

\$US 43.7 Million granted to Tides Canada Foundation - and re-granted to whom?

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[Tides Canada Recipients.pdf \(38.68 KB\)](#),

[Tides Canada Newsletter No....pdf \(71.88 KB\)](#)

Mr. McMillan,

I do not seem to have received any communication from you since 15 January 2010.

As you know, I am concerned about the "reform" of aquaculture and the lack of transparency in the U.S. funding for this. As I believe that this is a matter of public interest, I am copying this e-mail to the Mayors and Members of Parliament in coastal areas which are affected by the controversy over aquaculture. I will also post this at my blog: www.fair-questions.com

As I have mentioned before, according to my analysis of U.S. tax returns, American foundations have granted at least \$US 43.7 million to Tides Canada Foundation. Please see:

<http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/01/tides-canada-43-million.html>

The attached table attempts to list the B.C. environmental organizations and universities (SFU and UBC) that Tides Canada Foundation reports as grant recipients. I compiled this table from information posted at the website of Tides Canada: <http://tidescanada.org/about/grant-recipients/>

In general, I am writing to ask Tides Canada Foundation to provide information about to whom funds from U.S. foundations have been re-granted, and for what purpose. As I have asked before, my specific questions include the following:

- 1) Who is the "dedicated funder" (see the attached newsletter from Tides Canada) who made it possible for Tides Canada to initiate the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (CAAR)? Was the "dedicated funder" the Packard foundation? According to U.S. tax returns, the Packard foundation granted \$346,500 to initiate CAAR in 2002: <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/files/us346500-2.jpg>
- 2) What is the origin of funds that Tides Canada Foundation granted:
 - a) for sea lice research done under the auspices of the University of Alberta?
 - b) for three grants (see below) to Alexandra Morton's non-profit organization, Raincoast Research Society?
 - c) to Simon Fraser University and to UBC, and, for what purpose were these funds granted?

According to my calculations, the David & Lucile Packard Foundation and the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation have granted at least \$US 14.1 million and \$US 9.2 million to Tides Canada Foundation, respectively. I believe that its fair to ask Tides Canada to say to whom funds from the Packard foundation, and the Moore foundation, have been re-granted. Here's why: 1) The Packard foundation implements a "Market Intervention" strategy and, according to my calculations, has granted about \$US 75 million to sway the seafood market, especially for salmon. 2) The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation funded the co-ordination of an "antifarming campaign" involving "science messages" and "earned media" to shift consumer and retailer demand away from farmed salmon. Both the Packard foundation and the Moore foundation have heavily funded scientific journals (eg. SCIENCE, PLoS, and Conservation Biology) in which sea lice research done under the auspices of the University of Alberta is published. At the time, the Editor-in-Chief of SCIENCE was a trustee of the Packard foundation:

<http://www.packard.org/genericDetails.aspx?RootCatID=2&CategoryID=205&ItemID=2128>

By way of background regarding my concerns and questions about Packard and Moore funding, please see:

- 1) \$US 75 Million from the Packard foundation for projects to sway the seafood market, especially for salmon: <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/02/75-million-packard.html>
- 2) 56 Packard-funded organizations that appear to act in concert to sway the global salmon market: <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/01/does-packard-sway.html>
- 3) \$US 12.7 Million for work with Wal-Mart and other "Large U.S. Retailers:": <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/02/12-million-large-us-retailers.html>
- 4) Moore funds to "immobilize" salmon farming in B.C.: <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/02/is-moore-fair.html>
- 5) Moore grants for demarketing farmed salmon that were re-written: <http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/01/grants-rewritten-by-moore.html>

In closing, please allow me to re-iterate that I am not opposed to American funding. I do believe that it should be out in the open.

Sincerely,
 Vivian Krause
 604.618.8110

- c.c.
- Dr. Mark Lewis, Professor, University of Alberta
 - Dr. Martin Krkosek, NSERC-funded Research Fellow, University of Washington
 - Ms. Alexandra Morton, Raincoast Research Society
 - Dr. Indira Samarasekera, President, University of Alberta
 - Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President, NSERC
 - Dr. Dr. Michael Stevenson, President, Simon Fraser University (c/o Ms. Mavis MacMillen, Director, Office of the President of Simon Fraser University)
 - Ms. Patricia Stevens, Director of the President's Office, The University of British Columbia
 - Mrs. Carol E. Wilson, CEO, The David & Lucile Packard Foundation, (c/o Ms. Cathy Winter)
 - Mr. Steve McCormick, President, The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
 - Mayor Gerry Furney, Port McNeill
 - Mayor Michael Berry, Alert Bay
 - Mayor Bev Parnham, Port Hardy
 - Mayor Gail Neely, Port Alice
 - Mayor Charlie Cornfield, Campbell River
 - Mayor Paul Ives, Comox
 - Mayor Fred Bates, Cumberland
 - Mayor Greg Phelps, Courtenay
 - Mayor Darren Inkster, Sechelt
 - Mayor Stewart Alsgard, Powell River
 - Mayor John Ruttan, Nanaimo
 - Mayor Rob Hutchins, Ladysmith
 - Mayor John Fraser, Tofino
 - Mayor Ken MacRae, Port Alberni
 - Mayor Eric Rusher, Ucluelet
 - Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan
 - Mayor Jack Mussallem, Prince Rupert
 - Dr. James Lunney, Member of Parliament, Nanaimo - Alberni
 - Mr. John Duncan, Member of Parliament, Vancouver Island North

On Thursday, February 04, 2010, at 08:29PM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:
 >Mr. McMillan,
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 >I don't seem to have heard back from you since my e-mail, below.
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 >For your reference, I've re-attached my letter from 26 November 2009.
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 >My main questions are:
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>1) Who is the "dedicated funder" that made it possible for Tides Canada to initiate the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform in the first place? Was it the David and Lucile Packard Foundation?

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>2) To whom has Tides Canada re-granted the \$US 43.7 million that you have apparently been granted by U.S. foundations since 2000?

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>3) The paper by Krkosek et al. (2007), published in SCIENCE, acknowledges funding from Tides Canada. What is the origin of the funds that Tides Canada granted for the University of Alberta's sea lice research?

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>4) What is the origin of the three grants that Tides Canada has made to Alexandra Morton's non-profit organization, Raincoast Research? According to Ms. Cummings, these three grants originated from two different sources. In particular, I would like to know whether any of this funding originated with the David & Lucile Packard Foundation. One of the trustees of that foundation was also the Editor-in-Chief of SCIENCE where the sea lice research was publicized. Its fair to ask whether funding for this sea lice research was received from a foundation of which the reviewer was simultaneously a trustee.

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>In closing, I would like to make it clear that I am not opposed to U.S. funding. My concern is simply that this is properly disclosed.

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>Sincerely,
>Vivian Krause

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>On Friday, January 15, 2010, at 12:51PM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:
>>Mr. McMillan,
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>>Perhaps you could ask the "dedicated funder" for authorization?
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>>On Friday, January 15, 2010, at 12:45PM, "Ross McMillan" <ross@tidescanada.org> wrote:
>>>Dear Vivian...
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>>>As outlined in my earlier correspondence to you, I am not at liberty to
>>>share confidential donor information with you unless authorized by a
>>>specific donor. As stated previously, I confirm that Tides Canada made
>>>three earlier grants to the Raincoast Research Society. Thank you again
>>>for your interest in our work.
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>>>Ross McMillan
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>>>-----Original Message-----
>>>From: Vivian Krause [mailto:vivian.krause@mac.com]
>>>Sent: January-15-10 11:42 AM
>>>To: Ross McMillan
>>>Cc: David Johnson; Gerry Furney; Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca; LunneJ@parl.gc.ca;
>>>Sarah Goodman
>>>Subject: Re: Grants to Raincoast Research Society and the Coastal
>>>Alliance for Aquaculture Reform
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>>>Mr. McMillan,
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>>>I do not seem to have heard from you since 11 December 2009.
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>>>As I noted then, I would like to know who is the "dedicated funder" that
>>>made it possible for Tides Canada Foundation to begin funding CAAR in
>>>2001. I would also like to know to whom Tides Canada Foundation has
>>>re-granted the \$43 million that you received from American foundations.
>>>If you are not going to answer my questions, I would appreciate it if
>>>you would let me know.
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>>>I have created a web-site which attempts to raise fair questions about

>>>the American funding behind the "reform" of salmon farming and the
 >>>demarketing of farmed salmon: <http://fair-questions.com/> You'll note
 >>>that I have raised questions about American funding granted through
 >>>Tides Canada. You are welcome to comment.

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 >>>Here's the link that specifically mentions Tides Canada Foundation:
 >>><http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/01/6xx-to-whom-did-ti-des-canada-foundation-regrant-us-429-million-from-american-sources.html>
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>>>Sincerely,
 >>>Vivian Krause

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 >>>On Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at 12:30PM, "Vivian Krause"
 >>><vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>Mr. McMillan,
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 >>>>I am writing to let you know that I don't seem to have heard from you
 >>>>since 11 December 2009.

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 >>>>Would it be possible for Tides Canada Foundation to provide answers to
 >>>>my questions, below, before the end of this year?

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 >>>>Sincerely,
 >>>>Vivian Krause

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 >>>>On Friday, December 11, 2009, at 11:05AM, "Vivian Krause"
 >>>><vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>>Mr. McMillan,
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 >>>>>Thank you for your reply.

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 >>>>>My letter of 26 November 2009 (attached) had three questions.
 >>>>>Regarding the third question, would Tides Canada Foundation disclose the
 >>>>>combined, total amount of the three grants that you mention below? If
 >>>>>the amount is merely a small portion of the total Revenues of Raincoast
 >>>>>Research Society, perhaps this becomes a mute point.

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 >>>>>The first two questions of my letter of 26 November 2009 are:

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 >>>>>>1) Who is the "dedicated funder" that made it possible for Tides
 >>>>>>Canada Foundation to begin funding CAAR back in 2001?
 >>>>>>Please see the attached newsletter from Tides Canada.

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 >>>>>>2) According to my analysis of U.S. tax returns and on-line databases,
 >>>>>>Tides Canada Foundation has been granted more than \$US 42.9 million from
 >>>>>>three large, American foundations (please see the attached files). How
 >>>>>>much of that \$US 42.9 million has been re-granted directly or indirectly
 >>>>>>to Raincoast Research Society, the David Suzuki Foundation, Living
 >>>>>>Oceans Society (through Ecojustice) and other members of CAAR?

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 >>>>>>I would appreciate your response to the above questions.

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 >>>>>>Sincerely,
 >>>>>>Vivian Krause

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 >>>>>>On Friday, December 11, 2009, at 07:14AM, "Ross McMillan"
 >>>>>><ross@tidescanada.org> wrote:

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 >>>>>>>Dear Vivian,
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