

Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters and articles are in Arial.

A UK. End to On-Shore Wind-Farm Subsidies



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-33177025>

More on this story at the end of this report.

Naked on Sacred Malaysian Mountain-Top

Almost an Insult to their Country



It's a pity they don't revere their tropical rainforests with the same high esteem.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/malaysia/11665218/British-tourist-Eleanor-Hawkins-arrested-for-naked-photo-on-top-of-Malaysian-mountain.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3117940/British-woman-four-tourists-arrested-stripping-naked-mountain-Malaysia-locals-say-angered-tribal-spirits-caused-deadly-earthquake.html>

Please write to the Malaysian Government asking them that they may sort out their priorities.

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Subject: Save Wolves and Other Imperiled Wildlife from Rand Paul's Species Endangerment Act

Save Wolves and Other Imperiled Wildlife from **Rand Paul's Species Endangerment Act**

On May 6, 2015, the Committee on Environment and Public Works held hearings on S.855 — The Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act.

The bill, introduced by presidential hopeful Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), would effectively gut protections for many of our most imperiled animals, including as the Mexican Gray Wolf, polar bears, and Northern right whales.

Aimed at making it easier for states, localities, companies, and property owners to skirt the ESA, Paul's bill threatens vital protections that have effectively saved species like the bald eagle, black footed ferret, and California condor from disappearing in the wild. Instead, Paul's legislation would allow states and localities to decide which animals and wildlife habitat are worth protecting... and which are not.

Stop Rand Paul from sabotaging efforts to save animals like wolves, polar bears, and whales from extinction. Urge your US Senators to oppose S. 855.

Please write to:

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Sent: Fri, 12 Jun 2015 07:30:45 -0500
Subject: Congress to Gray Wolves: Drop Dead



Harry Bosan

We told you this could be the most anti-wildlife Congress in recent memory.

But it's even worse than we feared.

The House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee has released an appropriations bill that is bursting with anti-wildlife provisions affecting wolves and other imperiled wildlife.

If these shocking provisions become law, it would be a death sentence for countless wolves and could set our nation's wildlife conservation efforts back by decades.

URGENT: Tell your Representative to reject anti-wolf and other anti-wildlife measures.

Just consider some of the damage these provisions would do:

A death warrant for wolves. One proposed measure would force gray wolves in Wyoming and the Great Lakes off the Endangered Species List. Once again, these majestic animals' fates would lie in the hands of states intent on dramatically driving down wolf populations. That's a veritable death sentence for hundreds, if not thousands of wolves. In the last year alone, more than 700 wolves were killed in the states covered by this provision.

A blind eye to elephant poaching and ivory smuggling. At a time when the massacre of elephants for their ivory has reached epidemic proportions, the House bill would block efforts by the Fish and Wildlife Service to impose tougher restrictions on the importation and domestic sale of ivory – efforts that are necessary to prevent illegally smuggled ivory from being laundered into commercial trade. Today, an elephant falls to a poacher's bullet every 15 minutes in Africa. This NRA-supported measure is a giant step in the wrong direction. All this proposal does is benefit elephant poachers and ivory smugglers at the cost of elephant lives.

A savage attack on the ESA. Yet another provision would prohibit a potential listing of the greater sage-grouse – an imperiled bird that has waited more than a decade for a listing decision.

In addition to these despicable appropriations provisions, there have already been more than 50 amendments or bills introduced by Congress aimed at gutting the Endangered Species Act.

These legislative proposals are the product of special interest lobbying and political extremism. They are wildly out of touch with what most Americans want and believe.

This is the moment we need to stand together and demand an end to the insanity on Capitol Hill!

Thank you so much for your partnership on behalf of America's wildlife.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Taking the ocean fight to the skies



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Taking our fight for the oceans to the skies

When we started The Black Fish five years ago we set out to take action for the life in our seas. We have achieved great steps to protect the oceans, deploying Citizen Inspectors, drones and small boats to end fishing crime. However the oceans are huge and the task seems never-ending. Until now. A few months ago one simple idea changed everything.

Since the fall we have been busy making friends in a community and industry that can turn the tide for conservation. We are setting out on a pioneering partnership with the newly founded Wildlife Air Service to monitor large areas of oceans by mobilising civilian pilots and their aircraft. Intrigued? Learn more in this article or visit wildlifeair.org

Civilian airforce gets airborne for oceans

The Black Fish has joined forces with the new Wildlife Air Service to realise patrol flights over Europe's fishing areas. Learn more about this exciting development at virgin.com

Tune into the TV debate on overfishing

Al Jazeera's recent live TV debate on overfishing was joined by The Black Fish, amongst others from Pew, Fish Love and UC Santa Barbara. Watch the debate on The Stream.

How we became part self-funding

Our new #OceanCrowd initiative now enables 75% of the funding for our undercover work to be raised through participation. How does it work? We interviewed its creator.

Launching the #OceanCrowd

We just launched the #OceanCrowd, a brand new crowdfunding platform that allows anyone to create a profile and start fundraising for much needed funds to support our investigations.

What inspired our inspectors

In an recent interview with the New Statesman magazine, founder of The Black Fish, Wietse van der Werf, explains how our Citizen Inspector Network was inspired by a moment in military history.

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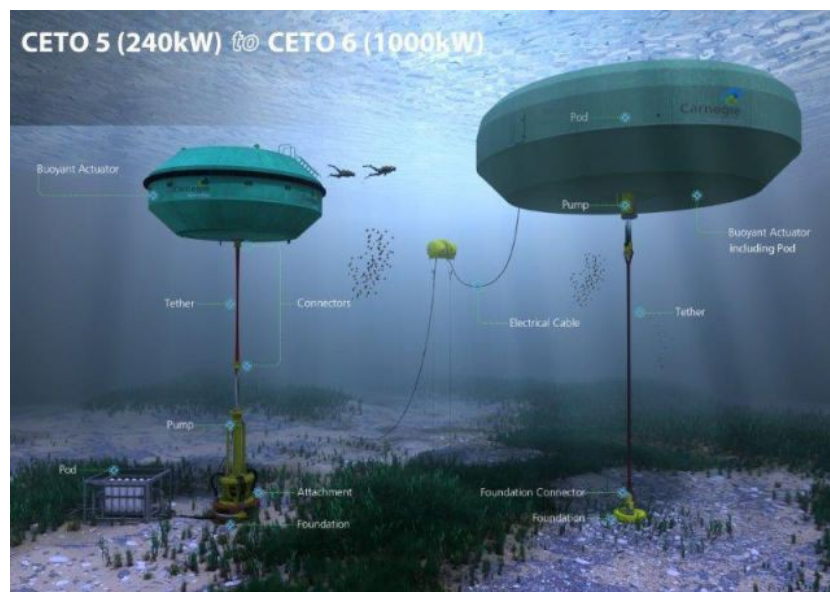
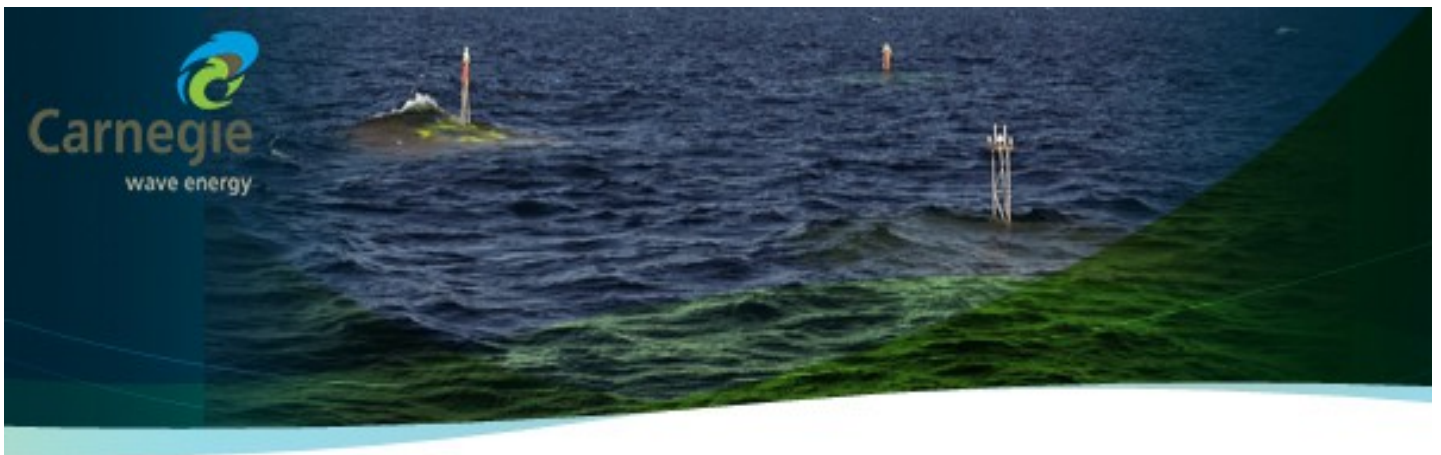
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Subject: Monsanto joining forces with bee supervillain

Agrochemical giant Monsanto is poised to take over Syngenta, another massive pesticide company.

This monster merger would give Monsanto an iron grip on farmers around the world -- gravely threatening world food security.

We have to stop this now. Tell US and EU antitrust regulators to block Monsanto's takeover now.

This is the deal that could create the ultimate super villain. Monsanto wants to launch a takeover bid of its key competitor Syngenta, one of the biggest pushers of bee-killing pesticides in the world. The new megacorp would boast a combined revenue of \$30 billion and control over 35% of the world's seed supply.

Imagine this: Monsanto eliminates one of its biggest competitors and tightens its grip on the global farming industry. Our precious wildlife like bees, birds, and butterflies suffer as Monsanto spreads its pesticides further and wider. More and more small-scale farmers are bullied if they refuse to buy Monsanto's seeds.

The deal's not sealed and we can stop this now. Syngenta shareholders have already rejected Monsanto's initial \$45 billion offer, but Monsanto's planning a new offer. Anti-trust regulators in the US and Europe are already skeptical of big corporate mergers, and have the power to stop this. With strong, targeted pressure from a concerned public, we can make this deal unravel.

Tell European and US regulators to stop this ridiculous takeover.

No single corporation should be allowed to wield the sort of power that comes from a near-monopoly on our global food system. And from the very beginning, the SumOfUs community has been working hard to fight back against both Monsanto and Syngenta and limit the power of massive agribusiness corporations.

We've been piling pressure onto Monsanto and its toxic pesticides, terminator seeds, and chronic, aggressive abuse of local farmers -- and we've been making waves. In January, a whopping 1 out of 5 shareholders (that's 20%!) supported a SumOfUs-backed shareholder proposal calling out Monsanto's CEO for being his own boss and pushing for independent management oversight.

And what about Syngenta -- Monsanto's soon-to-be partner in crime? Syngenta asked United States regulators for a 40,000% increase in the legal limit of bee-killing neonicotinoids. But we're well on the way to curbing its destructive practices -- nearly a million SumOfUs members stood up to home improvement chain Lowe's and got it to drop neonics from its stores worldwide.

Together, we've stopped monster mergers that would give way to massive monopolies. Recently, we helped stop a potential monster merger between Time Warner and Comcast in the United States, which would have given Comcast a monopoly over the Internet.

Monsanto already had its initial offer rejected, but it's not backing down. Our impact is in numbers, and we can stop this nightmare of a merger if we come together to demand that international regulators stop Monsanto's destructive ambitions in its tracks now.

Tell antitrust regulators to say no to this monster merger and stop Monsanto's takeover now.

Kaytee, Angus, SumOfUs team

An update at Carnegie.

<http://www.carnegiewave.com/>



Voltarol: Active ingredient diclofenac. Highly toxic and not only to Vultures.

<https://worldcowgirl.wordpress.com/2011/07/15/in-india-cattle-and-the-vulture-crisis/>

Thanks to lobbying from them, diclofenac is now in widespread use as a veterinary drug throughout the EU., knowingly endangering its Southern European Vulture populations.

This company still continues with its TV. ads., from time to time these days, so please write to them even if you've done so several times before.

From: correspondence@decc.gsi.gov.uk
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Sent: Mon, 1 Jun 2015 13:33
Subject: A response to your enquiry to DECC - Ref: TO2015/04369

Dear Mr Pagan

Thank you for your email 11 May to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), about concerns on wind farms and wave energy. I have been asked to reply.

I appreciate you taking the time to highlight your concerns over wildlife. Any form of developments going through the planning process can have an impact on wildlife, and that is why we are clear that any projects must be appropriately sited where any impacts are, or can be made acceptable.

Nevertheless, you will be pleased to know that the Conservative manifesto set out a commitment **to end new public subsidy for onshore wind farms**, as well as make changes to planning to give local people the final say on windfarm applications. Now that the new government has been appointed, DECC officials are working through how these proposals will be implemented. We will publish further details on policy proposals and consult in due course. All relevant information will be made available on the gov.uk website.

In relation to wave energy, wave and tidal energy has the potential to make significant contribution to meeting the UK's long term low carbon/renewable target in the period beyond 2020. A significant portion of the tidal stream resource is in Scotland. The Government has a long history of supporting the development and deployment of wave and tidal stream technologies in the UK. To date we have provided sustained and targeted support enabling the wave and tidal stream sectors to move from initial concept onto prototypes and now the first arrays.

Over 7MW of wave and tidal stream devices have been deployed for testing in the UK. This includes the world's first commercial scale tidal stream turbine (MCT SeaGen 1.2MW). The world's first tidal stream array (MeyGen, 6MW) due to deploy in 2016. We have the world's most advanced marine energy testing facilities with the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in the Orkney, Wave Hub in Cornwall, the Offshore Renewables Catapult and world class UK academic centres. The industry also receives significant support from the Devolved Administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Government remains open to considering any well-developed proposals for harnessing the tidal range energy in the estuaries around our coastlines, including barrage and other alternatives. Any tidal range scheme would need to demonstrate strong evidence of value for money, economic benefits, energy saving and environmental impact mitigation before the Government could take a view on its potential.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely, DECC Correspondence Unit

Although a major achievement, there are still those wind-farms already in place killing unsustainable numbers of birds. Off-shore developments, which kill as many birds, will be unaffected by this change and, for the moment, it will only affect the UK. in any case. But a great piece of news just the same and a damn good kick up the pants for the so-called Green Party.

Any celebrations of course were short-lived with the news coming in from Lancashire that fracking's being recommended for the go-ahead.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-33132569>

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Subject: Conservative Government making major changes to cut back on-shore wind farm construction.

Fantastic news – **Onshore wind subsidies to be cut** – so wind farms in areas with low wind will not be worth building.

The election of a Conservative Government in the 2015 General Election will become a major turning point in policies towards on-shore wind farms. There is a lot going on and the new Minister with responsibility for Energy, Andrea Leadsom MP is already hard at work on delivering the Conservative manifesto pledge to stop new subsidies for onshore wind farms.

The high subsidies have driven a feeding frenzy by wind farm developers and this is a UK wide issue. It is also important in Selby District, where we have more than our fair share of wind farms and single turbines proposals. Single turbines being proposed today can be nearly 100 metres high, which is larger than turbines used on wind farms a few years ago.

This briefing summarises the progress being made and current challenges. For each of the topics covered there are then links for further information. The topics covered are as follows

1. No more subsidies for on-shore wind farms – Progress towards the Conservative manifesto pledge
2. Lumby turbine appeal – site visits by the Inspector
3. Bishopwood – Surprise news that another company plans to submit a planning application
4. Outrage at proposal for two turbines on the hill next to Almscliffe Crag
5. Update on other wind farms and turbines in Selby District

1. Wind farm subsidies. Progress towards the Conservative manifesto pledge – and why people faced with turbines are so determined to stop them

I hope that you confirmed your support for cutting wind farm subsidies when Nigel Adams asked for support of his campaign – if not you can still do so via our website. Cutting wind subsidies was an election pledge from the Conservatives and almost as soon as she took up her appointment as Energy Secretary, Andrea Leadsom met with Nigel Adams to seek ideas. Needless to say the wind industry which gets nearly £2BN per year in subsidy is up in arms and fighting to retain as much of the subsidy as they can.

While the focus is on subsidy the real objective is to stop imposing wind farms on communities that do not want 400 foot high structures located close to where they live.

The main objection to wind farms is the size of the turbines and proximity to homes – see our web page for links to before and after pictures - there is a growing body of evidence that wind farms and especially the noise they produce is harmful to health. Again there are links to more information on the web site.

<http://www.stopwoodlanewindfarm.co.uk/news105cutsubsidies.html>

2. Lumby turbine appeal – site visits by the Inspector

The turbine proposed at Lumby (87 metres high) and was refused planning permission by Selby District Council. The decision was appealed and the appeal is now ongoing. The Inspector is Zoe Hill – up to May 2014 she had dealt with 18 wind farm appeals and had refused 12 of them. A site visit is to take place on 10 June and the decision is not expected to be made until July. It is not clear if the appeal, which was recovered by Eric Pickles after a request from Nigel Adams will still be recovered or whether the decision will be taken by the Inspector. As soon as we have more information we will make it available.

<http://www.stopwoodlanewindfarm.co.uk/news104lumby.html>

3. Bishopwood – Surprise news that another company plans to submit an application.

The appeal by Prowind against the refusal of the 7 turbines at Bishopwood will be heard at an Inquiry starting 24 November 2015.

In addition to this we have learnt that a new company called Horizon Power is preparing another planning application for 7 turbines with 6 on the same site and another further to the West. The Managing Director of the company is Keith Brooks who until recently was the manager of Prowind UK operations. Given the cost and time it will take to produce the necessary Environmental statement and the proposed changes in the level of subsidy we are surprised by this move which appears to us to have very little chance of ever making any money. More information here .

<http://www.stopwoodlanewindfarm.co.uk/news103bishopwood.html>

4. Outrage at proposal for two turbines on the hill next to Almscliffe Crag – the wind farm developer placing no value on a unique landscape.

People who live in the country generally put a high value on their surroundings. Wind developers place no value on the countryside. This is perfectly illustrated by a proposal to put two large turbines on top of the hill next to Almscliffe crag. There has been a spate of single turbine applications in Lower Wharfedale and the villages there have always delivered feisty opposition. This latest proposal has resulted in hundreds of objections including the Harewood estate. If you don't fight them, you get them. More about the Almscliffe turbines and how you can object.

<http://www.stopwoodlanewindfarm.co.uk/news102almscliffe.html>

<http://www.savethedales.co.uk/almscliffe%20application.html>

5. Update on other wind farms and turbines in Selby District

Hook Moor – 5 x 125 metres – construction started – falls just inside the Leeds boundary. Green belt. The turbines should be up by late summer, access roads and excavation for the 1000 ton concrete bases now underway. Visible from the A1M / M1 junction.

Cleek Hall – 5 x 125 metres – this was approved some time ago and we do not know when construction will begin. It will be a dominant landmark near to Selby bypass and the existing 87 metres turbine, which will be dwarfed when these much larger turbines are put up.

Woodlane – 14 x 125 metre turbines – still an active planning application – the fight continues even after 6years.

Darrington Quarry – 8 x 125 metre turbines – the application will be decided by North Yorkshire County Council when the applicant submits all the required information, some of which has been outstanding for over 5 years.

Single turbines –

- New application for a single turbine of 42 metres at Whitley
- Riccall , pending appeal decision, expected soon.
- Oaktree Farm - 87 metres – application to be decided by Selby District - subsidy of about £200K per year.
- Stapleton – 87 metres – application to be determined by Selby District – another turbine in a prominent position in Green Belt - subsidy of about £200K per year.

<http://www.stopwoodlanewindfarm.co.uk/news101selbyupdate.html>

Best wishes

Howard Ferguson

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The SNP. are intending to take our Government to the courts for this decision. But the plain fact is we simply don't need these endless expanses of bird-killing machines littering the skylines. There are far more discreet and a lot less dangerous ways of producing green-energy.

Please write to them and send the two attachments to the contacts below. If you click on 'save as' you will download them onto your computer. There are no copyright issues and they can be forwarded on to wherever you want them sent. Remember, we are not opposing renewables, we are just trying to get the best possible deal we can for our wildlife. So let's do all we can to steer things into a sane direction; clean, safe, sustainable energy.

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The Vatican has recently spoken out on global-warming. Perhaps we could offer them guidance too.

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Subject: Re: 'The Reality of the Wind Industry.'

We will be saying in years to come this is were the dolphins used to swim ?

We received this letter the other day. Although it may've been written as a dismissive comment, it does nonetheless serve to illustrate a point. There are times when you really do need to overly get things across in order to make a clear statement. What one person writes about is often what hundreds are thinking. I did write back and explained there are no dangerous external turbine-blades with wave and that this was the crucial difference.

We're not about exchanging one blood-bath for another but about finding real solutions for real problems. Something that should've been done here three or more decades ago incidentally. Dolphins could very safely nudge up to these things, and probably will do so, and no harm will come to them. The same certainly cannot be said of anything nudging up to wind-blades that are swishing around at over a hundred miles an hour at the tips.

Were it not for the commitment of those who refuse to be suckered in by the general run of the mill conservation chat, blaming just about every single issue on global-warming, calling for more and more wind-farms with perhaps some 'sustainable' palm oil thrown in. Species disappearing in front of our eyes, completely oblivious, unwilling to believe, least of all to talk about the real causes as to why. Then things really would be in a sorry old state and a good deal worse than they are now.

They have such a strangle hold on the nation's thinking that questions are rarely asked. They would have us believe in fairies and goblins if there were profits to be made or they thought they could get away with it. You can always tell the false prophets from those with genuine concerns with what's happening by what they say. Just read their letters and if every syllable sounds like pie in the sky, no matter what logo they're hiding behind or how outwardly respectable they might seem, then that's exactly what it is.

Anyway, just a few thoughts to leave you all with.

Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to the subject matters and provided it's not obscene we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's been said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say. Contact details will always be withheld on request.