

# The Changing Landscape of Bunkers in Vancouver





### **Current Market**

- Vancouver bunker demand continues to be centered on:
  - Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO)
  - High Sulphur Fuel Oil (HFO)
  - Low Sulphur Gas Oil (LSMGO).
- LNG will be the first alternative fuel option in Vancouver.
- Bio-Diesel and Methanol remain in the development phase.



## **Fuel Grades**

- HFO requires maximum sulphur content of 3.5%.
  - Vessels must be equipped with scrubbers.
- VLSFO requires maximum sulphur content of 0.5%.
- LSMGO requires a maximum sulphur content of 0.1%.
- Vessels must burn LSMGO within the ECA.
  - 200 nautical miles from the coast.



# VLSFO Supply/ Quality

- VLSFO supply in Vancouver remains expensive relative to competing Asian ports.
- The current spread is approximately Singapore plus USD 40-55 per metric tonne.
- Quality constraint is viscosity due to blend ratio of HFO and LSMGO.
  - Typical visc 10cst
  - Revised ISO 8217 specification 20cst minimum.



# HFO Supply/ Demand

- HFO supply in Vancouver is plentiful.
- Dominant demand segments are cruise ships, container ships and crude tankers.
- While alternative fuel demand is increasing, HFO demand is also growing after 4 years of decline in the Vancouver market.
- HFO pricing is generally competitive with Asian ports.



# LSMGO Supply/ Demand

- LSMGO demand continues to grow in Vancouver.
- Cruise demand dominates summer months while demand from Aframax crude tankers has provided significant incremental volume to the market.
- Vancouver pricing in generally higher than West Coast and Asian ports, however that has not suppressed demand.



## LNG Bunkers

- LNG bunker supply will be available in January 2025.
- Seaspan Energy will operate the Seaspan Lions in the Northwest market with an initial focus on:
  - Cruise ships
  - Crude tankers
  - PCC vessels.



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#### Seaspan LNG

#### **LNG Bunker Vessel**

#### Design

- 7600m3 Capacity
- High maneuverability with propulsion redundancy, Dual fuel
- Canadian / USCG compliance
- Underwater Radiated Noise notation with battery propulsion capabilities

#### **Shipyard**

- Proven yard focused on small scale gas carriers
- All schedule milestones achieved on time to date

#### **Seaspan Energy**

- Able to provide LNG bunker vessels where required, but focusing on West Coast North America
- Has a proven path to design/construct/deliver complex LNG vessels
- Continues to be interested in further fleet expansion



## Biodiesel/ Biofuel Oil

- EU Standard International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) is the international shipping standard.
- ISCC biodiesel is not available in Vancouver.
- Biofuel oil will only be available when supply of ISCC biodiesel is readily available for blending.
- No local terminal has undertaken the audit process to meet the ISCC standard.



## Methanol

- Lack of Port Infrastructure
  - No shore tanks, no transload facility, no delivery vessel.
- High cost of green methanol
- Uncertain demand for the Vancouver market



## The Future of Alternative Fuels

- Ammonia
- Hydrogen
- Wind



# Questions

