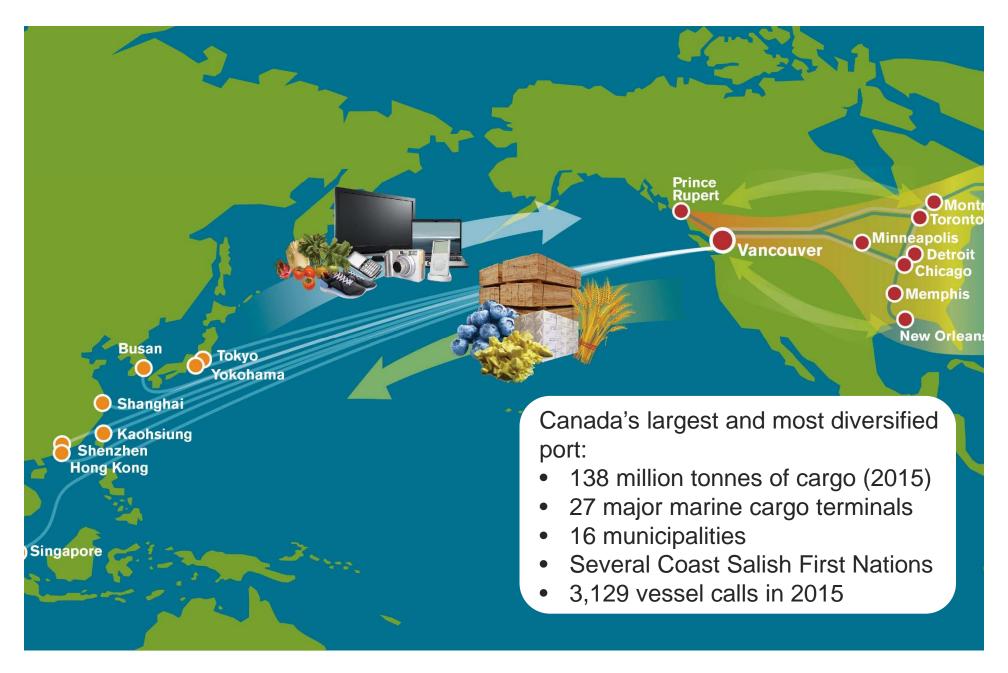


# Towards a Sustainable Port

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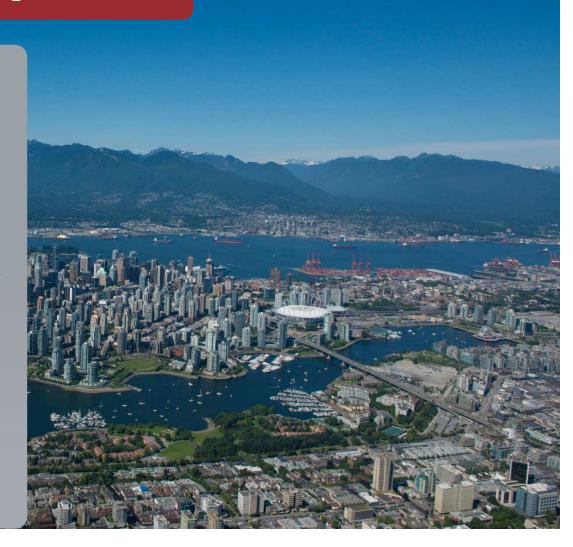
## Vision





# About Environmental Programs

- Multi-disciplinary team:
  - Project Environmental Reviews
  - Habitat, fish and wildlife initiatives
  - Land management
  - Biodiversity
  - Storm water pollution prevention
  - Air quality and climate change
  - Underwater Noise
  - Noise
  - Energy Management
  - Social responsibility and sustainability





## Air Programs

- Emission Inventories
- Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy
- EcoAction Program
- Shore Power
- Non-Road Diesel
   Emissions Program
- Climate Smart
- Container Truck Licensing
   System





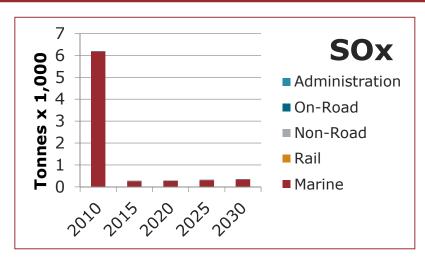
#### **Emission Inventories**

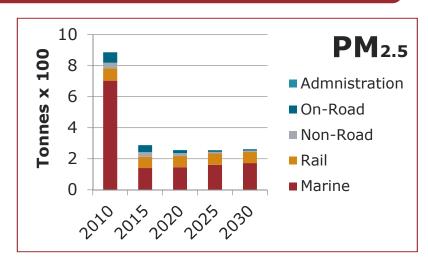
- 5 year cycle
- Ocean going vessels, tugs, dredges
- Non-road
- On-road
- Rail
- Administration
- Processes
- Fugitives
- Refrigerants

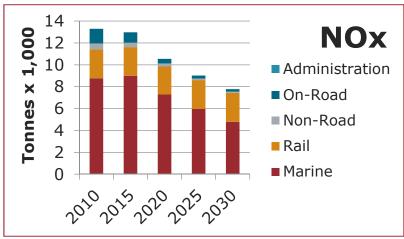
- Backcast/forecast
- Black carbon
- Real-time AIS data
- Real-time GPS data
- Detailed non-road diesel data
- Rail model
- Greenhouse gas reduction strategy analysis

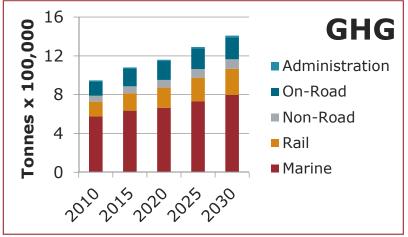


## 2015 Port Emission Inventory Backcast/Forecast





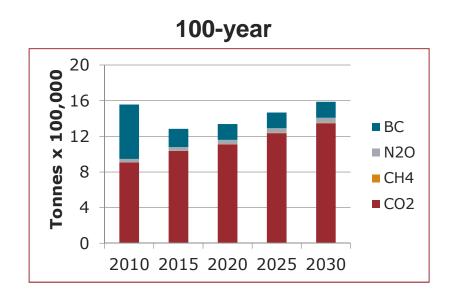


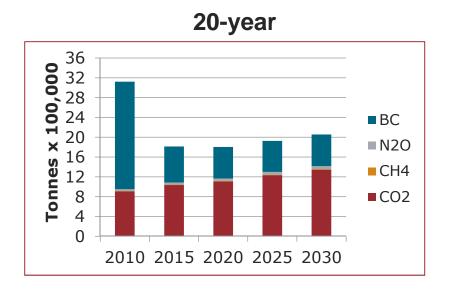




# Black Carbon and Climate Change

#### CO2-equivalent







# Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy (NWPCAS)



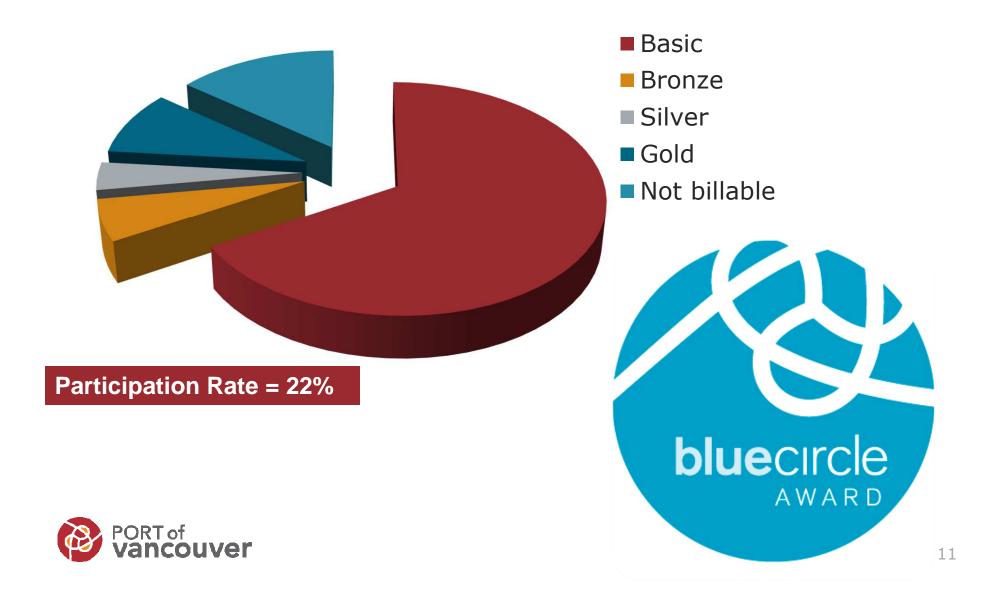
#### 2007, updated 2013

- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Port of Seattle
- Port of Tacoma
- Northwest Seaport Alliance (2015)
- Supported by
  - Environment Canada
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - Washington State Department of Ecology
  - Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

# **EcoAction Program and Blue Circle Award**



# EcoAction Program and Blue Circle Award 2016



# Why is this so important?

Criteria	# calls in 2015 (VFPA)
Environmental Ship Index	892
RightShip	2719 (736 actively)
Clean Shipping Index	421
Green Award	0
Green Marine	0
Clean Cargo Working Group	No data
Betterfleet	No data

Total calls: 3149







#### **Shore Power**

- 2009
  - Canada Place Cruise Terminal
    - 439 connections
    - 16,138 tonnes of (net) CO2-equivalent reduced
    - 474 tonnes air quality pollutants reduced
- 2017-2019
  - Centerm Container Terminal
  - **Deltaport Container Terminal**





# Non-Road Diesel Emissions (NRDE) Program • January 1, 2015 • Requirements: Reporting Labelling • Fees • Fuel Efficiency Plan • Idle reduction Opacity limits Auditing Restrictions

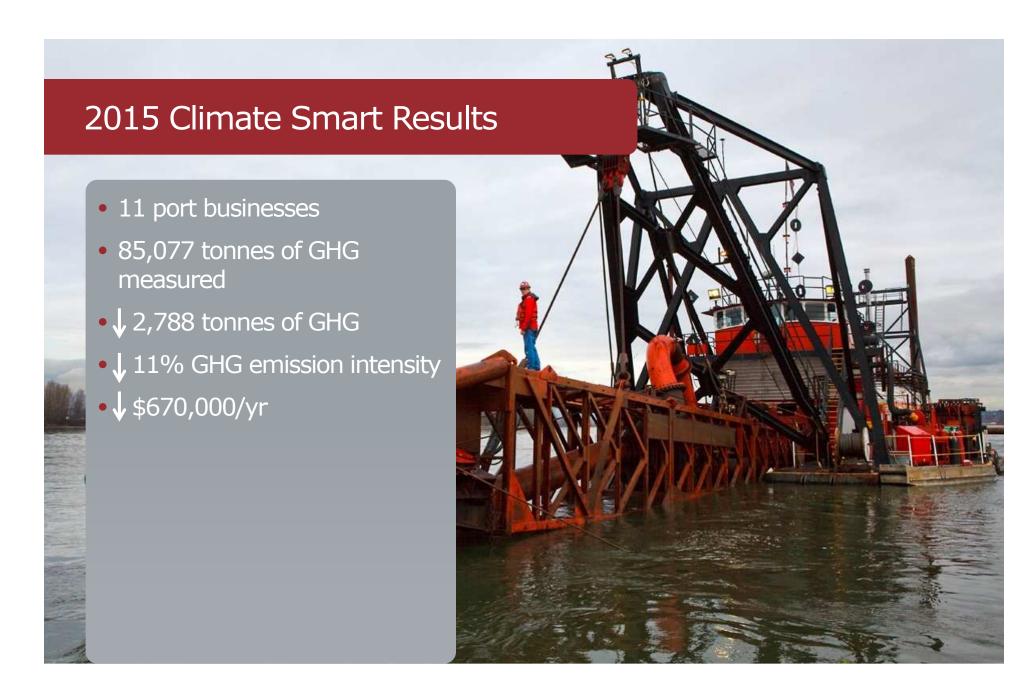


#### Climate Smart



- Build greenhouse gas management capacity:
  - Emission inventory
  - Emission reductions and co-benefits
  - Communication of results

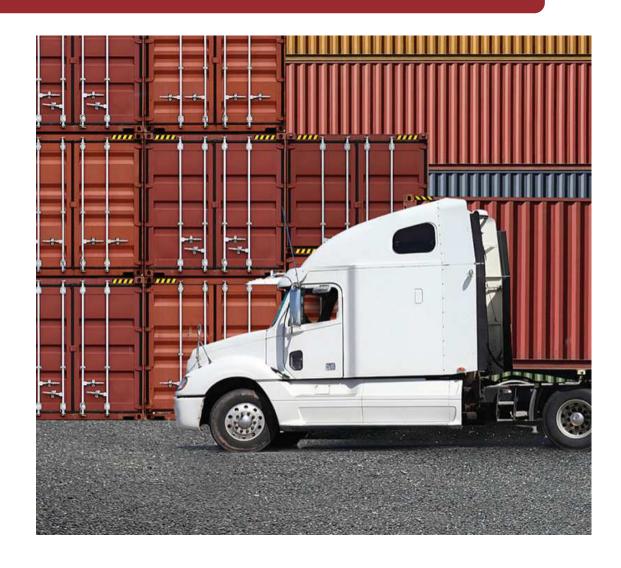






# Container Truck Licensing System

- Since 2008
  - Engine age and emission limits
  - 2007 or equivalent particulate matter emissions by 2017
  - Opacity limit 20%
- 10 year rolling truck age by 2022





#### **Underwater Noise**

• ECHO Program: Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation

What? A collaborative research and management initiative

Why? To better understand and manage the potential threats to at-risk whale species from shipping activities in our region

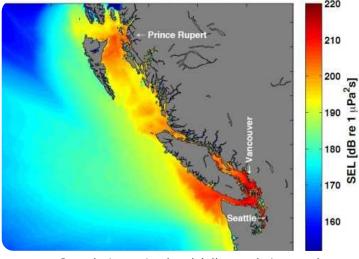


### Commercial Vessel Related Activities and Whales

- Endangered killer whale presence is high
- Shipping lanes are already noisy
- Underwater noise is important to whales
- Existing threats of ship strike and environmental contamination have been identified

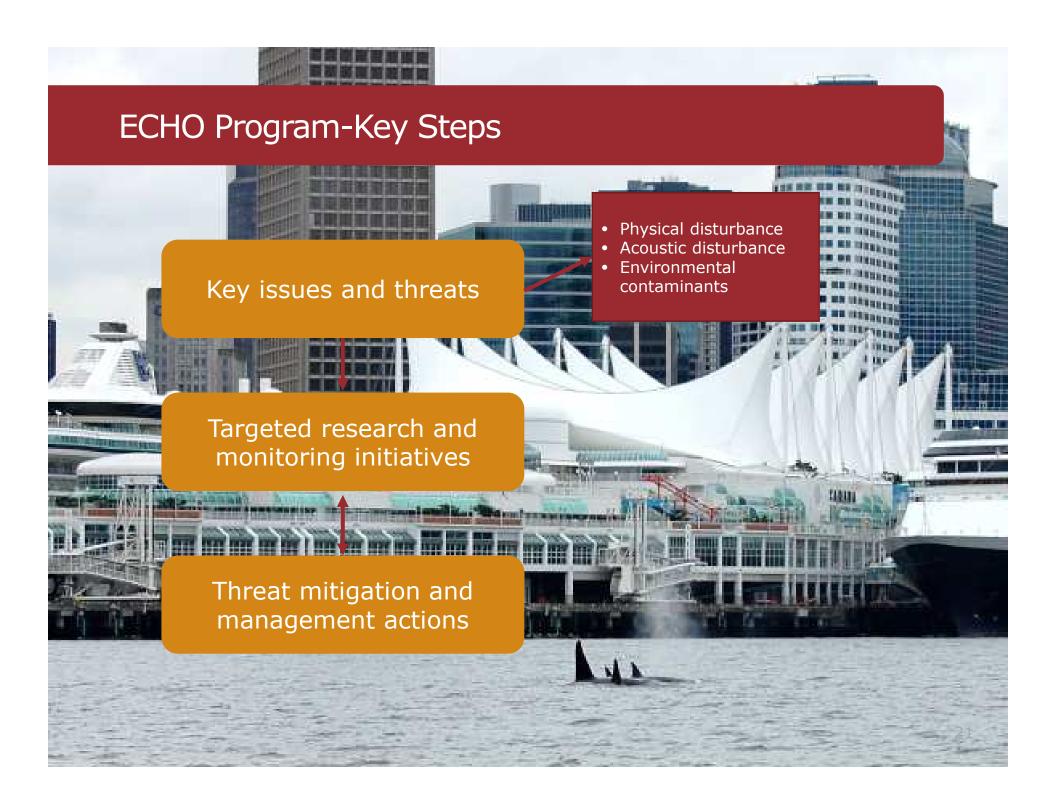


Killer whale distribution (2008 - 2010) and shipping traffic (August 2008).



Cumulative noise level (all vessel sizes and classes)





#### Noise



- Community complaint driven program
- Improve understanding of noise environment
  - Confirm/exclude sources
  - Long term trends
  - Multiple long term real-time monitoring sites
- Body of knowledge to facilitate informed decisions



## **Energy Management**

- Energy Action Initiative partnership with British Columbia Hydro
  - Electric conservation
  - Strategic energy plan
  - Energy assessments
  - Opportunity identification



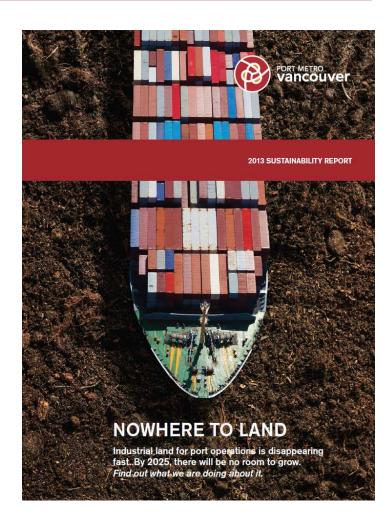
#### VFPA's role:

- Bring tenants together to share information and learn
- Facilitate energy studies
- Support applications for incentives to utility provider
- Information/resources portal



# Social Responsibility and Sustainability

- Sustainability Report
  - Overview of environmental, social and economic performance
  - Global Reporting
     Initiative guidelines
  - Assured by an independent third-party
  - www.portvancouver.com/ accountability





## Project Environmental Reviews

- All projects and proposals in VFPA jurisdiction
- Each proposal receives level of assessment appropriate to determine if significant adverse effects
  - Air emissions, noise, view, proximity to residences, archaeology, contamination, water, species at risk
- Successful projects receive a permit







## Habitat, Fish and Wildlife







- Fraser River
   Improvement Initiative
  - Resolution of trespass and derelict structure issues
- Habitat Enhancement Program
  - Balance between healthy environment and future development



# Land Management

- Established guidance document for environmental assessments
- Cooperative and iterative process for assessment and

remediation

- Focus on:
  - Human health
  - Aquatic protection
- Remediate where feasible/practical
- Risk management approach option





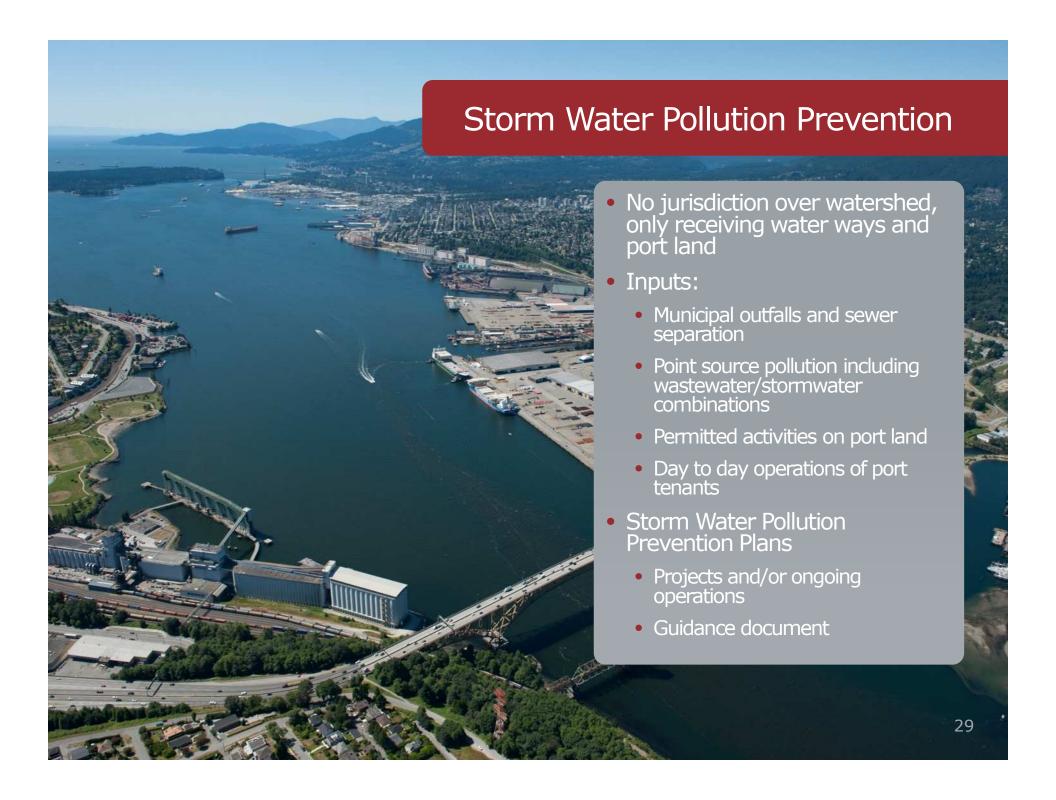


# Biodiversity

- Threats:
  - Habitat destruction
  - Invasive species
  - Pollution
  - Human interactions
  - Over-harvesting

- Protection and Preservation:
  - Environmental reviews
  - Contaminated site assessment and clean-up
  - Species at risk inventory
  - Land-based invasive species inventory
  - Collaboration and partnerships







# Thank you

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