

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2014 Recipient Profile

**Barrie Morrison and Nancy Waxler-Morrison
North Pender Island
(Posthumous)**

Category: Individual

Project: Ecological legacy for the Pender Islands

Nominator(s): Pender Islands Trust Protection Society

Letters of Support: N/A

Project Description:

Barrie Morrison and Nancy Waxler-Morrison were involved in a wide range of works to preserve and restore ecosystems on the Pender Islands. They were founding members of the Pender Islands Trust Protection Society and were members of the Pender Island Conservancy Association. Barrie Morrison was a director in each organization and served a term as chair of the Pender Island Conservancy Association.

The couple placed a covenant on their own property, the Cottonwood Creek Covenant. In Nancy's memory, Barry established the Morrison Waxler Biodiversity Protection Legacy Fund to assist other private landowners on North and South Pender Islands to offset the cost of registering a conservation covenant on their land. To date, the fund has assisted five property owners in establishing covenants to protect land including: Frog Song, Garry Oak, Nighthawk Hill, Steil's Forest and Woodwinds. By helping to preserve island properties in a more natural forested state, the fund will also have a mitigating effect on climate change. This fund continues to assist people in fulfilling their dreams of protecting land forever, in memory of both Barrie and Nancy.