

## South Pender Island Trustees' Report

September is upon us, and that seemed like a very short Summer! South Pender residents may wish to mark their calendars for a few upcoming events of interest in September and October:

1. September 18th, 2012, at 10 AM, is the next scheduled Local Trust Committee meeting at the South Pender Fire Hall on Gowlland Point Road. These meetings are open to the public and your Trustees value your attendance and input as we consider issues that affect our islands environment, economies and communities.
2. The Islands Trust Council will hold its upcoming quarterly business meeting September 11th through 13th on Bowen Island. The meeting is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 11 at 1 PM and will wrap up by 11AM Thursday, September 13. As always, members of the public are welcome to attend. The town hall session starts at 1:30 PM on Wednesday and those wishing to make a formal delegation must reserve time and receive an appointment through the Executive Committee. For more information, please check the Islands Trust website.

Trust Council meeting agenda highlights include an information session on oil spill response in the Salish Sea with representatives from the Canadian Coast Guard, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation and Island Oil Spill Association from San Juan County.

Council will engage in a Strategic Planning session, including discussion of the recent public input regarding its strategic plan priorities, and will adopt a new strategic plan for the 2011-14 term.

3. On Saturday, October 13th starting at 9:30 AM at the Pender Community Hall, the Pender Islands Conservancy and Parks Canada will present a shoreline ecosystem educational event. Entitled "Upland and near shore apocalypse: how climate change, plunging fish stocks and declining Orcas will affect all our futures. For all Pender residents, and especially waterfront property owners, this event is a valuable opportunity to learn more cutting-edge information about stewardship of marine uplands, intertidal zone to near-shore ecosystems. The event features several expert presenters and includes a field component.
4. Shoreline issues and developing greener transportation possibilities for the Penders will be part of the agenda in an upcoming joint Penders meeting this Fall. Details and schedule will be available in our next report or at the Islands Trust website.

Submitted by your South Pender Trustees, Liz Montague and Mike Jones.