



# News Release

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## **September Trust Council Program Announced**

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly business meeting September 11-13, 2012 on Bowen Island. The public meeting starts Tuesday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to finish by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 13.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy, staff resources and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate. Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12. Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council at the beginning of the town hall session must receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. Please send the topic and the speaker's name and contact information to the attention of Marie Smith (email: [msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca); fax: 250.405.5155) by Wednesday, August 21, 2012. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressstips.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/addressstips.cfm). Please note that the Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas. A copy of the agenda package for the September Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Victoria, Salt Spring Island and Gabriola Island offices after Friday August 31.

**Trust Council Sessions** will include:

**Joint Session with Bowen Council** – Trust Council will meet with members of the Bowen Island Municipal Council to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern.

**Review of Rules of Conduct and Administrative Fairness** – Trustees will review the rules of conduct for elected officials and discuss how administrative fairness principles apply to their decision-making processes.

**Oil Spill Response** – Trustees will be provided with an opportunity to learn and ask questions about oil spill response in the Salish Sea. Representatives from the Canadian Coast Guard, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation and Island Oil Spill Association from San Juan County will present.

**Strategic Planning** – Trust Council will consider and discuss the public input received regarding its strategic plan and will adopt a new strategic plan for its 2011-14 term.

**Delegations and Town Hall** – Trust Council encourages members of the public to participate in dialogue between islanders and trustees. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust.

**Planning Best Practices** – Trustees will receive a presentation on best practices in public engagement.

**Decision and Information Items** – Decision highlights will include adoption of a 2011-14 Strategic Plan and initial discussions regarding the 2013/14 budget.

The Islands Trust Area, home to more than 25,000 people, covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island, including Howe Sound and as far north as Comox. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation.

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*Attached: 3 day agenda program*

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis



**proposed**  
**September 2012 Islands Trust Council Meeting Program**  
 September 11-13, 2012, Bowen Island

Location: Cates Hill Chapel Hall - 661 Carter Road

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	Tuesday, September 11	Wednesday, September 12	Thursday, September 13
<b>Morning</b>		8:15 – 8:45 <b>**Closed Meeting**</b>  8:45 – 9:40 <b>Refresher on Rules of Conduct and Administrative Fairness</b>  9:40 – 10:00 Break  10:00 – 12:00 <b>Oil Spill Response Session</b>	8:15 – 9:45 <b>Planning Best Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Engagement</li> </ul> 9:45 – 10:00 Break  10:00 – 11:00 Trustee Roundtable  11:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned
<b>Afternoon</b>	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch  1:00 <b>Call to Order and Approval of Agenda/ Request for New Items</b>  1:05 – 3:00 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>  3:00 – 3:30 Break  3:30 – 4:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b>  4:30 – 5:30 <b>Joint Session with Bowen Municipal Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of Mutual Interest</li> </ul>	12:00 – 1:30 Lunch and Oil Spill Response Vessel Visit  1:30 – 2:30 <b>Delegations/Town Hall</b>  2:30 – 3:30 <b>Strategic Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Public Input</li> <li>• Discussion of Strategic Plan Options</li> </ul> 3:30 – 4:00 Break  4:00 – 5:30 <b>Decision and Information Items</b> (as required)	

*Members of the public are invited to attend all sessions except any closed meeting (\*\* \*\*\*) and meals*