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We’ve tried (and probably failed) to limit it to movies where water is part of the plot, rather than just the setting (like with the multitude of Pirates of the Caribbean movies). That would be an entire other list, as would a list of water-related documentaries, which we also left off. A big thanks to our TUWaterWays readers, and a special nod to Peter Gleick’s list of water movies from 2010.

So, without further delay, and in no particular order:

- Quantum of Solace
- Leap of Faith
- The Shape of Water
- Creature from the Black Lagoon
- The Legend of Boggy Creek
- The Fifth Element (feels shaky, but water’s one of the elements)
- Chain Reaction (hasn’t this tech become a near-reality in the 23 years since it came out?)
- Homesteaders of Paradise Valley
- Pale Rider
- Batman Begins
- Gremlins
- Gremlins 2: The New Batch
- A Civil Action
- Erin Brockovich
- Milagro Beanfield War
- Deliverance
- Splash
- Bowfinger (well, Chubby Rain, at least)
- Jack Frost
- Frozen
- Moana
- Aquaman (the water’s a thing in that, right? Not just where he’s from?)
- A River Runs Through It
- Bridge On the River Kwai
- African Queen
- Chinatown
- Rango
- Endless Summer
- Waterboy
- Signs
- Mad Max: Fury Road
- Tank Girl
- Waterworld
- The Big Country
- Riders of Destiny
• King of the Pecos
• Oklahoma Frontier
• Stampede
• Dr. Strangelove or How I learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
• El Dorado
• The Crazies
• Water
• Solarbabies
• Xian dai hao xia zhuang
• Christie Malry’s Own Double Entry
• The Tuxedo
• Waterborne
• V for Vendetta
• The Book of Eli