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Dear Friends,

With the equinox comes the spring migration. Rafts of birds are descending on the Great Bear, from [cranes](#) to the tiniest sparrow. Humpback whales are showing up in new numbers daily, wolves are choosing their birthing dens and bears are emerging from theirs.

But perhaps the greatest signal that spring has sprung are the vast schools of [herring](#) that have moved inshore readying themselves for one of the most fascinating spawning rituals on the coast. Pacific Wild staff have been busy getting prepared for this short, elegant and awe-inspiring event. Our [hydrophone network](#) has been deployed to capture the underwater acoustic world full of pings, creaks and whistles of dolphins and whales. And our underwater [camera systems](#) powered by fuel cell technology and transmitted wirelessly over the rugged coastline of the Great Bear continue to document the unknown.

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It's also been a busy winter of film screenings, presentations, public hearings and other events all geared at raising awareness about the threats facing the Great Bear. People across North America and Europe and from all walks of life are joining in, not willing to let Canada dismantle the conservation achievements of the past and the opportunities of the future.

[Check out what's happening](#) in your community.

With the [Joint Review Panel hearings](#) happening in cities and towns across BC and Alberta, thousands of stories are being told based in the belief that without an ecologically functioning environment all else is lost. Passionate, emotional and dignified, an unprecedented number of people who care for the Great Bear Rainforest are making their voices heard.

It is truly a privilege for each us to work on behalf of this coast alongside caring and talented

individuals. Your support is making a difference. Thank you from all of us at Pacific Wild.

TOP TEN REASONS to support Pacific Wild's efforts to stop the Enbridge Pipeline.



Here's how you can get involved:

-Attend the [Joint Review Panel hearings in your community](#).

-Participate in a Rally:

[Save Our Shores Rally](#), Vancouver- March 26th @ 11:30 am

[Our Coast, Our Decision Rally](#), Comox- March 31 @ 1 pm

[Community Voices Rally](#), Bella Bella-April 1 @ 2 pm

-Join Bella Bella students in their 48-hour [hunger strike](#) from 4pm on April 1st to 4pm on April 3rd during the Bella Bella Joint Review Panel Hearing. [Watch a video](#) produced by students.

FILM and PHOTO EXHIBIT EVENTS

<p>TONIGHT!!! WORLD WATER DAY- Stunning One Night Only Photographic Exhibit featuring images of the Great Bear Rainforest by iLCP photographers. Multiple award-winning film spOIL will also screen on March 22nd, 2012 at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. For info. . .</p>	<p>On the Line airs across Canada on the CBC- April 1 @ 7 PM ET/8 PM PT and April 2nd @ 8 PM ET/11 PM PT. Follow Frank Wolf and Todd McGowan on a 2,400 km journey by foot, bike, raft and kayak as they seek to uncover the truth about Enbridge Inc.'s proposed 5.5 billion dollar Northern Gateway pipeline. More dates TBA. For more info. . .</p>
<p>-New award-winning film "The Pipedreams Project" about 3 kayakers who paddle the pristine BC coast screens in venues across BC , Canada and North America over the next several months. More details. . .</p>	<p>There are upcoming events in Canmore, Revelstoke, Victoria and more. . . .please visit our schedule of events for more information.</p>

Rain, Snow or Shine-Herring Season is upon us!

Each year, the herring return to spawn in the waters of the Great Bear Rainforest, attracting birds, whales and other wildlife to this surge of nutrition. This year we will be filming the spawn and fishery, above and below the water. View [highlights](#) in the coming days!



Underwater Acoustics

All winter, we've been listening to the deep calls of dolphins, the splash of playful seals and the clicks and crackles of shrimp and fish via our new [hydrophone network](#) in the Bella Bella area. Along with the Heiltsuk First Nation we are expanding our hydrophone array further offshore and to other remote locations of the central coast. Soon live streaming audio of the

underwater world will bring the haunting calls of orca and humpback whales to the world. Listen to a recent [sound clip from a Pacific white-sided dolphin](#).

Great Bear Trophy Hunt

Only a few weeks until bears wake up to the notorious [trophy hunt](#). Pacific Wild continues to work with First Nations, local communities and an international constituency opposed to the sport hunt of our coastal wildlife. This spring, when the bears emerge from their winter dens we will continue supporting bear patrols and other monitoring activities in the remote river valleys of the central coast. Every bear saved from becoming a trophy on a wall is worth all these efforts.



[TAKE ACTION now!](#)

Koeye Lodge in need of help after fire

The Great Bear lost an important facility this winter. The [Koeye Lodge](#) situated at the mouth of the Koeye River was completely destroyed by fire. For ten years this lodge has housed youth camps, researchers, social justice workers and countless others. It has served as a meeting place and a place of renewal, learning and culture - but plans are already underway to rebuild.



Interim needs include large wall tents, research equipment, and much more that was lost in the fire. Contact [Jess Housty](#) for more information. [Make a donation online](#).

Take Action!

The letter of comment period for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project has been extended until August! Submit your letter of comment [here](#).

Organize a community event, film screening, fundraiser, or letter writing party. Contact info@pacificwild.org for more ideas and resources.

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