May 22, 2016 Report

Upcoming Events
Sunday, May 22, 7:30-9 PM: Webinar: TPP vs. Wildlife w/ Ben Beachy, Sierra Club (Responsible Trade Program) & Chris Wold (Lewis & Clark Int'l Environmental Law Project)
Sunday, June 5, 7:30-9 PM: Webinar: Blood of Bagua: Free Trade's Disastrous Consequences for Peru w/ Wendy Stephany (Peruvian Anti-TPP Activist)
Sunday, June 19, 7:30-9PM: Trading Down: TPP's Risk to Your Wallet w/ Jeronim Calpaldo (Global Development and Environment Institute)
Wednesday, June 25, 9-10 PM: Flush the TPP's National TPP Resistance Call

Top Story: ITC Report Released

Conclusion? Meh.

"not the unicorns and puppies report that Public Citizen had predicted."

ITC shakes out TPP winners and losers (Politico Morning Trade, 5/19/16)

Big Report, Little Finding: The ITC Evaluates the Economic Impact of the TPP (HuffPost Politics, 5/19/16)

Trump and Sanders Are Right: Obama’s Trade Deal Is a Dud (The Fiscal Times, 5/20/16)
Report Argues that TPP Will Offer Small Benefits for US Ag and Services Sector, Losses for US Manufacturing

0.07% in jobs vs. baseline projections

*Study Projects TPP Will Provide Modest Gains for U.S. Economy (Wall Street Journal, 5/18/16)*

*U.S. trade panel says TPP would have small positive effect on growth (Reuters, 5/18/16)*

**Critics Argue Predictions Still Overly Optimistic Based on Flawed Model with a Terrible Track Record**

*Trade and Jobs: Can We Trust the Models? (Economic Policy Institute, 4/16)*

*Dean Baker’s Statement on the TPP and Latest USITC Report  (Center for Economic and Policy Research, 5/18/16)*

*ITC study shows minimal benefits and downplays potentially high costs of Trans-Pacific Partnership (Economic Policy Institute, 5/19/16)*

**Politics: Won't Be Boost Needed to Push TPP; Strengthens Opposition**

*ITC report won’t unstick TPP just yet (Politico Morning Trade, 5/16/16)*

*Levin Statement on ITC TPP Economic Impact Report  (Ways and Means Committee Democrats, 5/18/16)*

*America Has a New Underwhelming TPP Study to Cite (Alliance for American Manufacturing, 5/19/16)*

*New ITC Trade Report Shows How Dangerous TPP Is for America’s Families (AFL-CIO Now, 5/20/16)*

**Corporate Interest Groups Are Spinning....**

*ITC Report Barely Scratches the Surface of TPP’s Impact (National Association for Manufacturers Shopfloor, 5/19/16)*

*Statement on ITC TPP Report (Business Roundtable, 5/19/16)*

**But Only Big Animal Ag Seems REALLY Happy**

*Report confirms benefits to U.S. of TPP deal (National Pork Producers Council, 5/19/16)*

*Animal ag groups welcome positive TPP report (Feedstuffs, 5/19/16)*

*US Dairy, Beef Groups Voice Support for TPP Following Economics Report (The Cattle Site, 5/20/16)*
And That's Bad News for Wildlife

How Eating Meat Hurts Wildlife and the Planet (Center for Biological Diversity)

Meat-eaters may speed worldwide species extinction, study warns (Science, 5/11/15)

It’s not just cows: The meat industry could be driving wildlife extinct (Salon, 5/21/16)

Learn more about the ITC Report

Wednesday, May 25: National TPP Briefing Call w/ Lori Wallach (Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch), at 3:00pm Eastern / 2:00pm Central / 1:00pm Mountain / 12:00pm Pacific. 

Sunday, June 19, Trading Down: TPP’s Risk to Your Wallet w/ Jeronim Calpaldo (Global Development and Environment Institute)
7:30 Eastern/ 6:30pm Central /5:30:00pm Mountain/ 4:30pm Pacific
Register at http://tradejustice.net/callreg

Take Action!

- Online Alert at http://tradejustice.net/itclet

- Visit your members during upcoming May and June Congressional recesses

In Other News...

U.S. Seeks to Bring Down Chinese Poultry Duties, Avoid Mexican Tuna Labeling Retaliation (Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg Trade Report, 5/11/16)

WTO battles: How India wants to pay US in its own coin (Catch News, 5/18/16)

TTIP: Government caves in to cross-party alliance of Eurosceptic MPs demanding NHS is protected from controversial deal (The Independent, 5/19/16)

Documentary About Peru’s Bagua Massacre Wins Award in Madrid (Telesur, 5/6/16)

Colombia not enforcing U.S. trade deal labor standards -unions (Reuters,5/17/16)

US seeks more in TPP on medicine monopolies at APEC meeting AFTINET via Scoop Independent News, 5/17/16)

Wildlife Defenders TPP Action Plan

Reach out to Our Elected Officials

- Check League of Conservation Voters and Humane Society Legislative Fund scores to find out whether wildlife conservation and animal welfare issueare strong concerns to your Senators and Represenatives.

- May-June Recess: May 27-June 6
- June-July recess June 25-July 4
Days of Action

Twitterstorms, Op-eds, Memes, Congressional office Protests

**Shark Week** (June 26)

**International Day for Shark Awareness** (July 14-17)

**International Orangutan Day** (August 19)

**World Elephant Day** (August 22)

**International Shark Day** (September 14)

Cut TPP's Last Leg of Non-Corporate Support: Conservation and Animal Welfare NGOs

- Obama reviving Bush CAFTA-DR Strategy: [Animal Welfare NGOs As Substitute for Environmental NGO Support](#)

- White House Spin: [What They're Saying: Environmental Advocates Point to the Trans-Pacific Partnership as a Historic Opportunity to Protect Our Oceans, Forests, and Wildlife (White House, 5/31/16)](#)

Express Disappointment to the Nature Conservancy for supporting TPP:

Despite extensive analysis as to its devastating potential consequences for the environment, The Nature Conservancy's CEO wrote an article supporting TPP for HuffPost Green on April 21st, [Leveraging TPP to Raise Environmental Standards Across the Globe](#). Please write to him to express your deep disappointment and urge The Nature Conservancy to publicly acknowledge that TPP, if implemented, will be the most environmentally devastating trade deal in history.

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Politely Urge Early TPP Supporters to Release Anti-TPP Statements

These groups made supportive comments about TPP prior to the release of the final text, but have not gone on record as TPP supporters since the final text was released. We need to urge them to release statements indicating that TPP fell short of their expectations and the administration's promises and that they now oppose it. Their TPP statements and letters are linked below along with contact information for each group.

**Humane Society International (HSI)**

[HSUS/HSI Statement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership](https://www.hsi.org/newsroom/article/hsushsii-statement-on-the-trans-pacific-partnership)

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**International Fund for Animal Welfare**

[Letter to President Obama on TPP](https://www.ifaw.org/Trans-Pacific-Partnership)

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**World Animal Protection**

[Statement on Obama Administration Wildlife Trafficking Implementation Plan, TPP, and TTIP](https://www.worldanimalprotection.org/news-statements/2016/02/statement-obama-administration-wildlife-trafficking-2016)

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Build the Movement

- Share Webinar Video

- Leaflet animal rights and environment conferences and gatherings, veg fests, etc. using literature from Global Justice for Animals and the Environment.

- Find animal advocacy and conservation orgs using the Endangered Species Coalition members groups list, World Animal Net Directory, and the Guidestar list of animal and environmental charities.

Join TPP Wildlife Defenders Working Group

email adam@tradejustice.net or call (718) 218-4523

Wildlife are counting on us!

Join the TradeJustice Alliance!

- Submit stories to our website.

- Post to our Facebook group.

- Invite friends and share our Facebook events.

- Share our webinar videos!

- Volunteers needed to plan and promote webinars, maintain website, create newsletter, and more - email adam@tradejustice.net to get involved!