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### **ISLAND TUG AND BARGE LTD. WINS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

**Vancouver, B.C.** – The Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force announces its 2001 Legacy Awards for Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response. Five winners were named including Island Tug and Barge Ltd. from Vancouver.

The States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Executive Coordinator, Jean Cameron, characterizes these 2001 Legacy Award winners as "...models for others in industry, government, and the public to emulate; we are pleased to honor their commitment to oil spill prevention and preparedness, efficient spill response, and teamwork."

Legacy Award categories include industry, non-profit or public agency organizations, individuals, and team efforts. The Task Force gives Legacy Awards in these categories for projects, accomplishments, or leadership that demonstrates innovation, management commitment, and improvements in oil spill prevention, preparedness, or response resulting in enhanced environmental protection. Efforts to promote partnerships and involve the public are also considered. Organizations or individuals nominated for the Legacy Award must be located or primarily operating in the Task Force jurisdictions of Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California (and Hawaii effective August 1, 2001). Organizations or individuals representing a regulated industry must demonstrate a satisfactory history of compliance with state, provincial, and federal oil spill regulations.

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Five 2001 Legacy Award Winners have been named:

- Island Tug and Barge Ltd. (Vancouver, BC)
- Tesoro Alaska Company (Anchorage, Alaska)
- The California State Lands Commission's Marine Facilities Division (Long Beach, CA)
- Clean Seas LLC (Carpinteria, CA)
- Canadian Coast Guard, Marine Programs: Transport Canada Marine Safety and the US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Puget Sound.

Formed in 1989, the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force is celebrating twelve years of coordination and collaboration on oil spill prevention and response policies that provide protection for some 55,826 miles of coastline from the Beaufort Sea to the Baja Peninsula. The Task Force Members are the directors of the oil spill prevention and response agencies in Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska.

The head office of Island Tug and Barge Ltd. is located at Suite 210, 195 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Vancouver. The telephone number is (604) 873-4312, fax number is (604) 873-4318 and their website is [www.islandtug.com](http://www.islandtug.com). Terminals are located in Vancouver, Burnaby, Nanaimo, and Sidney, BC.

Island Tug and Barge Ltd. is owned by the Shields family of Vancouver.

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**Island Tug and Barge Ltd.**

## **Island Tug and Barge Ltd. – Winner of 2001 Legacy Award**

Island Tug and Barge Ltd. (ITB) is the major provider of petroleum products transportation on the West Coast of British Columbia, and operates in the US from SE Alaska to Oregon. Carrying gasoline, diesel fuel, aviation fuel, and deck cargo, ITB tugs and barges call at major ports as well as small coastal BC communities. ITB customers include Chevron Canada Ltd., Imperial Oil Ltd., Petro-Canada, and Petro Marine Services. For the year 2000, ITB made 850 deliveries totaling 1.35 billion liters of product with no spills into water.

ITB's policies, operating and maintenance procedures, training programs, and equipment are setting a high standard for the marine transportation industry. Key achievements in spill prevention and response preparedness include:

- As a voluntary step, ITB was issued an International Safety Management (ISM) Document of Compliance by Lloyds Register in March of this year. They also received Safety Management Certificates for the five tugs and barges put forward for certification.
- Also in March, ITB was issued an ISO 9002 Certificate of Approval by the Lloyds Register Quality Assurance program. This required clear articulation of ITB's best practices, including watch-keeping, oil product handling, testing, and delivery.
- ITB took delivery in 1998 of a double-hulled, coastal, light fuel products barge, the first of its type in Canada and the first equipped with vapor recovery. A double-hulled bunkering barge was also scheduled for delivery in June 2001.
- Although not required by regulations to do so, all ITB tow boats under 400 GRT have Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans.
- ITB has been a response contractor for Burrard Clean Operation; in addition, IBT President Bob Shields serves on the Board of Directors for SEAPRO, SE Alaska's spill response organization.
- ITB covers the internal exercises identified by the US Coast Guard's Preparedness for Response Exercise Program each year, rather than on a three-year cycle as recommended.
- All ITB barges carry a minimum of 300 feet of inshore containment boom and 1000 feet for barges engaged in trans-border service.
- In September of 2000, ITB was granted Associate Membership status in the Voluntary Best Achievable Protection program run by the Washington Department of Ecology for tank barges. ITB next plans to achieve compliance with Ecology's Exceptional Compliance Standards (ECOPRO).
- ITB is converting its barges to vapor recovery closed loading systems with overfill protection; currently three have been converted. ITB tugs are equipped with integrated computer charting and differential GPS and ECDIS. ITB tugs are also equipped with satellite stations for global communication and tracking.

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