

Trans Mountain

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments related to the Emergency Response Towing Vessel Analysis. Please note similar comments are provided to the Escort Tug Analysis scope of work.

Trans Mountain-related marine shipping has operated safely and responsibly for more than 65 years. In keeping with the regime's focus on safety, there will be additional risk control measures to be implemented for the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP). One key measure will be the expanded use of escort tugs for loaded tankers. Loaded tankers are already escorted from the Port of Vancouver to Race Rocks through Boundary Pass and Haro Straits under current regulations. However, post TMEP, tankers loaded at Westridge Marine Terminal will be escorted by large, modern and highly capable tugs for the entire passage from the Port of Vancouver to the western entrance of the Juan de Fuca Strait.

With operations based out of Southern Vancouver Island, these tugs with skilled crews will also have spill response capacity onboard. Although primarily focused on ensuring the safety of Trans Mountain tankers, the presence of these tugs will bring significant new tow capability to this region and are expected to raise the level of marine safety and emergency response, benefitting the shared waters of the Salish Sea.

We can provide more details in follow up if requested. Please contact us at info@transmountain.com or 1.866.514.6700. Details about TMEP are also available at www.transmountain.com.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of,

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