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September Islands Trust Council Program Announced

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust Council is meeting September 9-11, 2014 on Keats and Gambier Islands, and invites members of the public to participate and observe.

The 26-member Council makes decisions about overall policy and financial management for the Islands Trust and has broad responsibilities to uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect the islands. Islands Trust Council does not make local land use decisions, which are the responsibility of the local trustees within their respective local trust areas (and Bowen councillors in the Bowen Island Municipality). Trust Council invites members of the public to participate in a town hall session on Gambier Island, a regular forum to promote dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:30 pm, Wednesday, September 10, 2014. The public is invited to discuss issues, ask questions and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council.

Persons or organizations wishing to reserve time to make a formal delegation to the Islands Trust Council must receive an appointment by sending the topic, speaker's name and contact information to the attention of Marie Smith (email: msmith@islandstrust.bc.ca; fax: 250.405.5155) by Thursday, August 21, 2014. Guidelines for making a presentation to Council are available at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/council-meetings/talk-to-council/tips-addressing-council.aspx>. The public business meeting starts Tuesday, September 9 at 1:45 pm and is expected to finish by noon, on Thursday, September 11. The agenda package for the September Trust Council meeting will be available for viewing on the Islands Trust website and at our Gabriola, Salt Spring and Victoria offices by September 2.

Trust Council Sessions will include:

2011-2014 Term Review (September 10) – Trustees will review the past term of office and review progress on Trust Council's Strategic Plan.

Community Presentation (September 10) – The Marine Life Society of BC/Underwater Council of BC will present a short video and latest information about glass sponge reefs off Howe Sound.

Delegations and Town Hall Session (September 10) – The public is invited to discuss issues and make suggestions about the work of the Islands Trust Council. Following presentations from those who have registered for formal delegations, some time will be available for members of the public to speak in an informal town hall session.

Election Season Best Practices (September 11) – Trustees will review Trust Council's adopted guidelines for best practices and conduct during the upcoming local government election period.

Advice to Incoming Council (September 11) - Trustees will discuss advice and recommendations to offer to the next Islands Trust Council, that will be elected in November 2014.

Decision and Information Items – Trust Council will consider a variety of routine business updates and decisions and will review recommendations from each Council Committee regarding proposed work programs for the coming quarter.

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: September 9-11, 2014 Trust Council agenda program

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



September 2014 Islands Trust Council Agenda Program

Location: Barnabus Retreat Centre, Keats Island (September 9 and 11)
Gambier Island Community Centre (September 10)

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	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 KEATS ISLAND	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 GAMBIER ISLAND	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 KEATS ISLAND
Morning		9:00 – 10:00 Decision and Information Items 10:00 – 10:20 Break 10:20 – 12:15 2011-2014 Term Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Committee Highlights</i> • <i>Strategic Plan</i> • <i>Trustee Roundtable</i> 	8:30 – 9:30 Election Season Best Practices 9:30 – 10:00 Break 10:00 – 12:00 Advice to Incoming Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trustee Roundtable</i>
Afternoon	1:00 – 1:05 Call to Order and Notice of New Business Items 1:05 – 1:45 **Closed Meeting** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CAO Update</i> • <i>Litigation Update</i> 1:45 – 3:00 Decision and Information Items 3:00 – 3:30 Break 3:30 – 5:00 Decision and Information Items	12:15 – 1:00 Lunch break 1:00 – 1:30 Community Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Life Society of BC/Underwater Council of BC re: Glass Sponge Reefs off Howe Sound 1:30 – 2:30 Delegations and Town Hall 2:30 – 3:00 Break 3:00 – 4:00 Decision and Information Items (as required)	12:00 Meeting Adjourned (approx.)

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