



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Marine Conservation Institute is dedicated to securing permanent, strong protection for the oceans' most important places - for us and future generations.

### **SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

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For more information, see the attached report from Marine Conservation Institute.

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**From:** Lance Morgan [<mailto:Lance.Morgan@marine-conservation.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2015 4:09 PM  
**To:** Marilyn Sheldon  
**Subject:** Marine Conservation Institute Update

Dear Marilyn,

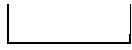
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We consider ourselves a powerful and passionate organization changing the dynamics of ocean conservation. With headquarters in the Pacific Northwest, we are a US-based non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Founded in Washington we now have additional offices in the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington D.C. Since 1996, **Marine Conservation Institute's science and advocacy work has led to the protection of over 644,000 square miles of ocean which in turn protects our wilderness areas.** Last year we [played a key role](#) in President Obama's decision to expand protection of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. This monument is now one of the world's largest protected area (land or sea). Prestigious international and national media outlets such as [BBC](#), [PBS NewsHour](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Washington Post](#) and many others covered our organization's extensive work on the expansion. **The biggest need at the organization currently is support to develop our major initiative, the [Global Ocean Refuge System \(GLORES, pronounced glôr-ees\)](#).** GLORES is a strategic, science-based way to safeguard marine ecosystems on a global scale. It is designed to catalyze strong protection for at least 20% of the ecosystems in each marine biogeographic region by 2030, enough to avert mass extinction of marine wildlife.

As you probably know, healthy oceans are essential to human survival and the prosperity of our wilderness areas, but they are in deep trouble worldwide. **The best way to maintain the oceans' biological diversity, abundance and resilience is to protect marine life in their ecosystems.** A global system of strongly protected marine areas will help to recover marine life so people regain the many benefits of healthy oceans. The [SeaStates G20 report](#) that we completed and presented at the IUCN World Parks Congress shows how well the countries with the world's largest economies are protecting the oceans. With currently only 2.09% protected worldwide, much work still needs to be done to reach the 20% target of the Global Ocean Refuge System. This week, Marine Conservation Institute released our [US SeaStates 2015](#) report that looks at how well states and territories safeguard their coastal and marine habitats. This work was featured in our [MPAtlas.org](#) exhibit at the Esri User Conference in San Diego last week. The [Global Ocean Refuge System](#) is endorsed by a diverse group of folks such as Marine Conservation Institute Board member **Dr. Sylvia Earle**, Gateway founder **Ted Waitt**, Royal Geographic and National Geographic Society Fellow **Dr. Enric Sala**, scuba diving legend **Peter Hughes** and **Mavericks surfer Ryan Seelbach**. In addition, several other respected marine scientists, world renowned ocean photographers, and companies such as **Alaska Airlines, Holland America Line, Seabourn, Un-Cruise Adventures, Gill and SCUBAPRO, have joined this initiative.** The entire list can be found on the [GLORES Partner page](#). We also receive the faithful support of several foundations such as **Campbell Foundation, Naomi & Nehemiah Cohen Foundation, Marisla Foundation, Tiffany & Co. Foundation, The Winslow Foundation, and the Arntz Family Foundation.**

Please take a look at last year's [Annual Report](#) and if you need any additional information please let me know. I will be extremely happy to answer any of your questions and to hear from you.  
Thank you so much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



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