

**Tides Canada funds originating from U.S. sources**

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 Date: February 04, 2010 9:29:45 PM  
[Letter Tides Canada 26Nov0....pdf \(93.37 KB\)](#)

Mr. McMillan,

I don't seem to have heard back from you since my e-mail, below.

For your reference, I've re-attached my letter from 26 November 2009.

My main questions are:

- 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?
- 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?
- 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?
- 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.

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.

Sincerely,  
 Vivian Krause

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.

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

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

>>>>>Dear Vivian,

>>>>>Thank you for your email and letter of November 27th. I'm pleased  
 >>>>>that Tricia Cummings of our staff was able to provide you with  
 >>>>>information on grants and suggestions for researching the Charities  
 >>>>>Directorate T1030 database. Consistent with the information provided  
 >>>>>to you by Tricia, I confirm that Tides Canada Foundation has made  
 >>>>>three grants to Raincoast Research Society. As you know from your  
 >>>>>conversation with Tricia, owing to confidentiality requirements we  
 >>>>>are unable to provide specific information on donations to Tides  
 >>>>>Canada Foundation unless donors request otherwise. Thanks for your  
 >>interest in our work.

>>>>>Ross McMillan  
 >>>>>TIDEScanada

>>>>>-----Original Message-----

>>>>>From: Vivian Krause [mailto:vivian.krause@mac.com]  
 >>>>>Sent: November 27, 2009 9:29 AM  
 >>>>>To: Ross McMillan  
 >>>>>Cc: David Johnson; Gerry Furney; Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca;  
 >>>>>LunneJ@parl.gc.ca  
 >>>>>Subject: Grants to Raincoast Research Society and the Coastal  
 >>>>>Alliance for Aquaculture Reform

>>>>>Mr. McMillan,

>>>>>I called your office yesterday in order to introduce myself.

>>>>>Please see the attached letter and related items.

>>>>>At your earliest convenience, I would appreciate the opportunity to  
 >>>>> speak with you.

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

>>>>>Home: 604.984.4210  
 >>>>>Cell: 604.618.8110

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