

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2011 Nominee Profile

Wayne Hewitt, Salt Spring Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Protection and restoration of lakes on Salt Spring Island
- Nominator(s):** Salt Spring Island Conservancy
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Wayne Hewitt has been working to protect and restore major lakes on Salt Spring Island since the 1990s. He is known as “Mr. Lake Steward” on the island. He originated the Cusheon Watershed Stewardship Committee and served as chairman for nine years. The committee monitors water quality and draws government attention to problems.

In 2003, he was again the catalyst for a group of volunteers to create a management plan for the Cusheon watershed. Cusheon Lake is the source of drinking water for over 200 people. The plan took four years to complete and involved local trustees and planners from the Islands Trust, the Director of the Capital Regional District and local experts and volunteers. This was a major accomplishment – the first watershed management plan on the island. It served as the template for the St. Mary Lake management plan which followed two years later.

From 2005 to the end of the decade, Wayne was a director of the Water Preservation Society and president for one year. This society is an active advocate for conservation and protection of the island’s surface water.

Wayne has shown continuing devotion to lake protection for more than a decade. He is clearly recognized by people on the island as a primary advocate for the lakes.