

Where Do We Stand?

In December, the State Pollution Control Hearings Board put a hold on the Clean Water Certificate that the Port of Seattle *must have* to build the third runway.

The runway *CANNOT* be built until the Port obtains this Clean Water Certificate and a separate Wetlands Fill Permit from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Coming in 2002

The Pollution Control Hearings Board

March 18, 2002

Hearing on the merits of the Clean Water Certificate

Department of Ecology

June 2002

NPDES Permit Decision

US Army Corps of Engineers:

Date unknown

Wetlands fill 404 permit

Serious Environmental Impacts

There are serious questions on three major environmental issues:

1. Wetlands impacts and mitigation,
2. In-stream flow for fish habitat, and
3. Contaminated fill material imported for construction.

There is a great deal at stake. The project would affect three watersheds, destroy 20 acres of critical wetlands and affect another 80, would impact an aquifer and a regional waterfront park built around Des Moines Creek. The environmental health of five south county cities with 150, 000 residents is at risk.

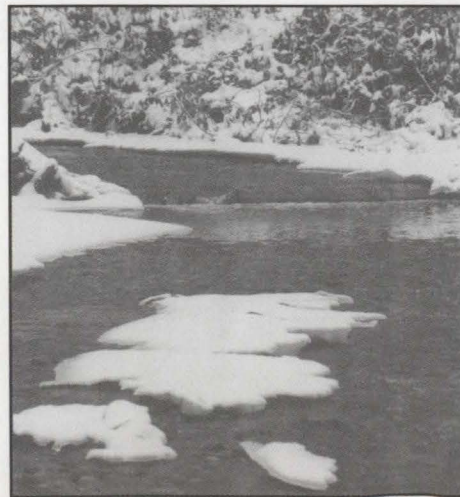


Photo: Brett Fish

Beautiful Miller Creek in winter.

Waste, Waste and Waste

We don't need the third runway, an expensive solution in search of a problem. Recent FAA data (before Sept. 11) on weather delays and declining air traffic show that the current infrastructure *can* handle the demand for the next 20 years.

A *billion* dollars for a dangerous runway design that will increase the risk of runway incursions and reduce the efficiency of the existing runways doesn't make sense.

Can the Port afford the third runway? Why won't the Port release a current budget showing the total projected cost and the sources of its financing?

The public needs some honest answers. They've already spent \$322 million and have nothing to show for it except piles of contaminated dirt.

Call the Port Commission today and demand answers. 206.728.3000

How You Can Help

First, check the facts for yourself and then inform your neighbors.

- See RCAA at www.rcaanews.org
- See the Port's information at www.portseattle.org/portandyou/works/budget2002.htm

Second, contact your local officials and encourage them to stop the 3rd runway construction.

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The City of SeaTac does not support the no-third-runway effort. Leave messages for the Council asking why that City isn't working with its neighbors to oppose the runway.

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Salmon spawning in Des Moines Creek

Third Runway?

Let's Be Clear

Despite appearances—all those dump trucks—the third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is on the ropes. There has been much confusion in the community about the status of the project. Some think the runway is being built; some even believe it is inevitable.

But after 15 years and over \$300 million, the Port of Seattle still does *not* have the needed permits to build the third runway.

Conveyor Belt Through Des Moines???

The proposal to build a conveyor belt across the Des Moines Beach and up through Des Moines Creek is back. Des Moines residents protested this proposal several years ago, and in 1999 the City Council voted unanimously to reject it. What's changed?

Back in 1999, Wescot Industries proposed the following – barge arsenic-laden fill material from Maury Island to the Des Moines Beach, where it would be transferred to a conveyor belt and moved up to Sea-Tac Airport for the Port's Third Runway project.

Have the people of Des Moines changed their minds about this misguided project? Have they decided that they would like a conveyor belt running through the heart of the community, putting Des Moines Creek at risk, turning Des Moines Beach Park into an industrial area? Why would a City Council, on record opposing the Third Runway project, give the green light to a project whose sole purpose is to facilitate construction of the runway?

What To Do?

Call (or e-mail) your Des Moines City Council members and tell them not to allow this project to proceed. Tell them it was a bad idea then, it's a bad idea now. No conveyor belts through Des Moines! "No" means "No".

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