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## ISLANDS TRUST 2011 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust 2011 Community Stewardship Awards Program is now open for nominations. If you know of a person, business or group that has made a big difference to life on your island, please nominate them.

“Through this program we honour the organizations and people who make our communities better,” said Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. “Members of the public can nominate any individual, group, organization, school or classroom that has protected the environment or enhanced a community in the Trust Area.”

The Islands Trust added a new category two years ago to recognize and encourage the actions of individuals and organizations that are working in the area of climate change.

“I know there are islanders doing wonderful work to reduce greenhouse gases. We want to recognize islanders for the passion, creativity and dedication they are bringing to finding local solutions for this global challenge,” said Malcolmson.

The Islands Trust has a mandate to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of residents and all British Columbians, in cooperation with other local governments, individuals and organizations.

This is the tenth year that community stewardship awards will be presented to a person, business or group that helps to steward the islands. Nominations are welcome for projects or actions that are innovative, support the Islands Trust mandate, benefit a community or the Trust Area, have some level of community involvement or address climate change.

Nominees will be judged on the following criteria: relationship of project or work to the Islands Trust Policy Statement, benefits to the community or Trust Area, collaboration with others, innovation and the level of community support and involvement.

Nominations can be for a specific project or work carried out over a period of time. The project or work must be ongoing or have been completed within the previous twelve months.

Stewardship awards will be given to two individuals and two organizations, providing there are sufficient qualifying entries to justify an award. Each nominator can submit two nominations per category. The deadline for nominations is April 29.

Nomination forms and more details, including lists of past recipients, are available on the Stewardship Awards page of the Islands Trust web site at <http://islandstrust.bc.ca/poi/awards.cfm> or from Islands Trust offices. Award recipients will be announced following the June Trust Council Meeting, and presented with their awards in the fall.

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