

# Politics of Paddling: Turning the Tide on Extractivist Development

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This presentation explores how ‘paddle-activism’ represents a challenge to extractivist energy development proposals in the pipeline here in British Columbia, and across North America. Drawing on my participation in a flotilla called ‘Turning the Tide,’ I argue that forms of embodied politics, such as paddling, exceed traditional spaces of consultation and create possibilities for solidarities of trans-border resistance. This politics, I suggest, is part of a powerful anticolonial ecojustice movement led by First Nations challenging the very limited notion of citizenship upon which energy proposals have been conditionally approved.

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