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Seabird Island Membership Code Survey

**Next Steps
towards
A Vote**

What to Watch For:

- ▶ Step 1 - January to May 2023, Community Engagement
- ▶ The Election code vote requires a minimum of 60% present of the electors to cast a vote.
- ▶ Membership Committee – to be formed
- ▶ The Committee will be responsible for keeping members informed.
- ▶ Regular community meetings will be held

Seabird Island Membership Code

Stay Tuned for
communications and
Information Sessions

Step 2 – Drafting Membership Code June to August. 2023

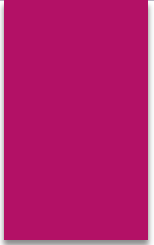
The Membership Code will be drafted based on feed back from member engagement.

First draft will be presented to the Membership Committee

Once the draft is completed by the Membership Committee will be presented to Council for approval

Step 3 – Ratification Process September to November, 2023

The Membership will then be required to vote.

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- Are you interested in the Membership of Seabird Island and willing to gather information to pass on.
 - Be a part of making changes to our Membership Code.
 - Be willing to reach out to other members to help keep them informed about the new changes coming to the Seabird Island Membership Code.
 - To be the knowledge keepers to the change and reasons why.

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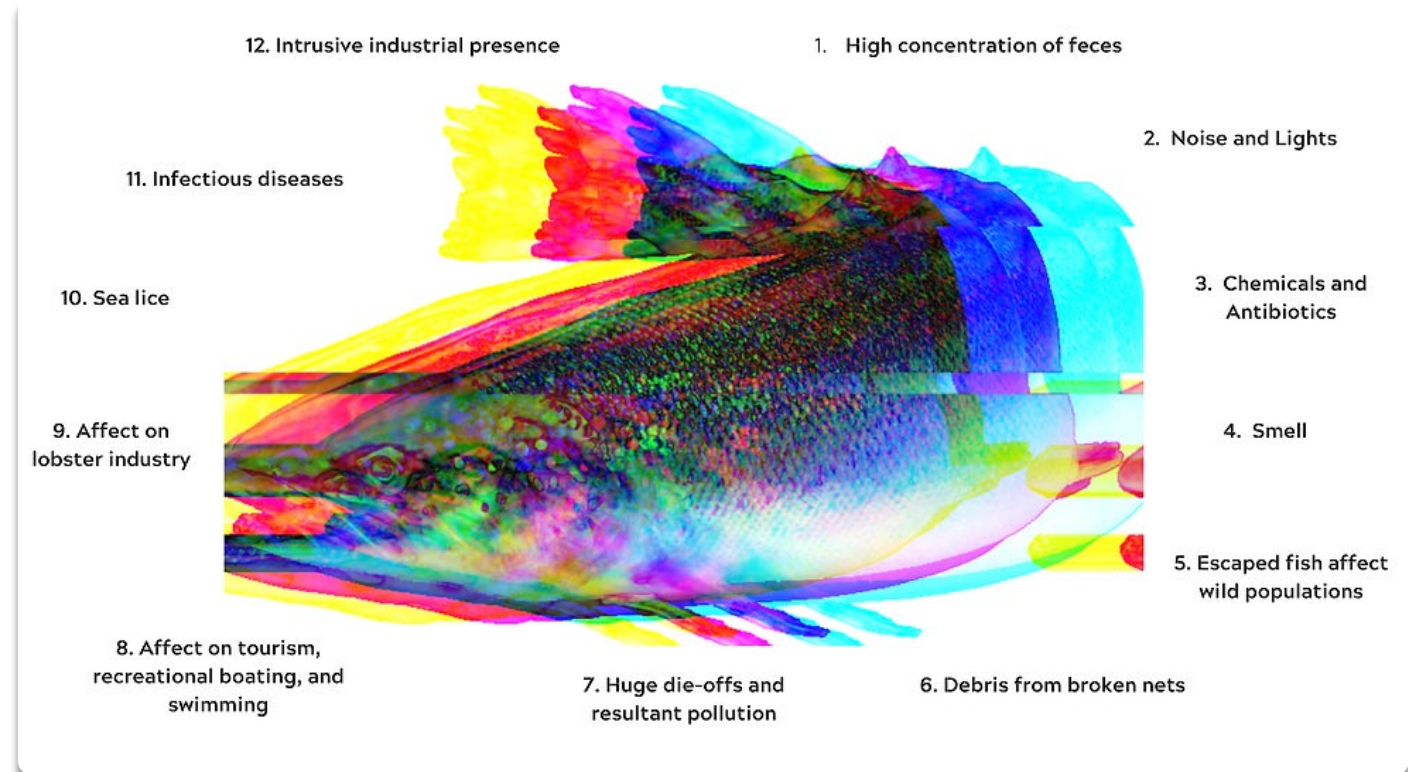
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Open Net Pens – Discovery Island

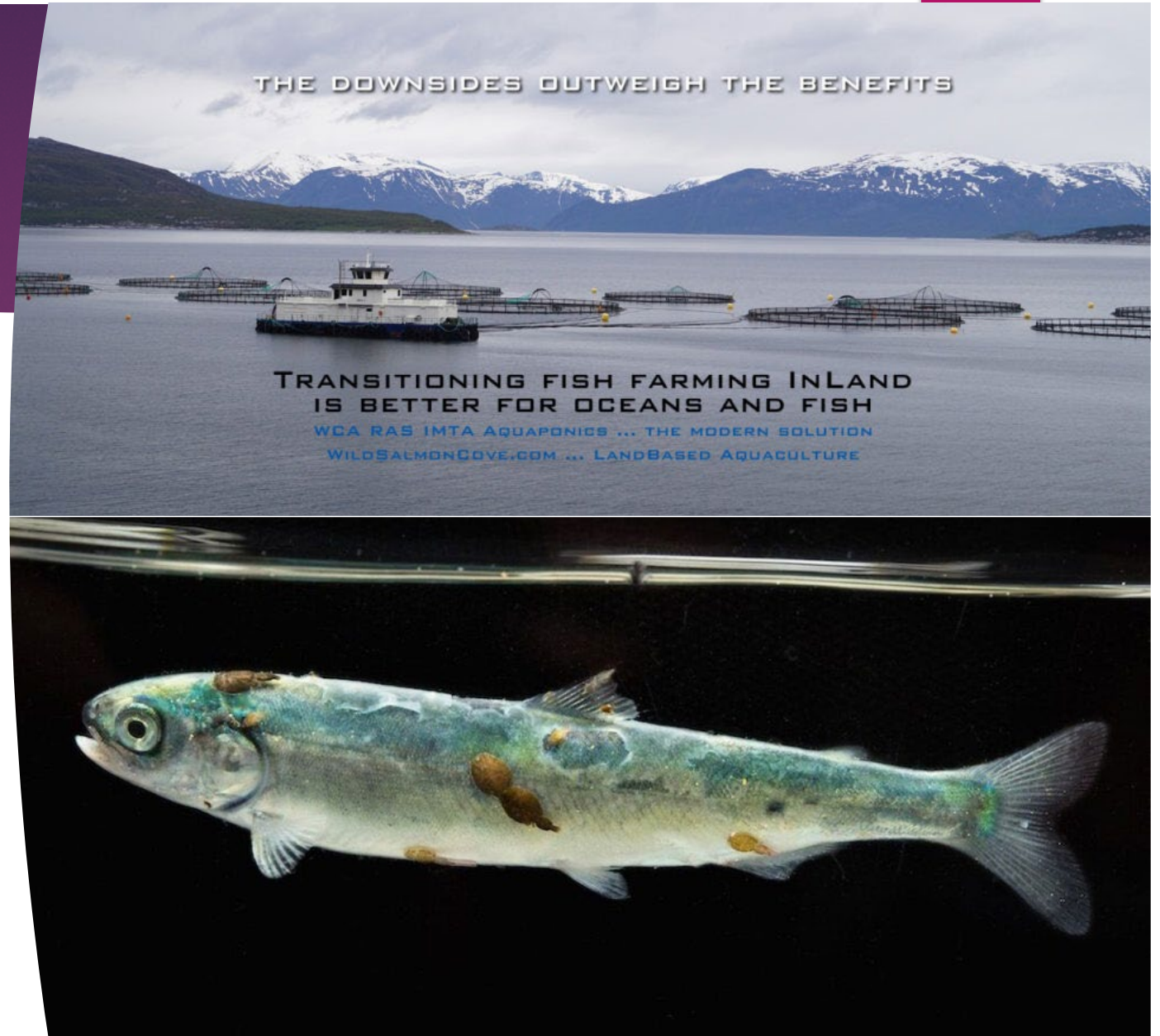
Open Net Pens – Discovery Island

- ▶ The wild Salmon migration routs of the Fraser River Salmon pass through the Discovery Island. Right through where the Open Net Fish Farms are located.
- ▶ The Wild Salmon that pass through this area are then exposed to the pathogens, viruses and sea lice.
- ▶ Leading to a higher mortality rate in the Wild Salmon. Contributing to the very low salmon returns to the Fraser.



Open Net Pen Transition Plan

- ▶ The federal government has mandated that all open net pen fish farms will be removed from the Discovery Islands by June 30th, 2022, and all remaining open net pen salmon farming in coastal waters will be transitioning to closed containment by 2025.
- ▶ Seabird along with the neighboring First Nations are committed to participating in the transition to ensure the Fraser River Wild Salmon are protected.



Port of Vancouver – Roberts Bank Terminal 2



- Port of Vancouver intends to expand the existing Roberts Bank Terminal in an effort to increase container handling capacity. A whole new terminal is planned to be created, which will add 2.4 million TEUs (20ft equivalent unit containers) of container capacity to meet the anticipated growth in demand for container capacity to 2030. Seabird Island is being consulted on this project to due to the environmental impact it may have on the Salish Sea.

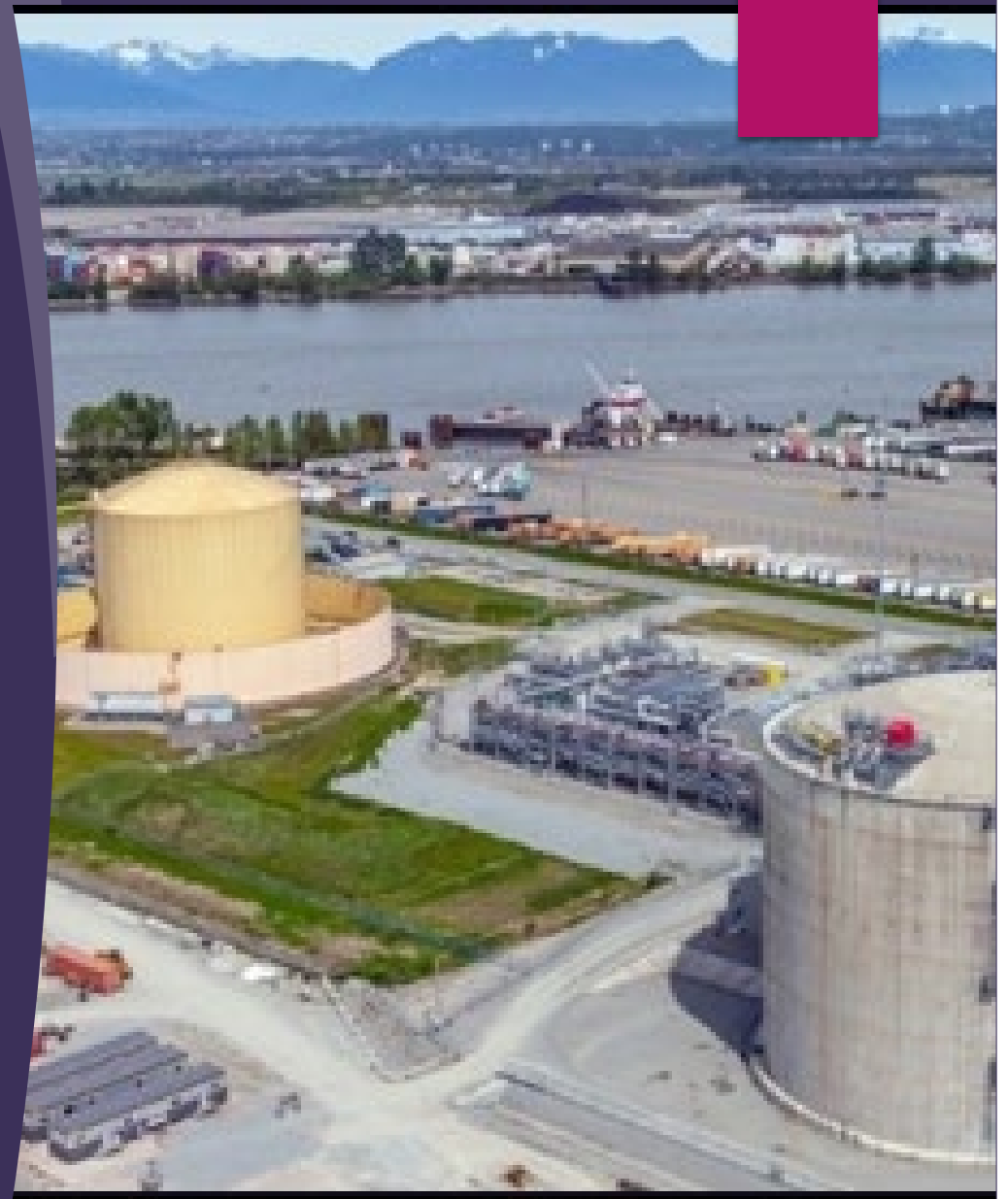
Global Containers Terminal – Deltaport Berth 4

- ▶ Deltaport Berth 4 will be an expansion to the existing marine terminal located at Roberts Bank, on the shore of the municipality of Delta and on the traditional territory of Tsawwassen First Nation.
- ▶ It is primarily on federal lands managed by the federal Minister of Transport and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- ▶ The expansion project takes place within or near the traditional territories of 33 First Nations. Fifteen of these Nations, including Seabird Island, submitted notices to engage as Participating Indigenous Nations (PIN), which affords us procedural rights including capacity funding, consensus-seeking processes, a procedure to communicate consent or withhold consent at specific decision points, and access to facilitated dispute resolution.
- ▶ This project is of concern to Seabird Island Band as it will cause additional railway and highway traffic and will have an environmental impact on the Fraser River.



Fortis - Tilbury LNG Expansion

- ▶ The Fortis Tilbury Island LNG Expansion Project includes construction of a new substation that requires BC Hydro to supply power.
- ▶ To do this, BC Hydro will be replacing ten existing wooden pole structures, installing five new pole locations, and performing related transmission and distribution line work on the poles.
- ▶ The majority of the work will be conducted within existing BC Hydro Right of Way (RoW)
- ▶ . Some of the work will be taking place in proximity to sensitive marsh land ecosystem, separating Tilbury Island from Lulu Island.
- ▶ Seabird Island is involved to ensure BC Hydro mitigates potential impacts to water courses and natural habitats through the implementation of best management practices during the project. BC Hydro has also undertaken an Archaeological Overview Assessment of the area and it was determined that no registered Archaeological sites were located in the vicinity of the work.



Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Fraser River Tunnel Project

- ▶ The Fraser River Tunnel Project intends to replace the existing George Massey Tunnel with a new immersed tube tunnel (ITT)
- ▶ The existing George Massey Tunnel is a four-lane vehicular traffic ITT below the Fraser River on Highway 99
- ▶ The proposed new eight-lane ITT (the Crossing) will replace the George Massey Tunnel and will be designed to modern standards for seismic performance and vehicle clearances.
- ▶ It will include a multi-use path to connect pedestrians and cyclists with active transportation routes on either side of the Fraser River. \
- ▶ Construction is expected to begin in 2026 and is planned to be open to traffic in 2030.
- ▶ Seabird Island is heavily involved in this project to due to the large-scale environmental impact it is likely to have on the Fraser River.



BC Hydro – Wahleach Water Use Plan

- ▶ BC Hydro is reviewing the outcomes of implementing Water Use Plans (WUP) across the province.
- ▶ In this review, they will work collaboratively with First Nations, regulators and key stakeholders to determine whether the ordered facility operating constraints of BC Hydro's generating and water control facilities are achieving the specific environmental, cultural heritage, social, and economic objectives identified in each WUP.
- ▶ This process will also inform recommendations on how the Order could be modified or sustained for future facility operations.
- ▶ BC Hydro holds federal Fisheries Act Authorizations (FAAs) for most of its hydroelectric projects, addressing impacts of operations and maintenance on fish and fish habitat.
- ▶ Water Use Plans provided the foundation for these original FAAs, which contain several conditions, including compliance with Water Sustainability Act Orders.
- ▶ Seabird Island is involved in the Water Use Plan for the Wahleach Generating Station located approximately 25km west of Hope, BC due to the facility's proximity to our reserve and its impact on our watershed.

