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TRUST COUNCIL ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE AND TRUST FUND BOARD MEMBERS

VICTORIA — At its first meeting since the local government elections in November, the Islands Trust Council elected a Chair and three Vice-Chairs today to form the Islands Trust Executive Committee for the 2014-2018 term. Council also elected two representatives to sit on the Trust Fund Board. Elections followed a session on Thursday afternoon, where nominees answered questions from trustees about the skills and values they would bring to these leadership positions.

The new Chair of the Islands Trust Council is Peter Luckham from the Thetis Island Local Trust Area. The three new Vice-Chairs are: Trustee Laura Busheikin of the Denman Island Local Trust Area, Trustee George Grams of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area and Trustee Susan Morrison of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.

The Islands Trust Executive Committee oversees daily business of the Islands Trust between quarterly meetings of the entire Council. It has legislated responsibilities to consider approval of bylaws developed by local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality. Members also serve as chairs of the twelve local trust committees that have authority for land use planning and regulation in the Islands Trust Area.

Chair Peter Luckham accepted his new role by saying, “I am honoured to have been chosen by Council to lead the Executive Committee for the next four years. Trust Council had the challenge of choosing from six worthy candidates for vice chair and I am excited to work with the leaders Council elected this morning. We will work together as a team to further the important work of the Islands Trust to preserve and protect these islands in the Salish Sea for all British Columbians.”

The Islands Trust Council also elected Trustee Kate-Louise Stamford of the Gambier Island Local Trust Area and Trustee Tony Law of the Hornby Island Local Trust Area to serve on the Trust Fund Board, a land conservancy for Canada’s islands in the Salish Sea. The Executive Committee then elected Trustee Susan Morrison of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area as its representative to the Trust Fund Board.

During a lunchtime meeting of the newly-convened Executive Committee, Chair Luckham appointed the chairs of each local trust committee (see attached list). The Executive Committee will meet again in January to begin orientation, conduct regular business and to consider the ideas raised at this week’s Council meeting. Trust Council has assigned the Executive Committee a coordinating role in development of the Islands Trust Strategic Plan.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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Please see next page for the Local Trust Committee Chair assignments.

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

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Local Trust Committee Chair Assignments

Denman Island Local Trust Committee:	Susan Morrison
Executive Islands Local Trust Committee:	Peter Luckham
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee:	Laura Busheikin
Galiano Island Local Trust Committee:	Laura Busheikin
Gambier Island Local Trust Committee:	Susan Morrison
Hornby Island Local Trust Committee:	Laura Busheikin
Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee:	Laura Busheikin
Mayne Island Local Trust Committee:	George Grams
North Pender Island Local Trust Committee:	George Grams
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee:	Peter Luckham
Saturna Island Local Trust Committee:	George Grams
South Pender Island Local Trust Committee:	Peter Luckham
Thetis Island Local Trust Committee:	Susan Morrison