

Media advisory

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First Nations allies set sail with Greenpeace to connect coastal communities opposing dangerous oil projects

19 May 2014 (North Vancouver) – Six people from as many First Nations will set sail this afternoon on board Greenpeace's ship *MY Esperanza* to Haida Gwaii to help connect coastal communities opposing pipelines and super tankers to the seven-million-strong global movement against Arctic oil drilling. Shell is right now preparing to send its fleet of Arctic oil drilling and support vessels to the Alaskan Arctic, where it plans to begin exploratory drilling July 1st. In addition to the global climate impacts of such a reckless project, this would also mean increased oil tanker traffic along B.C.'s already threatened coast.

This is the first all-Indigenous delegation in Greenpeace history. On board the *MY Esperanza*, which recently participated in a spectacular protest against Shell's Arctic drilling fleet in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, will be Taylor George-Hollis from the Squamish Nation, Candace Campo from the Shíshálh Nation, Audrey Siegl from the Musqueam Nation, Victor Thompson from the Haida Nation, Robert Holler from the Anishinabe Nation (also a fire-keeper at the Tsleil Watuth Sundance sweat) and videographer Mike Auger from the Bigstone Cree Nation in Alberta.

WHAT: Media meeting with First Nation allies and Greenpeace Arctic campaigners before "People vs. Oil" tour sets sail.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 19th, 3:30 p.m. PST

WHERE: On board the *MY Esperanza* now docked at [Lynnterm West gate terminal 1](#). Access point is located at 95 Brooksbank Ave. in North Vancouver.

Since all people coming on board are required to show and ID and clear security at the gate, we ask reporters to please **RSVP before 11 a.m.**

Media are invited to tour and take images of the ship after the conference.

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