

## Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force

### 2019 Legacy Awards Program Call for Nominations

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#### OVERVIEW

The members of the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force (Task Force) are pleased to announce our Call for Nominations for the 2019 Legacy Awards. The Task Force began the Legacy Awards Program in 1999 to recognize individuals and organizations that perform exemplary work in the areas of oil spill prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. We define such exemplary projects as successful efforts that go *beyond regulatory requirements* to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from oil spills. Over the past two decades, we have presented 64 Legacy Awards to a wide range of organizations, groups, businesses and individuals. To view a complete list of previous recipients, visit: <http://oilspilltaskforce.org/ourwork/legacy-awards/>

We encourage you to review the following information regarding the Legacy Award categories, criteria, and process and then to nominate your candidate for a 2019 Legacy Award.

**Nomination forms** are available on our website: <http://oilspilltaskforce.org/ourwork/legacy-awards/>

*Please note:* Employees of Task Force member agencies are *not* eligible to submit nominations. These agencies include:

- Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- British Columbia Ministry of the Environment
- California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Hawaii Dept. of Environmental Health
- Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Washington Dept. of Ecology

#### AWARD CATEGORIES

2019 Legacy Award nominations will be accepted for one or more of the following categories:

##### I. ORGANIZATION

Within the organizational category, the Task Force will offer Legacy Awards in industry, non-profit, and public agency divisions, as follows:

A. Industry

- Operators of vessels
  - Tanker
  - Cargo/passenger
  - Towing
  - Fishing
  
- Oil handling facility and inland transport operators
  - Large facility
  - Small facility
  - Pipeline operator
  - Rail operator
  
- Other associated industry
  - Contractors/consultants
  - Oil Spill Response Organizations
  - Suppliers
  - Marinas
  - Shipyards

B. Non-profit

- Public Interest organization
- Educational organization or institution
- Research organization or institution
- Professional Association
- Spill Response Cooperatives

C. Public agency

- State/provincial (except Task Force member agencies)
- US or Canadian federal

**II. INDIVIDUAL**

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

- Private citizen
- Public agency employee (see categories in I)
- Industry employee (see categories in I)
- Non-profit organization employee (see categories in I)

**III. TEAM**

Teams of individuals that do not fit into the organizational category but which have achieved spill prevention, preparedness, and response successes that meet the criteria identified below may also be nominated.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

The Task Force will present Legacy Awards to nominees in the categories above for successful, completed projects, accomplishments, milestones, events, or leadership which result in greater environmental protection. These projects should demonstrate innovation, management commitment, and improvements in oil spill prevention, preparedness, or response. 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 also be favorably considered.

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

An organization or individual representing the regulated sector must demonstrate an exceptional history of compliance with state, provincial, and federal regulations covering oil spill prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

## **AWARD PROCESS**

Nominations must be submitted by close of business May 31, 2019. Nominations should be sent via email to Hilary Wilkinson at: [Hilary@VedaEnv.com](mailto:Hilary@VedaEnv.com).

In June 2019, the Task Force Coordinating Committee will review all nominations, make follow-up inquiries as necessary, and submit award recommendations to the Task Force Executive Members. Task Force Executive Members will make final award decisions by the end of July, and award recipients will be notified in August and invited to the Annual Meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> where Legacy Awards will be presented in Bellingham WA. 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 not to exceed five.

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