



121 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 207
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2035
Phone: (907) 272-1481 Fax: (907) 279-8114
Kara Moriarty, President/CEO

2017- 5

Contact: Sarah Erkmann Ward, APR, (907) 272-1481 or erkmann@aoga.org

AOGA recognizes oil and gas industry service, safety, and environmental stewardship with annual Industry Awards

ANCHORAGE- May 1, 2017- The Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) will honor individuals and companies/organizations for their achievements working in the oil and gas industry at its annual conference on May 31, 2017, at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage.

The four AOGA Industry Awards winners are:

- **CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE, sponsored by THE ALASKA SUPPORT INDUSTRY ALLIANCE: Alaska Clean Seas (ACS)**

The Contractor of the Year Award for Safety Performance, sponsored by the Alaska Support Industry Alliance, was created to recognize an oil and gas support company that has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to safety. Alaska Clean Seas truly epitomizes the highest standard of safety, through exemplary communication, training, and modeling safety to the workforce. Alaska Clean Seas employees worked more than 182,000 hours in 2016 with zero lost time incidents and zero recordable incidents, and provided 700-plus training classes for more than 6,800 students with 22,000 training hours without a recordable incident or lost time incident.

- **THE RISING STAR AWARD: Willow Hetrick, Fairweather Science**

The Rising Star Award honors a young professional oil and gas industry employee, under the age of 35, who has made an immediate and definitive impact on the oil and gas industry in Alaska. Originally from Moose Pass, Willow received her B.A. in Marine Biology and M.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Management from the University of Hawaii. After returning to Alaska, Willow began working as a permitter, working closely with ConocoPhillips, Nordaq, and Shell. She joined Fairweather in 2012, where she has worked as a project manager for offshore research programs, Protected Species Observer, logistics coordinator, and serves as the lead permitter on several exploration programs, among other roles. She is active in organizations like the Alaska Support Industry Alliance, Resource Development Council, Alaska Association for Environmental Professionals, among others. Willow is currently working toward a graduate certificate in Environmental Regulations and Permitting at UAA, and a second master's degree in Public Administration from UAS. She is an avid outdoorswoman: hunter, fisher, pilot, and mountain runner.

- More -

- **ALASKA OIL & GAS PROJECT OF THE YEAR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND INNOVATION, sponsored by STOEL RIVES: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's TAPS Milepost 18 Mainline Inspection and Repair**
The Alaska Oil and Gas Project of the Year for Environmental Stewardship and Innovation, sponsored by Stoel Rives, honors an Alaska oil and gas industry project that demonstrates superior environmental stewardship in its area of design, construction or operation and/or an innovative approach that sets a new standard for industry design, construction or operation in Alaska. Alyeska's Milepost 18 Mainline Inspection and Repair project repaired a portion of the TAPS right of way at Mile Post 18. The presence of fish-bearing surface water lakes/ponds and shallow groundwater made the work highly complex. Through use of several innovative solutions, including: use of sheet piling; drilling of dewatering wells; settling pond construction; and fish passage diversion, more than 127 million gallons of water were safely removed and treated during the project.

MARILYN CROCKETT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Jennifer Julian, BP Alaska

The Marilyn Crockett Lifetime Achievement Award is named in honor of the former AOGA Executive Director who dedicated her entire 41-year career to, as she stated, "growing Alaska's economy through a vibrant oil and gas sector in the state." This award honors the dedication Marilyn displayed during her career: exceptional devotion of time, effort, thought, and action consistently shown in his/her work for the betterment of the oil and gas industry in Alaska. Jennifer Julian has spent her 28-year career in Alaska involved in all aspects of wellwork, especially at Prudhoe Bay. She has authored 16 papers for the Society of Petroleum Engineers on the various components of well intervention, and has presented around the world on Alaska's oil interventions and innovations. Jennifer has dedicated countless hours to teaching and mentoring engineering students in Alaska, especially women, and has led volunteer efforts for the American Heart Association, the Food Bank of Alaska, and the United Way.

Awards were received and reviewed by a seven-person committee made up of industry experts, both active and retired, in the fields of government and public affairs; business; environmental and regulatory affairs; land management; and environmental law.

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at www.aoga.org, on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), and twitter (@AOGA).

###