



SUMMER 2012 UPDATE

HELLO PACIFIC WILD FRIENDS! ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST? IT'S BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING SUMMER THUS FAR FOR **PACIFIC WILD. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR CURRENT PROJECTS AND EXPEDITIONS. YOUR ONGOING INTEREST AND SUPPORT MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE!**

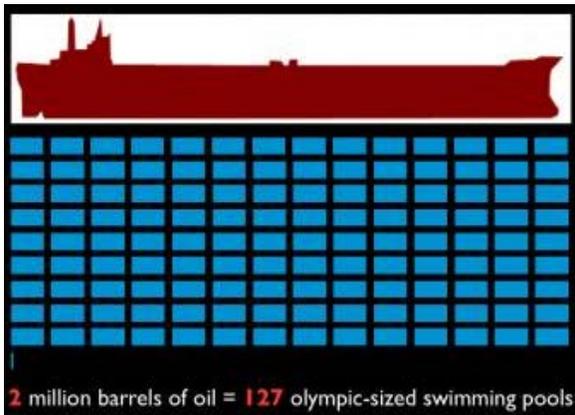
Voices for an Oil-Free Coast : Mike Richter - NHL Hall of Famer



Retired New York Ranger and NHL Hall of Fame goaltender Mike Richter shares his once-in-a-lifetime experience in Canada's Great Bear Rainforest - threatened by the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and supertankers. Recently Mike and his ten-year-old son Tom joined us in the Great Bear. After a week of sighting wolves, grizzly bears and whales, and with important visits to local Heiltsuk and Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation communities, Mike and Tom had a few

words to say about their trip and oil tankers in the Great Bear. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

Tanker Trouble



Finding it hard to visualize giant oil tankers traversing the waters of the Great Bear Rainforest? We agree, especially because the ones being proposed for the Douglas Channel and Camaano Sound would be in the **VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier)** class. VLCCs are over 1,100 feet long – as long as the Eiffel Tower is high, or the length of four full-grown Sitka spruce laid end-to-end. They can carry over two million barrels of tar sands oil, equivalent to 127 Olympic-sized swimming pools. One gallon of this tar-like oil entering the

fragile and sensitive waters of the Great Bear would be reckless and damaging. Two million barrels is unthinkable. [See more](#) about tankers.

Exploring the Deep

The [Central Coast Hydrophone Network](#) is a collaborative research project between the Heiltsuk First Nation and Pacific Wild that monitors and explores the underwater acoustic world of the B.C. coast. We are expanding the network in the Bella Bella area this summer with two more listening stations on the outer coast. The project's goal is to develop a baseline understanding of the acoustic environment for the central coast while also identifying critical whale habitat and acoustic refugia for species that depend on a quiet ocean to communicate, forage and reproduce.

Rob MacKenzie is working as our Marine Acoustics Technician and continues to improve our encoders, allowing us to pick up a broader range of frequencies. This means we have a better chance of hearing the full spectrum of passing whales' pings, clicks and whistles.



HEAR SOUNDS FROM THE DEEP:

Tune in to **92.3 FM** if you're local or go to our website for our 24-hour [LIVE STREAM](#).



Pacific Wild has been invited to sit on the newly formed [Marine Planning Partnership](#) for the North Pacific Coast otherwise known as MaPP. This multi-year collaborative marine planning process is working to develop a marine use plan for the region.

Halt the Hunt



This past spring saw an increase of trophy hunters coming to the Great Bear to "sport hunt" grizzly bears, black bears and wolves. Even in recently protected "Conservancy Areas" trophy hunters were found hidden in camouflaged blinds waiting for a bear to emerge from hibernation to feed on the new spring growth of sedges along the rivers and estuaries of the Great Bear. [Stop the trophy hunt](#).

Joint Review Panel - [Make Your Voice Heard](#)

Up and down the B.C. coast and across to the Rocky Mountains, thousands of citizens are telling the National Energy Board and the Canadian government an unequivocal NO to oil tankers.

Please join them and submit a Letter of Comment to the Joint Review Panel.

Letters of comment are due on or before

August 31st, 11 am Pacific Time.

[Submit](#) your letter of comment using the form on the Joint Review Panel website.

[Click here](#) to find helpful information about preparing your oral statement and writing your letter of comment. View schedule of [final hearing dates and locations](#).

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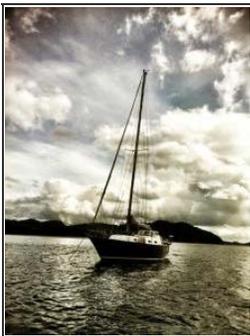
SEAS Summer Internship Program Begins



After a productive year of [SEAS \(Supporting Emerging Aboriginal Stewards\) Community Initiative](#) activities in the schools of Bella Bella, Klemtu and Hartley Bay, the SEAS Conservation Internship Program is off to a great start. Youth in the three communities are gaining hands-on experience in ecology and natural resource management. The six Bella Bella interns are spending eight weeks working alongside researchers from Pacific Wild and [Qqs Projects Society](#) to participate in a variety of projects including stream surveys, juvenile salmon counts,

hydrophone installations and Dolly Varden stomach content analysis. [Follow their blog](#) as they share their experiences in the Koye River watershed.

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Pacific Wild friends Michael Reid and Sarah Stoner take a compelling approach to presenting stories of the Great Bear Rainforest. **In 100 days, Mike and Sarah will write 100 letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper**, voicing facets of this dynamic place with their words and photographs. [Read their letters](#) as they eloquently address why a crude oil pipeline and hundreds of concomitant oil tankers would make no sense for the Great Bear. There's a new post each day!

Band Together BC



Kim Slater has hit the ground running! Her journey will take her along the length of the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline, a total distance of 1,170 km. To achieve this feat, she will run an average distance of a marathon each day. [Learn more.](#)

Paddled Ashore - STAND Expedition Complete



Stand Up paddleboarder Norm Hann has concluded an eight-day, 350 - km expedition down the east coast of Haida Gwaii. This journey wrapped up the final leg of filming with Norm and the rest of the team, using paddling as a means of raising awareness about the Enbridge pipeline and oil tanker traffic. Learn [more](#) about the expedition. If you are interested in supporting the project, inquire with Pacific Wild.

In the Media

***Life on the Line* written by Andrew Findlay with photography by Ian McAllister**

Coast Mountain Culture's featured article "[Life on the Line](#)" dives deep into the Enbridge Pipeline proposal. [Download \[PDF file\]](#).

"To the west, a market of 1.5 billion consumers. To the east, the planet's dirtiest oil. And in the middle, a colossal coastline baring witness to the 21st century's defining dilemma. Is the Northern Gateway Pipeline a straight shot at our nation's best future? Or an arrow through Eden?"



Upcoming Events



[Community Voices 3: A Rally against Tankers and Pipelines](#). Join the Heiltsuk Nation and community in Bella Bella, B.C. for the rally and stand up for our coastal waters. Sunday, July 22, 2012, 1PM-5PM.

For more events [click here](#).

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