An Efficient Multi-modal Preclearance Zone in Southern Vancouver Island
Objective
Provide an analysis of costs and benefits arising from an integrated regional preclearance approach in Southern Vancouver Island.

Methodology
- Literature review
- Interviews (in-person and via phone)
Interview Participants

- PNWER
- Blackball Transport, Inc.
- Butchart Gardens
- City of Victoria
- Victoria International Airport
- Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Transport Canada
- Public Safety Canada
Support for expanded preclearance in Southern Vancouver Island

- Aligned with the City of Victoria’s long term strategy
- Supported by British Columbia provincial government
- Federal support: CBSA, Transport Canada, Public Safety Canada
- U.S. CBP: preclearance financially,logistically, and politically beneficial

Map: The Seattle Times
Infrastructure: Belleville Ferry Terminal

- Terminal prepared to shift from pre-inspection to full preclearance
- Redevelopment to accommodate shared CBSA - U.S. CBP facilities

Photo: Times Colonist
Belleville Ferry Terminal Redevelopment

Estimated completion April 2018:
- Improved access
- Widened sidewalks
- Streetscape enhancement
- Redesigned plaza

Future redevelopment:
- New and coordinated terminal facility

Photo: Times Colonist
Infrastructure: Ogden Point

Deep-water port facility

Port of call for cruise ships (up to 3,000 passengers each)

Potential to become a homeport

Photo: www.gvha.ca
Ogden Point
Anticipated economic benefits of preclearance

- Crucial to preserving and growing tourism business in the region
- Preclearance at Belleville Terminal - facilitate increased tourism
- Preclearance at Ogden Point - enable cruise ship homeporting
Challenges

- Design standards yet to be formulated and approved by stakeholders in Canada and U.S.
- Lack of statistical data relating to verified preclearance outcomes at marine and land crossings
Principal Recommendations

1. Increase collaborative efforts to formulate appropriate technical design standards

2. Identify options for shared CBSA/U.S. CBP facilities

3. Establish bilateral, uniform monitoring and evaluation frameworks

4. Ensure preclearance operations advance the goals set out in the Beyond the Border Action Plan
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