

Greenpeace Statement On Patrick Moore

July 6, 2010



Patrick Moore often misrepresents himself in the media as an environmental “expert” or even an “environmentalist,” while offering anti-environmental opinions on a wide range of issues and taking a distinctly anti-environmental stance. He also exploits long-gone ties with Greenpeace to sell himself as a speaker and pro-corporate spokesperson, usually taking positions that Greenpeace opposes.

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Patrick Moore Does Not Represent Greenpeace

Patrick Moore has been a paid spokesman for a variety of polluting industries for more than 30 years, including the timber, mining, chemical and the aquaculture industries. Most of these industries hired Mr. Moore only after becoming the focus of a Greenpeace campaign to improve their environmental performance. Mr. Moore has now worked for polluters for far longer than he ever worked for Greenpeace. Greenpeace opposes the use of nuclear energy because it is a dangerous and expensive distraction from real solutions to climate change.

Greenpeace and the Green New Deal

In 2019, Mr. Moore has been [misrepresented](#) as a Greenpeace spokesperson on the [Green New Deal](#) resolution, sponsored by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA). In contrast to Mr. Moore’s comment, please see [Greenpeace’s response to the Green New Deal](#).

Patrick Moore Did Not Found Greenpeace

Patrick Moore frequently portrays himself as a founder or co-founder of Greenpeace, and many news outlets have repeated this characterization. Although Mr. Moore played a significant role in Greenpeace Canada for several years, he did not found Greenpeace. Phil Cote, Irving Stowe, and Jim Bohlen founded Greenpeace in 1970. Patrick Moore applied for a berth on the Phyllis Cormack in March, 1971 after the organization had already been in existence for a year. A copy of his application letter and Greenpeace’s response are available [here \(PDF\)](#).

317 West 12th Ave.

Vancouver, B.C.

March 16, 1971

879-0387

The Don't Make a Wave Committee,
Faculty of Law,
University of B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in sailing on the Green-peace to Amchitha in protest of the nuclear testing by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. I have long been opposed to such destructive and wasteful operations and would appreciate the opportunity to express it in a meaningful way.

At present I am a graduate student at U.B.C. in my second year and working towards a Ph.D. in the field of resource ecology. In preparation for my thesis I have taken courses in the Faculties of Forestry, Oceanography, Law, Community & Regional Planning, Zoology, and Economics. I am at present doing ocean-

②
ographic research in the field at Rupert Inlet
on Vancouver Island. This work is being
supported by a fellowship from the Resource
Science Centre under Dr. C.S. Halling and
by a Canada Council Grant.

I have been active in environmental
matters in the case of the Utah mine on
Rupert Inlet. I represented the Pacific
Salmon Society at the Pollution Control Board
hearing in Port Hardy on Dec 2/70 and ex-
pressed my views on the matter in news-
papers, radio and television.

I am completely familiar with large
fishing boats as I grew up on the West
Coast of Vancouver Island and have often
been out to sea fishing. I am able to
operate much of the equipment on board
and would be capable of operating the
entire boat if the situation arose.

My phone is ^③ 879-0387

hope to hear from you

Sincerely yours.

PATRICK MOORE

Patrick C. Moore



DON'T MAKE A WAVE COMMITTEE

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Paul Cote
c/o Faculty of Law
University of B. C.
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

March 24, 1971

Mr. Patrick Moore
314 West 12th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C

Dear Patrick:

Thank you for your letter indicating that you will assist in the voyage of the "Greenpeace". We will, in early May, be calling a meeting of all those people who have expressed their desire to make the trip, and go into our plans in some detail.

I will drop you a note later giving the time and place of this meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul T. Cote
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