

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2006
To: Environmental Quality Commission
From: Stephanie Hallock, Director
Subject: Agenda Item E, Informational Item: Ecological Business Recognition
October 6, 2006 EQC Meeting

Purpose of Item To recognize the two businesses in the Astoria / Warrenton area that have been certified under the “Ecological Business Program”

Background The Eco-Logical Business Program recognizes businesses in Oregon that reach the highest standards in minimizing their environmental impact. This was the first multi-media (air, water, solid waste) certification program in the nation. It was developed by staff from multiple agencies including DEQ.¹ Currently businesses in the automotive services and landscaping sectors are eligible for certification. These businesses must complete an extensive checklist covering multiple topics including hazardous waste management, spill prevention, recycling, purchasing, employee training and involvement. They must meet all of the legal and program requirements and 80% of the electives in order to become certified. Currently there are 68 automotive businesses certified throughout the state.²

EQC Involvement The EQC recognizes two of the newest “Ecobiz” certified businesses and the first two in Clatsop County. TJ’s Auto Repair in Warrenton became the first certified shop in Clatsop County this April. Tim Dowell is the owner of TJ’s Auto Repair and is here to represent this outstanding business and his hardworking staff. He has already received his certificate but we wanted to formally recognize this

¹ The agencies that developed the Ecological Business Program include: City of [Gresham](#), City of [Portland](#), City of [Troutdale](#), [Clackamas County](#), [Washington County](#), [Metro](#), [Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#), and [Clean Water Services](#).

² Geographic breakdown of certified shops:
Southern OR - 2
North Coast - 1
Eastern OR - 4
Eugene - 3
Albany - 1
Salem – 6
Portland Metro area - 51

outstanding achievement.

The next shop that we would like to recognize is the Clatsop County Public Works shop in Astoria. Sasha Raichl is the shop foreman and is here to represent this exceptional shop. They just recently became certified and we would like to present this certificate to them to recognize this outstanding achievement.”

Available Upon Request List of certified Ecological Businesses in the state.

Approved:

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