

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2014 Recipient Profile

Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards

- Category:** Group
- Project:** Protecting the marine environment over a 15-year period
- Nominator(s):** Graeme Johnston
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

The 200-member Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards is dedicated to protecting and raising awareness of the marine environment through education and hands-on community events, such as an annual beach clean-up. The clean-ups have removed over 20 tons of derelict equipment, plastics and other materials from public shorelines. The association has made more than 300 written submissions about marine-related issues and helped create a forage fish data base. The group has toured most of the islands in the Islands Trust Area making presentations about threats to the marine environment and participates in marine-related events and workshops. The association also meets with federal, provincial and local governments, scientists, biologists and the aquaculture industry to raise awareness of marine issues.