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Subject: Walton Family Foundation (Wal-Mart) grants in 2012 for "marine conservation"

Greetings,

According to the website below, Wal-Mart owners awarded \$10 million tax-free dollars to force catch shares on domestic fishermen in 2012. This included over half a million dollars to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. The National Fishy & Wildlife Foundation was recently awarded nearly **THREE BILLION DOLLARS** by the U.S. Justice Department in a shadowy arrangement concerning BP fines. It's too bad the federal district court or the Justice Department didn't mandate funds for scientific data collection instead of giving the money with few strings attached to a private non-profit.

It would make a great story if the *New York Times* or the *Huffington Post* investigated how this settlement occurred and why the THREE BILLION DOLLARS went to a foundation instead of most of it going to academic institutions in the Gulf of Mexico to actually do research needed to find out at what level we need to be restored.

When you attend Council meetings and see numerous well-dressed, female environmentalists, its possible their travel and pay came from Foundation's established to change public policy against the commercial fishermen. In our case, they are destroying the infrastructure of the domestic fishing industry.

It is totally amazing no effort has been made to work with us on cooperative scientific and economic research. It seems the Foundations are comfortable with the imprecise scientific data as it helps them tighten fishing regulations and take fishermen off the water.

When is enough actually enough?

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<http://www.SFAonline.org>
<http://www.sfaonline.org/events.html>

<http://www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/about/2012-grant-report#environment>

Catch Shares:

Center for American Progress	\$50,000
Comunidad y Biodiversidad, A.C.	744,260
Ecotrust	50,000
Environmental Defense Fund	7,800,000
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	513,689
National Geographic Society	25,000
Nature Conservancy, Inc.	400,825
Political Economy Research Center, Inc.	115,000
University of Washington	99,118
World Wildlife Fund	273,549
Marine Conservation - Catch Shares Total	\$10,071,441

Seafood Marketplace Incentives:

American Bird Conservancy	\$50,787
ClientEarth	187,500
Comunidad y Biodiversidad, A.C.	110,000

FishChoice Inc	180,000
Harvard University	50,000
International Seafood Sustainability Foundation Inc.	350,000
ISEAL Alliance	59,125
John G. Shedd Aquarium Society	90,000
Marine Stewardship Council	1,250,000
Minnesota Zoo Foundation	41,463
Nature Conservancy, Inc.	57,751
RESOLVE Inc	112,223
Resources Legacy Fund	300,000
Seafood Industry Research Fund	100,000
Seaweb	509,450
Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs SEE Inc.	8,500
Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Foundation	1,676,778
Sustainable Fishery Advocates (FishWise)	300,000
University of Washington	124,806
Wild Salmon Center	450,000
World Wildlife Fund	420,394
Marine Conservation - Seafood Market Place Incentives Total	\$6,428,777