



SPIRIT OF DELTA – COMMUNITY RALLY

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How Many Protected American Birds Killed In Canada ? The Skies The Limit !

Outraged Residents in Ugly Betty, B.C. take off gloves for rally kickoff of bare-knuckle brawl with Canadian Government, as U.S. forced one step closer to Silent Spring ...No to carcass-count management of protected United States Migratory Birds!

Delta, B.C. Canada – Residents will stand together in a **historic rally** against the first destructive domino in a successive series to collapse on, and forever change, a critical migratory crossroad in Delta, B.C. . The Spirit of Delta Rally, is at South Delta Secondary School 750 - 53 Street Tsawwassen on May 10, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. B.C. and Washington State residents are encouraged to attend this rally (no-cost) to show their spirit and tenacity to stop the first in a series of destructive changes; the erection of the 120 foot high steel tower and industrial power-line canopy over Tsawwassen that is planned to kill thousands of US migratory birds. **The 2 hour rally, will feature the War Birds Air Show, live performances, moderated by internationally acclaimed comedian Billy Mitchell.** Critical updates from experts on obliteration of the Tsawwassen skyline, and its effect of deadly impacts to United States migratory birds will be provided.

Within the last 40 years fully 70% of bird population in the United States ...is gone.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Pledging to work with wildlife conservation agencies and bird conservation groups across the nation, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne today unveiled a Presidential initiative to halt and reverse the dramatic decline in U.S. wild bird populations. Last year, annual surveys conducted by the Audubon Society documented the alarming decline in populations of **common birds, which have plummeted 70 percent on average since 1967,**” Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne said.

Critical to the U.S. effort to protect its own declining migratory bird population, named “**Silent Spring**”, is the **integrity of its neighbors, Mexico and Canada, to mitigate the killing of U.S. protected migratory birds.** This is in a sense no different than ensuring the protection of travelling U.S. citizens who travel over Canadian Skies. To avoid killing U.S. migratory birds, Canada therefore agreed with the U.S. to abide by The Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds, reaffirmed in 1994, **...but Canada crossed its fingers for that promise.**

Delta is now about to change dramatically with the Port Expansion, SFPR, and with the **first major installation, the VITR, a 120’ steel tower and electric cable canopy, in Delta, B.C. , newly dubbed “Ugly Betty, B.C”, commencing in less than a month.** These industrial infrastructure implementations will be erected on this crucial Pacific Flyway cross-road at the northern edge U.S. border. The Canadian assessment reports states, *“it is important to ensure that adverse environmental effects on these birds and their habitats are avoided. The habitats within the vicinity of the Project area support the largest wintering*

concentrations of Marine Birds in Canada. These areas encompass one of the most important ecosystems for migrant and wintering marine birds in Canada. Several Marine Birds are considered to be at risk or are of concern in British Columbia because they are at the limits of their range in British Columbia; their populations have been in decline; or a large portion of the global population breeds in British Columbia.

The environmental report also concedes that not several, but thousands, of US migratory birds may routinely be killed. In response, the assessment suggests, ***“A follow-up carcass survey will be conducted along the ROW in areas where there is a higher potential for bird collisions with transmission lines, such as the above-ground section of the Tsawwassen segment. Carcass collection surveys are recommended for two years following construction. If mortality was greater than expected, an additional year of carcass monitoring will be conducted.”***

Is carcass counting a fair way to treat protected US birds?. What if Canada were to do adopt this strategy for U.S. air travelers? Insider leaks disclose a direr situation .

A petition in the Canadian House of Commons will seek to enforce the terms of the Convention to save protected U.S. migratory birds, one such as the proud American Eagle, from summary execution in a Canadian electric chair, situated within meters of U.S. northern border. **The Rally is to demand enforcement of Canada’s promise to the U.S. and grant the US migrating birds a 12th hour reprieve from execution, one step closer to *Silent Spring* in the U.S.**

The final act, the “Swan Song” of this horrific story, starts today with cloud-buster balloons over the Tsawwassen skyline.

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