



**September 2012**

### **Strategic Plan Adopted**

The Islands Trust Council has now adopted its Strategic Plan for the 2011- 2014 term of office. Some key objectives of the plan include: protecting coastal and marine ecosystems; enhancing community economic sustainability; and strengthening our relationships with First Nations. We will be working on issues related to those objectives and as always, we will be inviting the community to participate in a number of ways and help to inform our progress.

### **Shoreline Stewardship**

Pender Island is well known for its spectacular waterfront, from the hidden coves, mud flats rocky and sandy beaches to the coastal bluffs and steep cliffs. Our waterfront and marine areas are of high importance and among the most valued of the natural attributes that make up our island. The Local Trust Committee has identified shoreline stewardship as a top priority on its Work Program and a number of initiatives are being planned to help us all learn more about the ecological, recreational and cultural values that all converge on our shorelines.

### **Economic Development Commission**

Thanks to the work of our current CRD Director Dave Howe, North Pender is now the home of the Southern Gulf Islands Economic Development Commission. The commission consists of representatives from the Southern Gulf Islands. The strategic plan identifies “creating linkages with regional districts to foster economic sustainability” as a key activity. We look forward to working with closely with the new commission.

### **Joint LTC Meeting on October 4th**

For the first time in our history, the North and South Pender Local Trust Committees will be having a joint meeting to share information and discuss common concerns. The meeting will be held on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 am, upstairs at the Pender Islands Community Hall. The main item on the agenda will be to meet the three principal contractors who prepared the Trust Area Shoreline Mapping. The project manager, a marine biologist and a marine geologist will be there to present the draft mapping to the trustees, and explain the methodology and terminology, along with the various shoreline classifications that are used in the maps. As well as the Pender trustees, trustees from other islands have been invited to attend as well.

### **Electric Dreams**

Both the North and South Island Local Trust Committees have submitted formal requests to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure asking that Pender roads be assessed for use by Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles (NZEVs). The ministry's assessment will determine which roads can be used by these smaller, more compact and affordable battery-powered electric vehicles.

### **2012 Community Stewardship Award**

The annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards recognize individuals for actions that have made a significant contribution towards the community, culture or environment of the Islands Trust. Congratulations to Pender Island resident and lawyer Margot Venton for her work on protecting the Orca whale population. Margot's perseverance lead to a precedent-setting legal victory to help ensure the continued survival of threatened Orca whales. Please join us at 12:30 pm at our Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting when we will present Margot with the award.

### **PICA & Parks Canada Shoreline Workshop**

The Pender Islands Conservancy Association is partnering with Parks Canada to present an all day workshop on marine and shoreline issues. For more info please turn over the page.

**CONTACT US:** Your Local Trust Committee depends on and encourages public involvement, it is the foundation of our progress. You can stay abreast of meetings by subscribing online at:

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An Invitation to  
The Pender Islands Conservancy with Parks Canada Presents  
**Upland & Near-shore Apocalypse**

How climate change, plunging fish stocks & declining Orcas  
will affect all our futures



Maintaining Upland Vegetation & Natural Protective Barriers to preserve inter-tidal processes.

**Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Pender Island Community Hall**

**Morning session 'with the experts' commences at 9:30 AM**

- 1) John Readshaw (coastal engineer) - Expected sea level rise in BC and implications to water levels, waves, shoreline response and shoreline structures. Options for adapting.**
- 2) Marlow Pellatt (Parks Canada – ecosystem scientist) - climate change, upland vegetation interconnection with intertidal areas**
- 3) Rick Harbo (author and retired DFO biologist) - our intertidal and sub-tidal marine life - "Whelks to Whales"**
- 4) Ramona de Graaf (Biologist) - forage fish - "More Than Just a Pretty Beach" & Nikki Wright, Chair for Seagrass Conservation Working Group – "Eelgrass Meadows"**
- 5) Steve Oates (Parks Canada – Ecosystem Scientist) - "Anchoring/Mooring"**

**The afternoon will host "In the Field with Experts"**

**Assisted by: South Pender Island Local Trust Committee, the Pender Islands Marine Association, and the Pender Islands Trust Protection Society**

**Supported by: CPS Pender Islands Squadron, Orca Network, Georgia Strait Alliance, the Whale Museum, and Saltwater Moon Salmon Fishing Charters**

**Morning Refreshments provided!**

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