 90066).

The proponent is required to describe how it intends to address the key issues identified below as part of the development of its project. A high-level description is sufficient. Where relevant, the proponent is encouraged to identify if the key issues will be addressed through existing legislative and regulatory frameworks (i.e., legislation or regulation), by proponent commitments to best practices, policies or standards, or both.

Key issues

Fish and fish habitat, including marine mammals

- Concerns regarding potential spills and leaks and its potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat, and the need for an emergency response plan and communication plan. Provide further information on measures that would be in place to manage potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat in the event of a spill or leak from handling and loading of ore concentrate.
- Concerns about the suitability of silt curtains to contain sediment in areas of high tidal energy and damaging storm surge conditions. Provide further information on the suitability of the area for sediment containment equipment, and how potential effects to fish and fish habitat would be avoided or mitigated in the event of a failure of sediment containment.
- Concerns about potential adverse effects of noise, including underwater noise, on marine mammals and marine species at risk that might occur within the project area and along the north coast. Provide further information on measures that would be in place to manage potential adverse effects to marine mammals from noise, including underwater noise.

Migratory birds

- Concerns about potential impacts to migratory birds resulting from habitat loss and fragmentation, and sensory disturbance (increased noise, vibration and lighting). Provide information on measures that would be in place to manage potential adverse effects to migratory birds, and clarify how the project would comply with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and its regulations.

Appendix – Other Comments, Advice, and Recommendations

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is providing the following table of other comments, advice, and recommendations for information purposes only. The proponent is encouraged to consult the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the project (Reference Number 90066) to review the original comments.

Permitting and Authorizations

- It is recommended that Transport Canada be consulted to ensure compliance with the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act*, particularly with regard to the necessary permits and authorizations.
- It is recommended that Fisheries and Oceans Canada be consulted to ensure that the requirements of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations*, and the *Species at Risk Act* are taken into account.
- It is recommended that Environment and Climate Change Canada be consulted to ensure that the requirements of the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and the *Migratory Birds Regulations, 2022* and the *Species at Risk Act* are taken into account.