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“Wild Salmon Forever”



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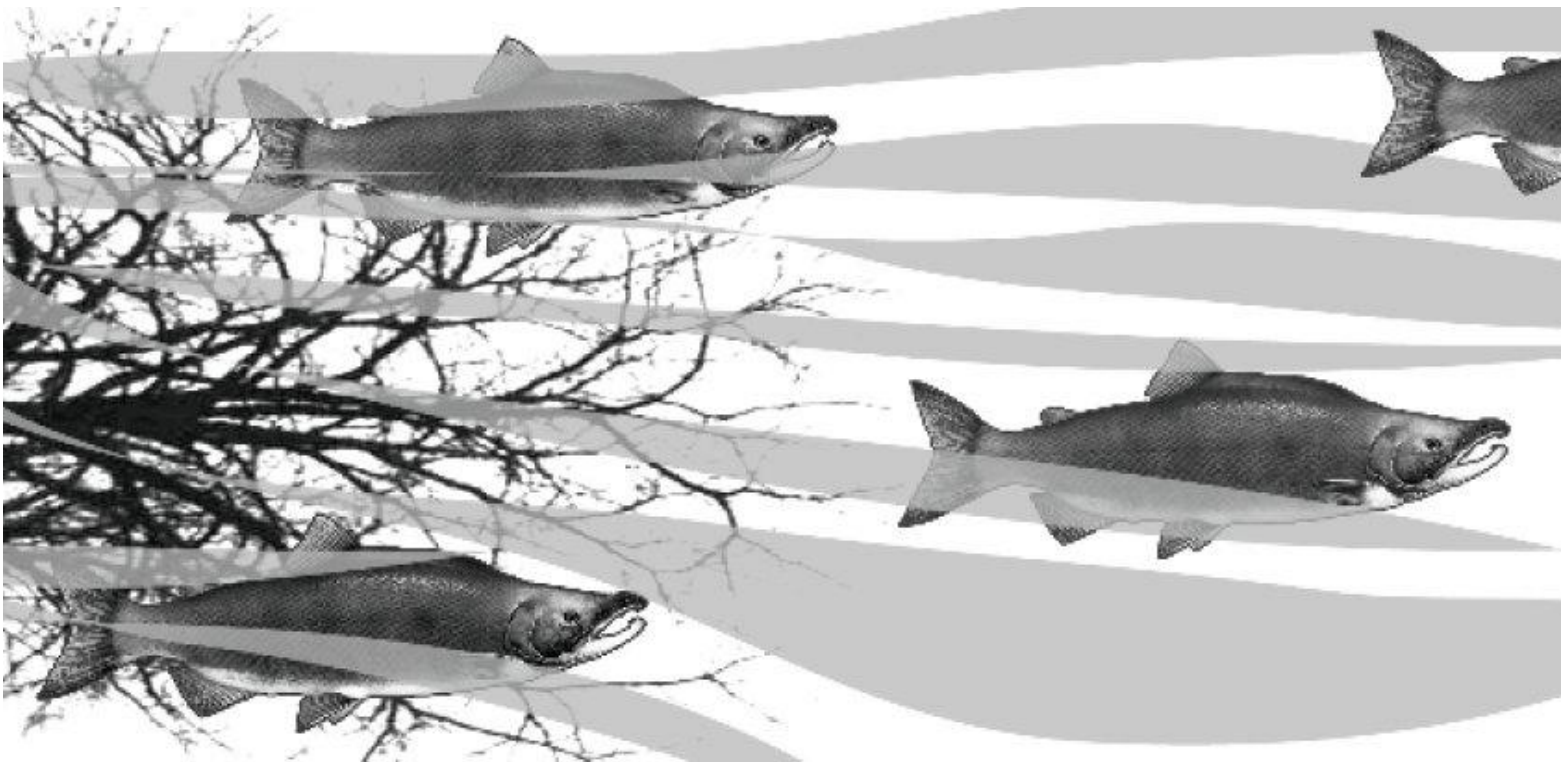
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Jack Johnson's charitable foundation, through [Jack Johnson's All At Once Community](#), has generously offered to **MATCH**, dollar for dollar, your donations made to **Fraser Riverkeeper** through October 1<sup>st</sup>, up to \$2500.

**Fraser Riverkeeper is selling raffle tickets to win Jack Johnson concert tickets for October 1 at GM Place, Vancouver. [See our contest!](#)**

## JACK JOHNSON PROMOTES FRASER RIVERKEEPER

**Jack Johnson's Vancouver concert will be October 1, 2010 at GM Place**

Fraser Riverkeeper is teaming up with Jack Johnson on his 2010 *To The Sea Tour* and *All At Once*, a social action network connecting nonprofits with people who want to become active in their local and world communities. *All At Once* comes to life online at [www.AllAtOnce.org](http://www.AllAtOnce.org) and at every Jack Johnson concert in the Village Green, a collection of interactive booths where you can get educated, get inspired, and connect face-to-face with us and other local and national non-profits.

### HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION!

1. [Donate Now, and your donation will be matched!](#) Help us raise funds! Jack Johnson's charity is matching every dollar contributed to us at the show or directly to our organization between now and October 1st. Please make a contribution right now, and your money will be doubled by the Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation! (Up to \$2500 US or foreign equivalent per group, assuming approval by CAFAmerica.) Visit [www.AllAtOnce.org](http://www.AllAtOnce.org) to check out what you can do before, during, and after the show to get involved.

2. Enter the ticket raffle! We began our raffle of Jack Johnson tickets at MEC Paddlefest on June 20, and will have the final drawing at our TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup on September 25th. Four winners will be announced on our website the evening of the 25th. Stay tuned for more events where we will be selling raffle tickets to the concert, or [contact us](#) if you would like to purchase raffle tickets! [Click here to read details about the contest!](#)

3. Visit us at the show! We will be at Jack Johnson's concert at the Fraser Riverkeeper booth. Please come visit us in the Village Green, take environmental action, get your Village Green Passport stamped, and enter to win a chance to view the concert from the stage!

Collectively, individual actions create global change. Your actions, your voice, and your choices, all have a huge impact.



*"Mighty" Fraser River*

# Waterkeepers around the World

## The Gulf BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster

The Gulf Waterkeepers are our first line of defense against the BP oil disaster. Their incredible knowledge of the marshes, wetlands, beaches and inner-coastal waters makes them invaluable first responders. Their commitment makes them critical and effective community leaders. Their wealth of scientific, legal and political expertise provides answers to the questions we have about our environment. Their dedication to a full recovery of the Gulf is unmatched.

[-SaveOurGulf.org](http://SaveOurGulf.org)

### Gulf Waterkeepers

In March, Waterkeepers around the world began discussing President Obama's plan to open offshore drilling for the first time. "Not a good coastal health plan," said Pete Nichols, Executive Director of Humboldt Baykeeper in Eureka, California. Just a few weeks later the BP Deepwater Horizon oil explosion and leak happened.

Suddenly, the Gulf Waterkeepers were faced with one of the biggest environmental disasters in history. Supported by the Waterkeeper Alliance, and with quick advice from those like Bob Shavelson, Alaska's Cook Inletkeeper, who was there when Exxon-Valdez hit, the Gulf Waterkeepers braced themselves to be at the forefront of the BP oil crisis. As Shavelson said, "The spill is ALWAYS bigger than industry and government initially say. Always."

Sérgio Mattos-Fonseca, the Guanabara Baykeeper in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, gave advice based on ten years prior, when Rio faced an oil spill of 4.5 million liters of oil in the Guanabara Bay. Other Waterkeepers from around the world wrote in to offer support, volunteers, and advice on anything from bird rescue to safety to breaking through the Deepwater Horizon Response Unified Command. What we saw was a vast sea of support from Waterkeepers around the world rallying around the Gulf Waterkeepers, and in many cases, flying to the Gulf to work side-by-side with them.

In a recent [Larry King Live](#) exclusive, Philippe Cousteau, CEO of EarthEcho International and the grandson of famed ocean explorer Jacques Yves Cousteau, highly commended groups like Waterkeeper Alliance working to save the Gulf.

Mark Twain once wrote, "A man's first duty is to his conscience and his honor." As this recent expedition from the shores of Grand Isle to the beaches of Alabama reminded me, there is no honor in this catastrophe and its consequences are unconscionable, but nor is there honor in the circumstances that created it.

- Philippe Cousteau

In [Larry King Live's blog](#) are listed the many ways in which Waterkeepers are working in the Gulf:

- Meeting regularly with the Coast Guard, EPA, NOAA, and state and local agencies to provide input on response strategies
- Assessing sensitive shoreline strategies and ensuring that the most fragile ecosystems are protected first
- Working with fisherman helping with spill response to make sure they have the tools to report back from the backwaters and deploy boom safely
- Providing protective gear, including respirators, to fishermen who are working on the spill
- Working with National Park Service on wildlife rehabilitation stations
- Responding to 1000s of community hotline calls, emails, and national media requests
- Fielding calls from tens of thousands of volunteers and working with state and federal agencies to organize and channel that interest
- Documenting pre-impact and post-impact shoreline conditions to support Natural Resources Damage claims by state and federal agencies
- Monitoring the coastal areas for the first signs of tar balls, rainbow sheens, and hydrocarbon slicks as they come in to the coastal areas
- Conducting water quality monitoring and analysis for dispersants and oil
- Advocating for enhanced regulatory oversight of safety protocols and mechanisms

### Meet our Gulf Waterkeepers:

Waterkeeper Alliance has many more Keepers in the Gulf, but the following are in site of direct impact.

Casi Callaway: [Mobile Baykeeper](#)

Based in Mobile, Alabama. Mobile Baykeeper's mission is to protect the beauty, health and heritage of the Mobile Bay watershed, which encompasses two-thirds of the land area and includes more than 250 separate waterways in the state of Alabama.

Casi has been key in communicating the problems of this oil disaster and how it will affect the delicate ecosystem of the bay. Just days after the BP explosion, [Casi appeared on CNN](#) to discuss how this oil spill could decimate seafood industries in the gulf, and has continued to stand strong at the frontlines. [Lifetime honored Casi in their Remarkable Women series](#) based on her continued leadership during the BP oil crisis.

This honor belongs as much to the inspiring people with whom I work every day as it does to me. The staff at Mobile Baykeeper, and all the folks that stepped forward to help respond to the BP oil disaster, are shining examples to our country of what team work, commitment and good, old-fashioned determination and hope can do for a community in crisis.

-Casi Callaway

Country to promote sustainable management of its local waterways and natural resources.

Dan Tonsmeire: [Apalachicola Riverkeeper](#)

Based in Apalachicola, Florida, they monitor the Apalachicola from the upper reaches at the Florida/Georgia line downstream 108 miles, through the middle reaches around Wewahitchka, to the estuary and Bay on the Gulf, with particular reduction of life-sustaining freshwater, loss of floodplain habitat, point and non-point source pollution, and explosive growth and development.

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper is coordinating the non-governmental response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill impact for Franklin County Florida. They are the lead volunteer agency for Emergency Support Function 15 in Franklin County, Florida. Visit their response site at [OilSpillRecovery.org](#).

[See Phillippe Cousteau's visit to Apalachicola Riverkeeper.](#)

Chasidy Fisher Hobbs: [Emerald Coastkeeper](#)

Based in Pensacola, Florida, the Emerald Coastkeeper serves the watershed in Northwest Florida, working to respond to citizen reports of pollution and adverse environmental impacts from the Alabama/Florida state line to Perdido Bay, and Panama City to West Bay.

Hobbs draws daily inspiration from Margaret Mead's famous words, "Never underestimate the power a few dedicated citizens have to change the world; indeed that is all that ever has." These words reflect the Waterkeepers tirelessly working in the Gulf to save our coasts, communities, and marine ecology. Chasidy has put together information about controlling the spill to following health and safety to understanding where the spill on Emerald Coastkeeper's website.

Paul Orr: [Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper](#)

Based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper works to preserve and restore the ecological integrity of the Mississippi River Basin and the surrounding waterways in Louisiana.

The LMRK's site has a [section dedicated to the oil disaster](#) and another with [Grand Isle photos](#). Paul, along with other Keepers in the Gulf, has been active in the community during this crisis. He also spoke at a large [Stop the BP Flood](#) rally in New Orleans.

Dean Wilson: [Atchafalaya Basinkeeper](#)

Based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper is dedicated to preserving the ecosystems within your Atchafalaya Basin. The Atchafalaya Basinkeeper has a page on Water News Network in their fight to heal the Mississippi.

Charlotte Wells: [Galveston Baykeeper](#)

Based in Galveston, Texas, the Galveston Baykeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the water quality of Galveston Bay for the benefit of its ecosystems and human communities.

Tracy Kuhns: [Louisiana Bayoukeeper](#)

Based in Barataria, Louisiana, the Louisiana Bayoukeeper works closely with coastal communities in Coastal Louisiana's Bayou

Louisiana Bayoukeeper is out front working to support local fisher families and communities bearing the brunt of the BP Horizon Deepwater Gulf of Mexico explosion and oil spill, like it has done for years, and following other disasters like Hurricanes Katrina & Rita. Members are working hard throughout our ecosystem and fishing grounds to track and mitigate the effects of the oil spill. Many families are fishing the open fishing grounds, urgently, before additional fishing grounds close due to the adverse impacts from BP's oil spill. The social and economic survival of coastal fishing families, their communities and culture are threatened with collapse.

**-Louisiana Bayoukeeper**

Tracy and her husband, a long-time fisherman, were featured in a Time.com [video](#) and on [The Gulf Oil Spill Blog](#). The Louisiana Bayoukeeper site has a section on the [BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill](#).

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John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, is photo-documenting the oil disaster on his [blog](#). Wathen is one



John Wathen

of the Waterkeepers impacted by this catastrophe; he has been gathering video and photographs since day one as a way to document the event's enormity and severity. John has flown over ground zero a number of times with [SouthWings](#), and creates and edits video with footage from his flights. He was named Local Person of the Year, by [Alabama Rivers](#), his videos have been shown on [Rachel Maddow's blog](#), and he's been in articles by [Sophie B. Hawkins/Larry King Live](#) and [The](#)

[Guardian](#).

Joe Payne, Casca Baykeeper, who had just participated in a mock oil spill response project, got hands-on experience to be active with the Gulf Keepers. There are plenty of other Waterkeepers in the South and all over the world who are on the spot, helping with this crisis.

Robert Kennedy, Jr., President of Waterkeeper Alliance, has been at the forefront of this great disaster, and spoke at Waterkeeper Alliance's Annual Conference this year, in La Paz, Mexico, extolling the great network that the Waterkeeper Alliance has in order to meet the challenges of this crisis. Kennedy appeared on a [CNN video](#) to discuss the delicate balance between oil and wetlands.

Waterkeeper Alliance set up a site for donating to the Gulf Keepers at [Save Our Gulf](#). Save Our Gulf is an initiative by Waterkeeper Alliance to support the Gulf Waterkeepers fighting to protect the Gulf Coast's communities and environment from the long-term devastating impacts of the BP oil disaster. Waterkeepers are your trustworthy source for updates from the front lines, transparent news and action.

## STAND UP FOR PACIFIC SALMON

Stand Up for Pacific Salmon (SUPS), where grocery store shoppers engage with retailers—requesting that net-pen farmed salmon be removed from their shelves—is an effective means of generating change at the market and policy levels. One thing is certain: consumers can play a critical role in helping to shift global aquaculture to a more positive economic and ecological operation.

### What is Net-Pen Salmon Farming?

Net-pen salmon farms are floating pens containing hatchery salmon smolts that are reared to adult size in marine habitats. These “salmon feedlots” are usually located in protected bays and stream-mouths, in areas that are migratory habitat for salmon.

These net-pen farms can hold 500,000 to 750,000 farmed salmon in an area the size of four football fields.

Net-pen salmon farms are floating feedlots that have spread sea-lice, pollution, chemicals, and infectious diseases into pristine habitats all around the world, including British Columbia and Washington, and are having a devastating impact on wild salmon stocks.

Peer-reviewed research is conclusive, and consensus exists among fisheries biologists: where net-pen salmon farms exist, wild salmon and trout decline[1].

The impacts of accumulated feed and excrement on the seafloor are considerable, adding to the alarming problems of parasite and disease transfer. There are also human health concerns with eating net-pen farmed salmon associated with the presence of antibiotics, PCBs, dioxins and chlorinated pesticides

Because of the presence of PCBs and other substances, the journal *Environmental Research* recommends that farmed salmon should be eaten no more than “between 0.4 and 1 meal per month.” This confirmed a similar 2005 study in the *Journal of Nutrition*, recommending that pregnant women, children, and nursing mothers avoid farmed salmon because of high levels of pollutants.

Other concerns for consumers include the industry’s use of antibiotics and artificial coloring. Without the orange and pink dyes put into their feed, for instance, farmed salmon flesh would be an unappealing shade of gray.

### Why SUPS Was Developed

Currently the Fraser River in British Columbia, home to the largest spawning population of salmon in the province, is enduring a catastrophic crash of its sockeye population. While net-pen salmon farms are only one of many impacts on these fish, in an era of acidifying oceans and warming rivers—and other climate change variables such as the increase in some aquatic diseases—salmon farms are one threat that can and must be removed.

The Fraser River is experiencing one of the biggest salmon disasters in recent history with more than nine million sockeye vanishing. Between 10 million and 13 million sockeye were expected to return to the Fraser last summer.



Get Out Migration in Centennial Park, May 8 Salmon Rally



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In January the discount chain Target, on the advice of the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s SeafoodWatch program, dropped net-pen salmon from over 1,700 stores.



Get Out Migration march from Centennial Park to Legislature, Victoria

But the official count was just about 1.7 million.

Certainly there are many contributing reasons that contribute to this crash, which include climate change, overfishing, water quality problems, and pollution (as migrating salmon have to swim through waves of industrial and municipal sewage on their way in and out of the River) and, of course, net-pen salmon farms.

Aboriginal fishermen are suffering, the commercial and recreational fishery has been shut down. Tourism has taken a huge hit, and orcas, eagles, bears, wolves, and other predators are suffering as salmon is truly the backbone and foundation of this region.

In November, the federal government called for a judicial inquiry to investigate the reasons for the decline of sockeye salmon on the Fraser River. Fraser Riverkeeper has been granted formal standing to participate in the process with other NGOs as part of the Conservation Coalition, with Ecojustice's representation, but this process will take two years to complete.

In the meantime, we felt it was important to take action on the ground and educate consumers, especially in the U.S., about the true impact of their choices at the supermarket.

The net-pen salmon farm industry in Canada is not a Canadian industry, nor do its profits remain in Canada. Ninety percent of BC's 130 salmon farm licenses are owned by three Norwegian multinationals: Marine Harvest, Cermaq, and Grieg.

NGOs, First Nations leaders such as Chief Bob Chamberlin, and researchers like Alexandra Morton have approached these corporations repeatedly, encouraging and pressuring them to do the right thing. But because making needed changes will lessen their profit margins, they won't—*unless customers demand it.*



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### SUPS Strategy—Consumers Demand Change

Fraser Riverkeeper, in collaboration with the [Wild Salmon Circle](#), felt it was important to take action on the ground now and educate consumers about the impact of their purchasing choices and encourage them to vote with their wallet, especially in the United States, where the majority of Canadian farmed salmon is sold.

By launching SUPS and collaborating with Waterkeeper organizations, and eventually many other citizen and NGO allies from California to Alaska, our goal is to entirely shut down the net-pen salmon farming industry on the Pacific coast.

The SUPS campaign asks customers of Costco, Safeway, Tesco, Kroger, SuperValu, and Trader Joe's to follow the example of their fellow retailer Target. In January the discount chain, on the advice of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's SeafoodWatch program, dropped net-pen salmon from over 1,700 stores.

### How to Get Involved/ What you Can Do

We hope to promote major reform in the salmon farming industry, using the power of consumers "voting with their wallets" to encourage the industry to convert to tank systems, also known as closed-containment. While closed-



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containment does not solve all the industry's ecological impacts, it does create an escape-proof, disease transfer-proof barrier that ensures zero discharge and keeps antibiotics, drugs, and pesticides out of the marine environment.

**Purchase Only Wild Salmon.** Purchase only wild salmon or other fish species instead of farmed salmon grown in net-pen systems. Ask your retailer if the salmon you are purchasing is wild. Most salmon farms in Canada and the U.S. are stocked with Atlantic salmon, an invasive species that has escaped torn net-pens by the hundreds of thousands over the years. It's important to note that all Atlantic salmon is farmed. There is no "wild Atlantic salmon" for sale anywhere in North America.

**Write a letter. Pressure your Retailer.** Write a letter to your local retailer and tell them that until they stop selling farmed salmon that you will not be shopping there. Encourage them to shift to selling either wild salmon or salmon farmed in closed containment systems. For a sample letter, click [HERE](#). For a list of retailers that sell farmed salmon, click [HERE](#).

**Get the Word Out, Host a Movie Night.** If you would like to host a movie night in your community with a letter-writing party, click [HERE](#) for more info, or contact your local Pacific Waterkeeper organization (go to [www.waterkeeper.org](http://www.waterkeeper.org) and click on **Find your Waterkeeper**). We can provide you with a NBC newsreel, a short cartoon, and a short feature documentary, "Farmed Salmon Exposed," by award-winning filmmaker Damien Gillis. The 23-minute film has been screened by salmon lovers from Washington, DC to Norway. Each of the videos deals in a different way with wild Pacific salmon and the problems with farmed salmon.

**Host a Letter-Writing Party.** This is an opportunity for citizens to take one small but effective action on behalf of salmon. They can do this by taking a few minutes to pen a hand-written letter to retailers that still sell net-pen farmed salmon urging those retailers to pull it from their shelves.

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## Annual Waterkeeper Alliance Conference in La Paz, Mexico



*Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., speaking on opening night in La Paz*

Board member Captain Michael Chapman and Director of Outreach/Operations Mary Woodbury attended this year's annual Waterkeeper Alliance conference in La Paz, Mexico on behalf of Fraser Riverkeeper on a Waterkeeper scholarship.

This week of workshops, panels, speaker events, and beach restoration was a fascinating time, invigorating Fraser Riverkeeper staff to come back to *cool* Vancouver, full of energy and renewed goals of growing our organization in order to continue our mission of protecting, conserving, and improving the habitat of the Fraser River.

Speakers at the event included Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., co-founder of Waterkeeper Alliance, as well as many others, including Mexican politicians and author Dave Kirby. A spotlight shone upon our Waterkeepers in the Gulf of Mexico, some of whom could not attend due to their restoration and other work during the BP oil crisis.

Mid-week the Waterkeepers bused over to Balandra Beach for a cleanup project and day on the water. In 2007, La Paz Coastkeeper Peter Paterson and local environmental groups successfully pressured the government to protect Balandra, Mexico, from large-scale development. The Waterkeepers picked up litter along the coast line before enjoying the rest of the afternoon kayaking, swimming, and getting to know the locals.



*Balandra Beach Restoration*

## Canadian Waterkeepers Submit Comments on Proposed Wastewater Regulations

Fraser Riverkeeper, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper, and Ottawa Riverkeeper recently submitted comments on the proposed Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations under the *Fisheries Act*.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the comments.

Canada must improve waste-water systems regulations without decriminalizing sewage pollution.

Environment Canada has proposed the enactment of a Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulation to address the ongoing and serious problems caused by sewage pollution in Canadian waters. The most significant aspect of the proposed change is that the regulation would decriminalize sewage discharges that are currently illegal under the Fisheries Act. The regulation would allow wastewater systems to discharge substances in quantities and locations that would otherwise violate s.36(3), one of the main pollution prevention provisions of that Act, and one of the strongest sources of environmental protection in Canada.

Based on our organizations' considerable experience with sewage policy and law, we made 16 specific recommendations to Environment Canada. The importance of enforcing Canada's environmental laws while achieving real solutions to sewage pollution is emphasized. We submit that Environment Canada can achieve these dual purposes by preserving the applicability of section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act, while also providing detailed requirements for wastewater systems operators that focus on transparency, access to information, enforcement, and solutions for the full array of pollutants in sewage. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

## EVENTS

### MEC PADDLEFEST

Fraser Riverkeeper maintained a community booth at this year's [Mountain Equipment Co-Op's Paddlefest](#), on June 20th at Jericho Beach in Vancouver.

Hosted by MEC, Paddlefest is an urban celebration of kayaking, canoeing, and BC's ocean environment. The day featured learning opportunities on water and on land. Paddlers of all skill levels joined in. Fraser Riverkeeper has participated in this event for the past couple years, raising awareness of Fraser Riverkeeper's interventions, campaigns, and community programs.



*Riverkeeper Doug Chapman at Paddlefest*

This year, tickets are being raffled to win a pair of Jack Johnson's tickets for his upcoming October 1st concert at GM Place. Jack Johnson has chosen Fraser Riverkeeper again as one of his charities.

Our raffle tickets (to win a pair of Jack Johnson tickets) are \$10.00 each, and are considered a charitable donation to FRK. If you buy two tickets, you become an annual member of Fraser Riverkeeper with a chance of also winning a t-shirt. The final drawing will be held at our TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup event on September 25 near Stanley Park. We will continue our drive all summer, and through September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please [visit our website](#) for more on how to get involved!

### HANDS ACROSS THE SAND

Fraser Riverkeeper participated in the international [Hands Across the Sand](#) event on June 26<sup>th</sup>, at English Bay, which drew the line in the sand about oil and embraced a renewable energy future – saying no to offshore drilling. Several speakers came to the event, including a representative from Dogwood Initiative, who spoke out about the dangers of the proposed Enbridge Pipeline.

### JOIN US AS WE CLEAN UP THE SHORELINE ON SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> IN STANLEY PARK!



*TD Cleanup 2009*

Every September, in celebration of World Rivers Day, Canadians head to their local shorelines to remove litter and make a positive difference in their community.

This environmental initiative is for everyone who cares about the environment and wants to be a part of the solution.

We invite you to join us at this year's Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, which marks Fraser Riverkeeper's 4th annual beach restoration, sponsored by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. This year FRK is the site coordinator for Stanley Park Second Beach between Lagoon Drive and Park Lane. Our cleanup will begin at 9:15 a.m. on September 25th.

We will be announcing the winners of Jack Johnson tickets at our TD Cleanup on September 25th, right before lunch. Our raffle tickets are sold all summer, starting with Paddlefest on June 20th.

Participants removed litter from 2,457 km of shoreline in 2009, and the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup has become Canada's largest contributor to the International Coastal Cleanup, a global effort to remove harmful litter and aquatic debris from shorelines.



*Hands Across the Sand, English Bay*

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*Fraser Riverkeeper is a member of [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), an international grassroots advocacy organization founded by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Fraser Riverkeeper, the first Waterkeeper program to be established in British Columbia, is one of nine Waterkeeper programs located across Canada, and one of almost 200 worldwide.*

