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HALF of Tides Canada's grants for 2009 were for the north/central coast of B.C.

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Mr. McMillan,

On the basis of the analysis that I've presented below, it appears to me that in 2009, nearly HALF of all grants made by Tides Canada were for organizations or projects that are working on the north/central coast of B.C. Is this correct?

Of all the places in Canada, may I ask: why is Tides Canada focusing so much of your resources on such a small but highly strategic part of the Canadian coastline?

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

Sincerely,
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HALF of Tides Canada's Grants for B.C.'s North/Central Coast (2009)

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According to my calculations and analysis, shown below, during 2009, Tides Canada made grants for a total of \$9.4 million. Of that, about half (48 percent) was spent on projects targeting B.C.'s north/central coast.

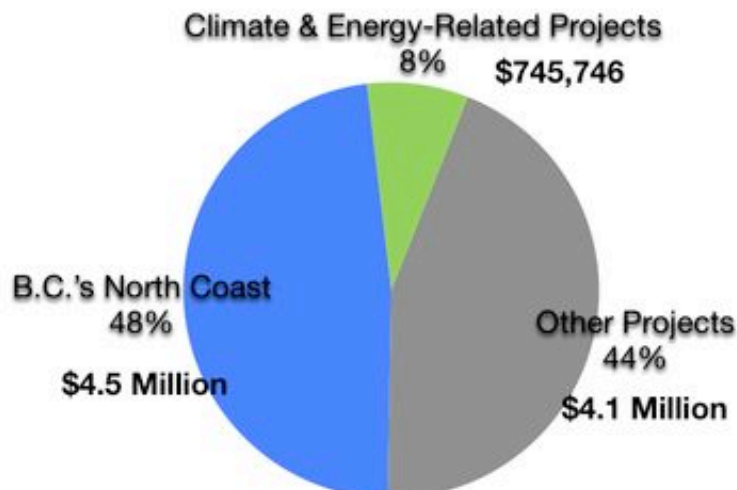
In 2008, the percentage of resources designated for B.C.'s north/central coast would have been even higher since Tides Canada made a mega-grant for [\\$27.3 million](#) to the Coast Conservation Endowment Fund Foundation, a non-profit that benefits exclusively, a select group of First Nations on the north/central coast of B.C. That one grant alone accounted for 73 percent of the total funds that Tides Canada granted in 2008. For 2010, Tides Canada's U.S. tax return is not yet publicly available and has not been provided by Tides Canada.

This analysis suggests to me that of all the places in Canada, and of all the issues that Tides Canada could tackle, Tides Canada has chosen to focus a large proportion of its resources on a small but strategic part of the coastline of Canada: the north/central coast of B.C. This happens to be right smack where oil tankers would need to travel in order to allow Canadian oil to be exported to Asia.

It may be that Tides Canada's focus on the north/central coast of B.C. is just a coincidence. Regardless, by providing such a large amount of money to a large number of organizations that oppose oil tanker traffic on B.C.'s coast, Tides Canada appears to me to be playing a lead role in making possible a concerted effort that would landlock Canadian oil within North America, and continue the U.S.'s virtual monopoly on Canadian oil exports. It's easy for me to see how this benefits the United States but I do not see how this is in the best interests of Canada

nor other countries.

Tides Canada Grants (2009): \$9.4 Million				
		Amount		% of Total
For projects on B.C.'s north coast	From Tides Canada Foundation	\$892,007	\$4,518,196	48%
	From Tides Canada Initiatives Society	\$3,626,189		
For climate and energy-related projects		\$745,746		8%
All other projects		\$4,181,313		44%
		\$9,445,255		100%



Tides Canada Initiatives Society Grants for Projects on B.C.'s North Coast (2009)			Amount
Rainforest Solutions Project	In support of ongoing work to implement ecosystem-based management in the Great Bear Rainforest		\$848,966
Forest Ethics Canada	For capacity building support of Forest Ethics Canada project		\$783,603
Turning Point Initiative	For ongoing work to implement ecosystem-based management in the Great Bear Rainforest as requested in correspondence and supporting		\$505,134
Canopy (fka Markets Initiative)	For various conservation initiatives of Canopy		\$404,565
Pacific Wild Project	In support of Pacific Wild's various projects		\$264,262
Headwaters Initiative	In support of the conservation work of Klabona Keepers in the Sacred Headwaters region		\$248,246
Shardick	To advance conservation in the Taku via the acquisition and operation of Taku Safari		\$192,648
Rivers Without Borders	In support of Rivers Without Borders work with the Taku Tlingit for conservation of the Taku watershed		\$177,919
Oceans Initiative	For Oceans Initiative's acoustic habitat quality for northeast Pacific marine mammals research project		\$91,697
Rainforest Action Network Canada	For general support of the Rainforest Action Network Canada		\$62,510
Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Association Inc. (AKA The Dogwood Initiative)	To support Dogwood Initiative's Coastal Oil Tanker Campaign to protect BC's wild northern waters and intact ecosystems from the threat of five proposed tar sands related projects.		\$46,639
Sub-total:			\$3,626,189

Tides Canada Foundation Grants for Projects on B.C.'s North Coast (2009)			Amount
SkeenaWild Conservation Trust	In support of wild salmon habitat conservation in the Skeena watershed as described in the attached plan		\$328,378
Sierra Club of BC Foundation	To provide program support in 2009 for the Sierra Club of Canada BC chapter's efforts to protect British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest and other activities that will strengthen and further the delivery of environmental conservation goals.		\$191,684

QQS (Eyes) Projects (GBR)	For support of QQS camps program and field monitoring initiatives, Big House and CoastWatch projects.	\$101,149
Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society	For the purposes of providing coordination support to the Friends of Wild Sockeye Coalition (up to \$15,000) and; to undertake an assessment of at-risk sockeye salmon populations associated with small lakes in the Skeena watershed (up to \$45,000)	\$74,432
Driftwood Foundation Society	In support of providing ongoing legal and policy advice to Skeena Wild and partner organizations for salmon conservation and in-region conservation capacity and protection of Skeena watershed and Taku wild salmon habitat	\$73,480
BC Spaces for Nature	To support research on the status of mining claims in the lower Taku and the analysis and promotion of options to mitigate downstream impacts of mining in the Tulsequah drainage of the Taku watershed.	\$43,784
SOS Marine Conservation Foundation	In support of Save Our Salmon Initiative's Salmon Aquaculture Innovation program	\$43,784
North Coast Cetacean Society	For general support	\$25,684
Western Canada Wilderness Committee	In support of the Public Lands and Ancient Forest Campaign to protect old growth forests in British Columbia and Great Bear conservation campaign	\$9,632
		\$892,007

Tides Canada Initiatives Society Grants To Tackle the Canadian Energy & Oil Industry (2009)		Amount
Canadians for Climate Leadership	For general support of Canadians for Climate Leadership project	\$307,581
Tar Sands Education Project	To support the Tar Sands Research project's research and communications work on Alberta's energy footprint	\$202,608
Ducks Unlimited Canada	In support of the Athabasca Watershed water quality research and research to document the extent of polycyclic hydrocarbon being released from Alberta tar	\$191,773
T. Buck Suzuki Foundation	To support the North Coast Energy Impact Education Campaign, per your proposal dated October 30, 2009	\$30,649
Coast Conservation Endowment Fund Foundation	In support of the Renewable Energy Options for First Nations in the Great Bear Rainforest project that will complete a feasibility assessment	\$13,135
	Sub-total:	\$745,746