



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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GENERAL GOALS: Sightline Institute's mission is to make the Northwest a global model of sustainability— strong communities, a green economy, and a healthy environment.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

In 2015, the Charitable Contributions Fund Grant from the Tulalip Tribes helped Sightline to continue providing policymakers, allies, and community leaders with new analysis on a range of plans for large-scale fossil-fuel facilities. Most Northwest news coverage of the issue relies on Sightline's research, on what we call "The Thin Green Line". This includes high-quality media hits in Forbes, Yes! Magazine, KING 5, and over 150 more! We're especially proud of a recent 4-page feature story spread in Time Magazine about Northwest fossil-fuel fights, which quoted Sightline's Policy Director, Eric de Place on "The Thin Green Line."

For more information, please see the attached report from Sightline Institute.



Final Report:

2015 Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund Grant (Q1 2015 14.2)

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Grant Amount & Award Date: ██████ – May 19, 2015

Project Title: ***A Fossil-Fuel Free Northwest***
www.sightline.org/research/thin-green-line

Total Number of Individuals Impacted: > 400,000 (*Sightline’s work aims to benefit all communities in the Pacific Northwest. The exact number of people is difficult to calculate, as we are not a direct service organization. Sightline currently reaches over 408,000 individuals through our website alone, and over 41,000 follow our emails and work through social media. Our project work on coal exports and crude oil-by-rail is also used by the Power Past Coal and Stand Up to Oil campaigns and other allies to reach their own audiences. Sightline also serves to support a large network of organizations and individuals working on the long-term health of our region, helping to maximize our combined impact.*)

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Sightline also boosted our research capacity on this program by hiring a new junior research staffer. Eric de Place also conducted a series of Washington state-wide speaking events to describe fossil fuel transportation plans, particularly oil-by-rail projects, to affected communities in key Northwest cities.

Sightline researchers took “deep dives” into specific topics, which included: the risk of crude oil spills on the Salish Sea; detailed reviews of the finances of major companies promoting or facilitating coal and oil infrastructure and transport; the environmental and transportation impacts and implications of moving coal and oil by rail and marine vessel; and identifying best practices for communicating with diverse audiences about coal, oil trains, and pipelines.

We also continued to forge alliances with tribal governments and members of tribes; including our developing partnership with the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN) over proposed oil terminals in Grays Harbor: In Sept 2015, Sightline reviewed two complex analyses by outside firms on the economic impacts of crude oil transport in Grays Harbor on the QIN. We evaluated the technical reports and distilled the key points into clear and powerful graphics. We called out evidence on a range of the oil terminal risks, from the effects of a spill on coastal visitors and tourism dollars to fishing impacts and tribal economy. We looked too at the cultural impact of an oil spill, such as ceremonial traditions and the passing down of tribal knowledge. Sightline shared the article and graphics widely, and feedback from the Quinault was enthusiastic in support. In addition to in-person kudos from the Quinault legal staff who shared how much they appreciated the infographics, they also published the full article on the front page of the October issue of their monthly newsletter, the *Nugguam*.

Another recent example of Sightline’s impact: in January 2016, Eric de Place provided expert testimony in the trial of the “Delta 5”, a group of activists who blocked an oil train in the Everett railyards. The group argued as their defense that it was necessary to stop the oil train due to “imminent danger” due to the risk to the climate and the community. The jury found the activists not guilty of stopping or delaying the train, which was a groundbreaking decision, as it helps confirm the dangerous connection between fossil fuel transport and climate change, something that Sightline research has been attesting for some time. Watch some of Eric’s key testimony during the Delta 5 trial here:

<http://www.king5.com/story/tech/science/environment/2016/01/13/oil-train-trial-puts-climate-change-stand/78768910/>

Here is a photo of Eric before one of his community presentations on The Thin Green Line:

