

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Patricia McLaughlin, Denman Island

Category: Individual

Project: Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee

Nominator(s): Denman Island Marine Stewardship Executive Members

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Patricia McLaughlin is the acting Chair and one of the original founders of the Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee. In this capacity Patricia has worked tirelessly to protect and conserve the marine environment. This has involved:

- political opposition to the loss of marine recreation and conservation areas along Denman Island;
- successful lobbying of the Islands Trust to identify and rezone significant marine recreation areas;
- collaboration with Trustees, Islands Trust staff, and community members to develop the Denman Island Official Community Plan Marine Policy;
- community representation in the formulation of the Ministry of Agriculture's planning document 'Baynes Sounds Coastal Plan for Aquaculture';
- formation of the 'Alliance for Responsible Shellfish Farming'; the development of a successful campaign to prevent expansion of the shellfish industry around Denman Island;
- organization of the yearly Denman Island 'Beach Cleanup Event'; and ongoing educational efforts both on and off-island.

Patricia McLaughlin has played a significant role in increasing awareness for the need for marine and environmental stewardship on Denman, throughout the Trust Area, and along the coast of British Columbia.