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Attention: Margaret Mears, Environmental Lead, TMEP

Dear Ms. Mears,

Re: Burrard Inlet Marine Environment

This has reference to your September 10th response to Belcarra Council's letter of August 29th regarding the study of the marine environment in the vicinity of the *Westridge Marine Terminal* (WMT) on Burrard Inlet. While we appreciate your response to our specific questions regarding some of the unique aspects of Burrard Inlet's marine environment, additional context needs to be provided to this dialogue.

Paradigm Shift

The public now expects a higher standard of environmental "best practices" than those deemed acceptable during the late 20th-century. Indeed, today it is no longer sufficient to just "minimize harm" or "compensate for loss". Current 21st-century environmental "best practices" are founded on the ethics of "preserve, protect and enhance". In today's paradigm corporations need to demonstrate leadership in both environmental ethics and environmental stewardship.

Social License

This paradigm shift means that public support ("social license") is dependent upon demonstrating commitment to the ethics of "preserve, protect and enhance" beyond the basic regulatory requirements to "minimize harm" or "compensate for loss". The environment is a public asset, and the public expects corporations to "walk the talk" and demonstrate commitment through action on enhancement initiatives beyond those required by regulation.

Herring Spawn

A case in point is the return of herring spawn to the eastern portion of Burrard Inlet which is vitally important to Burrard Inlet's marine ecosystem. This should be viewed by KMC as an opportunity to sponsor research regarding measures to protect and enhance this small stock. KMC should also give consideration to participating in the *Northshore Wetlands Partnership* to enhance other herring stocks in Burrard Inlet.

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Squid Spawn

We were all surprised to learn that, for the first time in many years, there has been a spawn of squid in eastern Burrard Inlet. Since these fast growing molluscs are a significant food fish for salmon, and since little is known about the presence of squid in Burrard Inlet, this also should be viewed by KMC as an opportunity to sponsor research regarding the habitat requirements of this species.

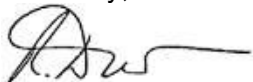
Legacy Enhancements

Kinder Morgan Canada has a unique opportunity to create important legacy enhancements to the Burrard Inlet marine environment, and some suggestions would be the following:

- On-going research relationships with *Metro Vancouver's* post-secondary institutions and the *Vancouver Aquarium* regarding the study and protection of the Burrard Inlet marine environment. KMC needs to be working with, and supporting, the local educational and research communities to ensure a thorough knowledge and understanding of the health and unique aspects of the Burrard Inlet marine environment.
- Construction of a sub-tidal rock reef within or directly adjacent to the eastern Burrard Inlet *Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA)* to create much needed habitat for rockfish conservation.
- Given the tremendous ecological value of eelgrass habitat, another important legacy would be the creation of additional eelgrass habitat in areas outside of the WMT footprint.

We trust that the foregoing will be considered as useful context to the dialogue regarding the Burrard Inlet marine environment. As always, *Kinder Morgan's* response to the foregoing would be appreciated by all of the communities located around Burrard Inlet.

Sincerely,



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