

# Paul Watson Quotes

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If you want to know where you would have stood on slavery before the Civil War, don't look at where you stand on slavery today. Look at where you stand on animal rights.

~Paul Watson

In the great scheme of things, what matters is not how long you live but why you live, what you stand for and what you are willing to die for.

~Paul Watson

It doesn't matter what is true, it only matters what people believe is true.

~Paul Watson

**WE CAN NOT LIVE ON THIS PLANET WITH DEAD OCEANS. IF OUR OCEANS DIE, WE DIE.**

~Paul Watson

Intelligence is the ability of a species to live in harmony with its environment.

~Paul Watson

A vegan riding a hummer contributes less to greenhouse gas emissions than a meat eater riding a bicycle.

~Paul Watson

What we need now is heroes - millions of them. Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul.

~Paul Watson

Almost all theological thought is anthropocentric and I just cannot buy into the anthropocentric ideology. Basically we're a bunch of conceited apes.

~Paul Watson

That fact is that we live in an extremely violent culture, and we all justify violence if it's for what we believe in .

~Paul Watson

It is true that many of the Sea Shepherd crewmembers are inexperienced, but the fact is that these volunteers bring a passion to the project that cannot be found in a hired crew.

~Paul Watson

Follow your dreams and use your natural born talents and skills to make this a better world for tomorrow.

~Paul Watson

I can't think of a greater legacy than, "Because you lived, another species survived."

~Paul Watson

Be a voice for the future and a voice for the planet.

~Paul Watson

We don't give a damn what you or anybody else on this planet thinks. We didn't sink those ships for you. We did it for the whales.

~Paul Watson

We are literally eating the oceans alive and there are simply not enough fish to continue to feed an ever expanding population of humanity.

~Paul Watson

I can assure you no whales are going to be killed today.

~Paul Watson

The tragedy is that there is so much more incentive - money - to destroy the ecology than there is to preserve it.

~Paul Watson

My position is this. If we can't protect sanctuaries, if we can't save the whales, the sharks, the fish, our oceans will die.

~Paul Watson

They [Greenpeace] forgot their original purpose and turned into a big, rich bureaucracy, more interested in fund-raising than in saving lives, so I got fed up and quit... they're a bunch of wimps.

~Paul Watson

I do what I do because it is the right thing to do. I am a warrior, and it is the way of the warrior to fight superior odds.

~Paul Watson

If you don't know an answer, a fact, a statistic - make it up on the spot.

~Paul Watson

Musicians have the power to influence people and along with movie makers, they can reach and influence more people than any group of people, more than scientists and certainly more than politicians.

~Paul Watson

We live in a media culture and whoever controls and influences and uses media the best has the power for change.

~Paul Watson

There's nothing wrong with being a terrorist, as long as you win. Then you write history.

~Paul Watson

I have hope that humanity will be cured of our collective ecological insanity and that we adapt to living within the boundaries of the laws of ecology.

~Paul Watson

Social change comes through people.

~Paul Watson

I reject the idea that humans are superior to other life forms. . . Man is just an ape with an overly developed sense of superiority.

~Paul Watson

Immigration is one of the leading contributors to population growth.

~Paul Watson

North American cats eat more fish than all the world's seals put together, yet we lay the blame on the seals for the declining fish stocks.

~Paul Watson

You can't love nature with a gun

~Paul Watson

Once we get three more directors elected, the Sierra Club will no longer be pro-hunting and pro-trapping and we can use the resources of the \$95-million-a-year budget to address some of these issues.

~Paul Watson

There is no sustainable future for fisheries as long as human populations continue to increase.

~Paul Watson

Nazi propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels once remarked that if a lie is told often enough people will begin to see the lie as truth.

~Paul Watson

The real strength of the environmental movement is the tens of thousands, even millions of individuals around the world who are really making a difference and they are doing it out of passion.

~Paul Watson

Atlantic puffins starve to death so that Danish chickens can feast on their fish.

~Paul Watson

The fact is I have never been convicted of a crime.

~Paul Watson

All of the great whales are endangered.

~Paul Watson

You cannot commit an act of violence against a non-sentient object, only against a living thing.

~Paul Watson

Earthworms are far more valuable than people.

~Paul Watson

We go after unlawful activities.

~Paul Watson

Pigs eat more tuna than all the planet's sharks combined.

~Paul Watson

Musicians have made incredible contributions to the conservation and environmental movement and continue to do so, more than ever.

~Paul Watson

Everybody is a hypocrite. You can't live on this planet without being a hypocrite.

~Paul Watson

It doesn't matter what is true; it only matters what people believe is

true... You are what the media define you to be. [Greenpeace] became a myth and a myth-generating machine.

~Paul Watson

Unlike aboriginal hunters, commercial seal hunters leave the carcasses on the ice to rot.

~Paul Watson

This isn't a hunt that's going to kill just four or five gray whales. The repercussions of this will have an effect on tens of thousands of whales that will be killed by the Japanese and Norwegians.

~Paul Watson

We have intelligent species on our planet that we are not even trying to communicate with.

~Paul Watson

They [Japanese whalers] haven't produced a single peer-reviewed international scientific paper in 23 years.

~Paul Watson

I got the impression that instead of going out to shoot birds, I should go out and shoot the kids who shoot birds.

~Paul Watson

I've got no criminal record.

~Paul Watson

It's funny but when young people say to me "what can I study to be a force for change, should I study law or biology or business?" My answer is music, drama, journalism, communications.

~Paul Watson

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