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\$ 7 million from Tides Canada for 20 organizations & campaigns that would block Canadian oil exports and/or thwart the Alberta oil industry

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Mr. McMillan,

According to my analysis of the U.S. tax returns for 2008 and 2009, Tides Canada has paid at least \$7 million to 20 organizations and campaigns that would block Canadian oil exports to Asia, and/or tackle the Alberta oil industry. For your review, I have presented my calculations and analysis.

If anything here is factually incorrect, or if I have missed any important points, please let me know.

Sincerely,
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\$7 Million from Tides Canada for 20 Organizations & Campaigns that Would Thwart The Canadian Oil Industry

According to my analysis of U.S. tax returns for 2008 and 2009, Tides Canada paid [\\$7 million to 20 organizations and campaigns](#) that would block Canadian oil exports to Asia or tackle the Canadian oil industry. In most cases, it is unclear how much of the total grant was spent specifically on projects directed towards the oil industry; that amount may be small or zero.

	Recipient	2008	2009	2008-2009
Great Bear Rainforest Initiative (GBR)	Rainforest Solutions (Members are Forest Ethics, Greenpeace & Sierra Club)		\$848,966	\$848,966
	Forest Ethics Canada		\$783,603	\$783,603
	Sierra Club of BC	\$341,198	\$191,684	\$532,882
	Turning Point Initiative		\$505,134	\$505,134
	Ecotrust Canada (for the Great Bear Rainforest Initiative & work with the Heiltsuk)	\$306,494		\$306,494
PNCIMA	Pacific Wild Project - has a No Tankers/No Pipeline campaign to protect the GBR		\$264,262	\$264,262
	Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS)	\$684,639		\$684,639
	David Suzuki Foundation	\$377,586		\$377,586
	Ecojustice	\$339,378		\$339,378
Members of Pipe Up Against Enbridge	World Wildlife Fund	\$336,379		\$336,379
	SkeenaWild Conservation Trust		\$328,378	\$328,378
	QQS (Eyes) Projects Society	\$149,900	\$101,149	\$251,049
	Oceans Initiative (Living Oceans Society)		\$91,697	\$91,697
	NWIBRS (Friends of Wild Salmon)		\$74,432	\$74,432
Supportive of a Tanker Ban, According to Forest Ethics	T. Buck Szuki Foundation	\$18,500	\$30,649	\$49,149
	Headwaters Initiative		\$248,246	\$248,246
	Driftwood Foundation (for Skeena Watershed)	\$93,917	\$73,480	\$167,397
	Georgia Straight Alliance	\$78,000	\$12,125	\$90,125
Anti-Oil Sands Campaigns	Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Assoc. Inc. (Dogwood Initiative)	\$40,654	\$46,639	\$87,293
	Yukon Conservation Society		\$16,225	\$16,225
	Ducks Unlimited - a member of the Boreal Songbird Initiative	\$200,000	\$191,773	\$391,773
	Tides Canada Initiatives Society - for a "Tar Sands Education Project"		\$202,608	\$202,608
	EDF Canada Inc. \$105,000 was ear-marked "Toxic Tar Sands Project - Phase I"	\$105,000	\$14,011	\$119,011
	Rainforest Action Network Canada - a member of RETHINK ALBERTA		\$62,510	\$62,510
	Popular Education & Research Catalyst Centre Inc. Funds were ear-marked "Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign"	\$9,750		\$9,750
Sierra Club of Canada Funds were ear-marked "Prairie Chapter Tar Sands Campaign"	\$7,450		\$7,450	
NOTE: It is not implied that all funds that were used for campaigns to tackle the Canadian oil industry.		\$3,091,053	\$4,089,580	\$7,176,616

The 25 organizations and campaigns and the amounts that they were granted by Tides Canada, are listed below along with excerpts from the U.S. tax returns for Tides Canada.

\$3.2 million to organizations involved in the Great Bear Rainforest:

Environmental organizations object to oil tanker traffic on the north coast of B.C. because they say that it would endanger the Great Bear Rainforest. In essence, the Great Bear Rainforest has become the Great Trade Barrier to Canadian oil exports to Asia.

- [\\$848,966](#) was for the [Rainforest Solutions Project](#), "in support of ongoing work to implement ecosystem-based management in the Great Bear Rainforest." The groups that make up the Rainforest Solutions Project are [Forest Ethics Canada](#), [Greenpeace](#), and [the Sierra Club of B.C.](#)
- [\\$505,134](#) for ongoing work of the Turning Point Initiative ([Coastal First Nations](#)) "to implement ecosystem-based management in the Great Bear Rainforest."
- [\\$783,603](#) "for capacity building support of [Forest Ethics Canada](#)"
- \$532,882 ([\\$341,198](#) and [\\$191,684](#)) to the Sierra Club of B.C.
- [\\$306,494](#) for [Ecotrust](#) Canada
- [\\$264,262](#) in support of [Pacific Wild](#), a project "to protect the lands and waters of the Great Bear Rainforest." Pacific Wild has a No Tankers/No Pipeline campaign

\$1.7 million to members of the PNCIMA Initiative:

Member organizations of the PNCIMA Initiative object to oil tanker traffic in the Great Bear Rainforest.

- [\\$684,839](#) to the Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
- [\\$377,586](#) to the David Suzuki Foundation
- [\\$339,378](#) to Ecojustice
- [\\$336,379](#) to the World Wildlife Fund

\$1.3 million to members of Pipe Up Against Enbridge:

- [\\$328,378](#) to Skeena Wild Conservation Trust
- \$251,049 ([\\$149,900](#) and [\\$101,049](#)) to QQS (Eyes) Projects Society
- [\\$91,697](#) "for the Oceans Initiative's acoustic habitat quality for northeast Pacific marine mammals research project." [Living Oceans Society](#) says that it is funded by the [Oceans Fund at Tides Canada](#).
- \$74,432 ([\\$73,000](#) and [\\$74,432](#)) to the Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society
- \$49,149 ([\\$30,649](#) and [\\$18,500](#)) to the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation

For the list of partner organizations in Pipe Up Against Enbridge, click [here](#).

In addition to the above, the U.S. Tides Foundation paid the Turning Point [\\$US 27,000](#) "to hire a co-ordinator to engage with government, industry, environmental groups, media and the public regarding the proposed Enbridge Gateway tar sands pipeline."

\$835,397 paid to organizations that are supportive of a coastal tanker ban, according to Forest Ethics:

- [\\$248,246](#) and \$167,397 for the Headwaters Initiative
- \$167,397 ([\\$93,917](#) and [\\$73,480](#)) for the Driftwood Foundation
- [\\$90,125](#) for the Georgia Straight Alliance
- [\\$16,625](#) for the Yukon Conservation Society

\$324,808 for organizations involved in Various Campaigns Against Developing the Alberta Oil

Sands:

- \$321,619 ([\\$202,608](#), [\\$105,000](#) and [\\$14,011](#)) for Environmental Defense which has a "Toxic Tar Sands" campaign.
- [\\$9,750](#) for an indigenous tar sands educational campaign
- [\\$7,450](#) for the "Prairie Chapter Tar Sands Campaign"

Other campaigns and projects that tackle the Alberta oil industry:

- \$391,773 ([\\$200,000](#) and [\\$191,773](#)) for Ducks Unlimited, a member of the Boreal Songbird Initiative. The Boreal Songbird Initiative runs an [Alberta Tar Sands Initiative](#) which publicizes negative information about Alberta's oil sands.
- [\\$62,510](#) "for general support of [Rainforest Action Network Canada](#)." This project calls itself "[Environmentalism With Teeth](#)." Rainforest Action Network is a member of RETHINK ALBERTA
- \$87,293 for the Dogwood Initiative ([\\$40,654](#) and [\\$46,639](#))
- [\\$13,629](#) for the Westcoast Environmental Law Research Foundation (WELRF) for "Mobilizing First Nations Against Climate Change." WELRF was also paid \$100,000 by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Inc. "... to prevent the development of a tanker port and pipeline that would endanger the Great Bear Rainforest."

Not included in the above are:

- [\\$133,763](#) paid to the University of Toronto "*in support of an independent university platform to develop and disseminate peer-reviewed information about the interplay between tar sands development and continental water availability and use, with particular focus on the effects this expansion will have on water quality and quantity, specifically in the Great Lakes basin.*"
- [\\$307,581](#) "for general support of Canadians for the Climate Leadership project." This project is part of or involved with [Power Up Canada](#), an initiative led by Tzeporah Berman to get the federal government of Canada to enact laws and policies with regards to global warming.
- [\\$5,823](#) for Check Your Head which, according to Forest Ethics, is also supportive of a ban on oil tanker traffic.

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