

The Members of the Pacific States/British Columbia
Oil Spill Task Force are pleased to announce their
2012 Legacy Awards Program



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Our Legacy Awards honor individuals and organizations who successfully implement exemplary oil spill prevention, preparedness or response projects.

We define such exemplary projects as *successful efforts that go beyond regulatory requirements to prevent, prepare for, or respond to oil spills.*

We encourage you to review the following information regarding the Legacy Award categories, criteria and application process and then use the enclosed form to nominate your favorite candidate for a 2012 Legacy Award.

Award Categories

2012 Legacy Award nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

I. Organizational

The Task Force may award Legacy Awards in industry, nonprofit and public agency divisions as follows:

- A. Industry
 - Operators of vessels 300 GT or larger, including tank, cargo, passenger, or fishing vessels
 - Operators of tank barges
 - Tug and towing operators
 - Operators of large or small oil handling facilities and pipeline operators
 - Other associated industries, such as contractors, consultants, spill response organizations, suppliers, marinas, ports, or shipyards

- B. Nonprofit
 - Public Interest organization
 - Educational organization or institution
 - Research organization or institution
 - Professional Association
 - Spill Response Cooperative

- C. Public agency
 - U.S. or Canadian federal agency
 - Tribal or First Nation agency
 - Local government agency
 - State/provincial agency (Task Force member agencies and personnel are NOT eligible)

II. Individual

Within the Individual category, the Task Force will offer Legacy Awards in the following divisions:

- Private citizen
- Industry employee (see categories above)
- Nonprofit organization employee (see categories above)
- Public agency employee (see categories above)

III. Team

Teams of individuals that do not fit into the organizational category but who have worked collaboratively to achieve spill prevention, preparedness and response successes that meet the criteria identified below may also be nominated. Teams whose membership represents multiple categories above are encouraged to apply.

Award Criteria

The Task Force will give Legacy Awards to nominees in the categories above for successful leadership or completed projects, accomplishments, milestones, or events that demonstrate innovation, management commitment and improvements in oil spill prevention, preparedness, or response resulting in greater environmental protection. Economic benefits of the innovations will also be taken into account, as well as project transferability and the award recipient's willingness to share results/models. Efforts to provide leadership, promote partnerships and involve the public will be favorably considered.

Organizations or individuals nominated for the Legacy Award must either be located in or primarily operating in the Task Force member jurisdictions of Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii and California.

An organization or individual representing a regulated sector must demonstrate a satisfactory history of compliance with both state/provincial and federal regulations covering oil spill prevention, preparedness and response.

Previous Legacy Award Winners need not reapply.

Employees of Task Force member agencies are not eligible. These agencies include the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; the British Columbia Ministry of Environment; the Washington Department of Ecology; the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; the Hawaii Department of Health, and the Office of Spill Prevention and Response in the California Department of Fish and Game.

For more information on past Legacy Award Winners from 1999 to 2009, please see our website: www.oilspilltaskforce.org.

The Award Process

Nominations using the attached form are to be submitted by email to the Task Force Executive Coordinator **no later than January 31, 2012**

The Task Force Coordinating Committee will review all nominations, make follow-up inquiries as necessary and submit award recommendations to the Task Force Members. Task Force Members will make final award decisions by late March and award recipients will be notified and invited to the 2012 Clean Pacific Conference in Long Beach, California for the Legacy Awards presentations on May 16. Press releases will be submitted to appropriate newspapers and journals in conjunction with the event. All nominees will be notified of final decisions.

This will be a competitive process with the total number of awards to be decided by the Task Force Members.

**Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force
2012 Legacy Award
Nomination Form**

Company/Organization/Person Nominated: _____

Nominee's address with zip/mail code:

Geographic area of operations: _____

Nominee Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Name, address, phone, fax, and email of person submitting nomination (if different from nominee contact name): _____

Please indicate award category of this nomination (Note: The Task Force reserves the right to make an award in a category other than the one selected): _____

With reference to the goals and criteria described in the Legacy Awards announcement, please attach a concise statement in Word format (no PDFs), not to exceed 3 pages in font no smaller than 11pt, which describes the basis for your nomination, giving attention to the organization or individual's regular activities and why the spill prevention, preparedness, or response effort described exceeds regulatory requirements and achieves a high level of environmental excellence. Measurable results should be noted, as well as facts that demonstrate a commitment to spill prevention, stakeholder involvement and educational outreach. Additional letters of endorsement are encouraged. Material must be submitted in electronic format (i.e., by email) in order to facilitate processing; you will receive an email acknowledging receipt of the nomination.

Please return this completed form and accompanying information by email

NO LATER THAN January 31, 2012 to:

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