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David Suzuki Foundation Paid At Least \$10 Million by USA Foundations

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Mr. Robinson,

I'm writing to let you know that I've up-dated the post at my blog, which is titled, "[David Suzuki Foundation Paid At Least \\$10 Million by USA Foundations](#)." For a link to that, please click [here](#).

For your review, I've provided the post below.

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

Sincerely,
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Since the late 1990s, American foundations have paid at least \$10 million to the David Suzuki Foundation, according to my calculations based on U.S. tax returns and other records.

As I have reviewed the amounts and the stated purposes for which U.S. funds have been paid to the David Suzuki Foundation, I have noticed that:

- Most if not all grants are for projects in British Columbia. To the best of my knowledge, not a single grant was specifically for any other province in Canada. A number of the grants, especially the largest grants, were for projects specifically on the north/central coast of B.C. Many grants, including some of the largest, were for projects specifically for work with First Nations.
- The majority of the grants from U.S. foundations were before 2003. In 2003, Tides Canada Foundation obtained equivalency status in the United States and then began to receive substantial funding from U.S. foundations. U.S. tax returns show that American foundations have paid nearly [\\$57 million](#) to Tides Canada. The David Suzuki Foundation is listed as a [grant recipient of Tides Canada](#) in 2003, 2004, and from 2006 to 2008. How much American money the David Suzuki Foundation was paid *indirectly*, through Tides Canada is not known except for 2006 and 2008, when it was paid [\\$11,000](#) and [\\$377,586](#), respectively.
- The project for which most funds were granted appears to be the Pacific Salmon Forests Project. This is the project that produced, among other things, the brochure titled, [Why You Shouldn't Eat Farmed](#)

Salmon.

- A number of grants were specifically for projects to thwart the salmon farming industry. For example, the Lazar Foundation paid the David Suzuki Foundation "[for legal action challenging the expansion of salmon feedlots in British Columbia.](#)" The Lazar Foundation also paid the David Suzuki Foundation "[for testing farmed salmon for contamination and publishing the results.](#)"
- Both the Lazar Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts paid the David Suzuki Foundation for publishing and publicizing the findings of research - even before the results were known.
- Scientific, media work, legal action and work with First Nations seems to be all rolled into one. Perhaps this is best exemplified in two grants for \$425,000 from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. As shown below, the stated purpose for which this money was to be used was for "*Toward scientific, legal, media and First Nations community organizing work in British Columbia.*"

DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION Vancouver, Canada	Toward its scientific, legal, media, and First Nations community organizing work in British Columbia.	225,000	225,000
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DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION
 Vancouver, Canada \$200,000 over 2 years
 For its work organizing First Nations' work on long-term conservation issues along the coast of British Columbia.

Below, here are the excerpts from U.S. tax returns for each of the grants for a total of more than \$10 million. For a .pdf document that compiles most of these grants in one document, click [here](#).

W. Altman Jones

- [\\$200,000](#) in 1998 to protect the ecological diversity of the Haida Gwaii and the B.C. coast, from the Alaska panhandle to Vancouver, through public education.
- [\\$265,000](#) in 1999 to collaborate with First Nations partners to conserve the remaining coastal temperate rainforests of British Columbia
- [\\$200,000](#) in 2000 to conserve globally significant temperate rainforests in northern British Columbia by collaborating with small coastal communities to develop sustainable economies based on alternatives to industrial logging.

Brainerd

- [\\$25,000](#) in 2002

Bullitt

- [\\$35,000](#) in 2000
- [\\$85,000](#) in 2001

- [\\$55,000](#) in 2002
- [\\$50,000](#) in 2004
- [\\$90,000](#) in 2005
- [\\$130,000](#) in 2006
- [\\$40,000](#) in 2007
- [\\$80,000](#) in 2007
- [\\$80,000](#) in 2008

Goldman

- [\\$150,000](#) (1999 - 2001) for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project.
- [\\$30,000](#) in 2002 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project.
- At the same time that Goldman funded the David Suzuki Foundation for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project, Goldman also funded the Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy (I.A.T.P.) for a project called the "[Ending Industrial Aquaculture Campaign](#)."

Hewlett

- [\\$315,000](#) in 1999 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2000 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2001 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2002 for the forestry and Turning Point programs
- [\\$750,000](#) in 2004 for the Turning Point Initiative

Kendall

- [\\$10,000](#) in 1997
- [\\$50,000](#) for 2000/2001

Lannan Foundation

- [\\$330,000](#) in 2000 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2001 for Salmon Projects
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2002 for Salmon Projects
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2003 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$250,000](#) in 2003 for the Turning Point Initiative
- [\\$233,915](#) in 2005 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$125,000](#) in 2005 for the Turning Point Initiative

Lazar Foundation

- [\\$20,000](#) in 1998
- [\\$11,500](#) in 2000. The foundation's on-line database says that this grant was "[for testing farmed salmon for contamination and publishing the results](#)."
- [\\$12,500](#) in 2001. The foundation's on-line database says that this grant was "[for legal action challenging the](#)

[expansion of salmon feedlots in British Columbia.](#)"

Homeland Foundation

- [\\$75,000](#) in 1997
- [\\$40,000](#) in 1999
- [\\$20,000](#) in 2000
- [\\$40,000](#) in 2001
- [\\$40,000](#) in 2002
- [\\$45,000](#) in 2003
- [\\$45,000](#) in 2004

Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation

- [\\$450,000](#) in 2004 to protect the abundance and diversity of wild salmon stocks on the coast of B.C. Of this, \$150,000 was paid in 2004, [\\$150,000](#) was paid in 2005 and [\\$120,000](#) was paid in 2006.
- [\\$471,972](#) in 2006 for Reframing marine conservation in British Columbia
- [\\$10,270](#) for mapping the fisheries management process in British Columbia
- [\\$130,334](#) in 2009 for Sustaining an Area-Based Management Constituency for the PNCIMA Initiative
- [\\$329,525](#) in 2010 for Salmon Market Standards. (Note: this grant is not included in the [.pdf document](#)).

David & Lucile Packard Foundation

- [\\$362,600](#) in 2000 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$24,500](#) in 2001 for support for staff development
- [\\$400,000](#) in 2002 for the Pacific Salmon Forests Project
- [\\$175,000](#) in 2003 for marine conservation on the central and north coast of B.C.
- [\\$200,000](#) in 2003 for the Turning Point
- [\\$340,000](#) in 2004 for marine and terrestrial conservation programs on the B.C. coast.

Pew Charitable Trusts

- [\\$181,000](#) granted through the Tides USA Foundation in 2001 "to assess and publicize the risks and impacts of salmon farming in British Columbia on the environment and to eliminate or curtail the indiscriminate slaughter of seals and sea lions by salmon farmers.
- I note that in 2002, Tides USA reported that it made two grants to the David Suzuki Foundation: [\\$84,600](#) "for a salmon project" and [\\$85,540](#) "for a salmon project." (Note: these two grants from Tides USA are not included in the [.pdf document](#)).

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

- [\\$200,000](#) in 2000 for work organizing First Nations work on long-term conservation issues along the coast of British Columbia. (Note: this grant is not included in the [.pdf document](#)).
- [\\$225,000](#) in 2001 "towards its scientific, legal, media and First Nations community organizing work in British Columbia." (Note: this grant is not included in the [.pdf document](#)).

[\\$75,000](#) for work on ecosystem-based forestry management in British Columbia

- [\\$94,796](#) to support two projects: 1) campaign to support the moratorium on oil and gas exploration and 2) a project designed to use advanced modeling techniques to predict the impact of global warming on global fish stocks in North America.

Wilburforce Foundation

- [\\$920,000](#) as per an e-mail from the Wilburforce Foundation. What surprises me, however, is that in the U.S. tax returns for the Wilburforce Foundation, not one grant directly to the David Suzuki Foundation is reported between 1999 and 2009. Whether the \$920,000 was granted in 1998 only, or whether it may have been granted *indirectly* through another organization, between 1997 and 2002, it not clear to me.

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