



## Press Pack

### ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation (CPWF) is a non-profit marine wildlife conservation organization dedicated to the protection of ocean ecosystems and marine wildlife. Founded by Captain Paul Watson, the organization continues the legacy of direct-action conservation on the world's oceans.

#### Key Facts

<b>Founded</b>	Paul Watson founded Sea Shepherd in 1977. In 2022, he Resigned from Sea Shepherd USA and was unlawfully dismissed from Sea Shepherd Global. He created the Captain Paul Watson Foundation in 2022.
<b>Legal Status</b>	Non-profit / 501(c)(3)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org">www.paulwatsonfoundation.org</a>
<b>Founder</b>	Paul Watson



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**Executive Director** Clementine Pallanca

**Number of Staff** [ ]

**Number of Volunteers** [ ]

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation is committed to the preservation and protection of marine ecosystems and the species that depend on them, through direct action, public education, and political advocacy.

*"If the ocean dies, we die. We cannot live on this planet with a dead ocean."* —  
**Captain Paul Watson**

## CAPTAIN PAUL WATSON — BIOGRAPHY

Captain Paul Watson is one of the world's most prominent and influential marine wildlife conservationists. A co-founder of Greenpeace and founder of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Captain Watson has spent over five decades on the front lines of ocean conservation.

Born on [ ], Captain Watson has dedicated his life to protecting marine wildlife through direct, non-violent intervention on the high seas. His campaigns have taken him to every ocean on the planet, confronting illegal fishing fleets, whalers, and poachers.

### Key Biography Facts



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<b>Date of Birth</b>	December 2, 1950
<b>Place of Birth</b>	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
<b>Nationality</b>	Canadian
<b>Role</b>	Founder, Captain Paul Watson Foundation
<b>Previous Organizations</b>	Greenpeace (co-founder), Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (founder)
<b>Years Active</b>	1970s — Present

## KEY CAMPAIGNS

### OPERATION KRILL WARS / 2026

**Location:** Antarctica

**Status:** Active

**Summary:**

Krill are the keystone species of the ecosystem in Antarctica. The majority of Antarctic species are reliant on krill as their primary food source or krill is the the food source of their prey. From the great whales down to the penguins, seals and seabirds, all rely on an abundance of krill to survive.

After the near extinction of several large whale species in the 19th and 20th centuries, conservation efforts in the later half of the 20th century and 21st century have seen whale populations recovering. Though not back to their pre-commercial whaling numbers, this increase in whale populations obviously requires a greater amount of krill for food. Yet what we are seeing is a greater extraction of krill by human commercial enterprises.

### OPERATION ICE STORM / 2024

**Location:** Iceland

**Status:** Halted

**Summary:**



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Kristján Loftsson, the wealthiest and most politically influential man in Iceland, has ignited a storm of controversy in the North Atlantic.

Most Icelanders are against killing whales. The Icelandic government is opposed to killing whales, but Kristjan Loftsson is used to getting what he wants, and what he wants is to kill endangered Fin whales. Commercial whaling was outlawed in 1986 when the International Whaling Commission (IWC) declared a global moratorium on whaling. Fin whales are universally protected under international conservation law.

UPDATE JUNE 2024:

It appears that no whales will be killed this summer despite the Icelandic government giving the green light to slaughter 99 endangered Fin whales. Whale killing boss Kristjan Loftsson says the permits came too late for him to launch his two ships and he understood that we would aggressively block his killing operations.

## MORE CAMPAIGNS

See our website: <https://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org/campaigns-projects/>

## MEDIA ASSETS

The following press materials are available upon request:

- High-resolution logo files (PNG, SVG, EPS)
- Official photographs of Captain Paul Watson
- Crew and vessel photographs
- Campaign footage and b-roll video
- Infographics and campaign maps
- Previous press releases archive
- Captain Watson biography (long and short form)

To request media assets, contact: [press@paulwatsonfoundation.org](mailto:press@paulwatsonfoundation.org)

## SPOKESPERSONS

The following individuals are available for media interviews and comment:



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Name	Role	Availability	Languages
Captain Paul Watson	Founder	Appointment needed	English
Clementine Pallanca	Executive Director	[ ]	English/French
Jon Velasquez	Media Manager	[ ]	English
Charlotte Kanter	Communications Manager	[ ]	English
Gary Stokes	Head of Investigations		English

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## BOILERPLATE

*For use in press articles and media publications:*

The Captain Paul Watson Foundation is a non-profit marine conservation organization dedicated to the protection of ocean ecosystems and marine wildlife through direct action, public education, and political advocacy. Founded by renowned conservationist Captain Paul Watson, the organization operates globally, confronting illegal fishing, whaling, and poaching on the world's oceans. For more information, visit [www.paulwatsonfoundation.org](http://www.paulwatsonfoundation.org)

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