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**Press Release**

**Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce calls for speedy passage of oil tanker ban**

**Tofino BC, December 14, 2010** – The Tofino-Long Beach Chamber of Commerce supports in its entirety the private member’s bill introduced by Vancouver Quadra MP Joyce Murray this morning that would impose a legislated ban on oil tankers through Canada’s Pacific north coast.

This morning the Chamber sent a letter to the Prime Minister that communicated this position, and asked for the full support of Mr. Harper’s government.

“We speak for our membership in welcoming this bill and we hope that it receives the full support of all Members of Parliament in British Columbia, and across Canada,” says Don Travers, President of TLBCC. “This bill will put an end to nearly forty years of struggle and the sooner it passes, the better.”

“The importance of this bill,” concludes Travers, “is that it would eliminate the need to fight these projects every time they come up. Coastal communities would have the certainty of clear, permanent protection.”

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