



## **2003 AWARD WINNER PROFILE**

**WINNER: TONY QUIN  
HORNBY ISLAND**

**CATEGORY: INDIVIDUAL AWARD**

**PROJECT: LINK-PARSONS LAND ACQUISITION**

**NOMINATOR: PENNY GRIGGS, HORNBY ISLAND  
SHEILA McDONNELL, HORNBY ISLAND**

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### **Project Description:**

The purpose of this project was to preserve the Link-Parsons property – a stunning 170 hectare parcel that occupies the entire western coast of Hornby Island. The wooded portions are dominated by old growth Douglas fir and large second growth trees. A coastal bluff supports peregrine falcon, bald eagle, pileated woodpecker, great blue heron and turkey vulture. The two and a half kilometers of undisturbed shoreline allow for populations of shorebirds, intertidal life and mammals such as mink and otter. For those who travel to Hornby Island, the Link-Parsons parcel represents the natural beauty and the recognizable profile of the island itself.

As coordinator of Conservancy Hornby Island, Tony Quin spearheaded negotiations with the landowner and partners in the land acquisition. Along with other members of the Conservancy, he also undertook a very successful campaign to raise land acquisition funds locally. Activities included a variety of auctions and raffles that raised over \$300,000.00.

As a result of Tony Quin's persistent efforts, the Link-Parson' property will be held as a public park, protected in perpetuity.

**This project is consistent with Islands Trust policies that encourage the preservation of intact forests and landscapes and the protection of rare and endangered wildlife species in the Trust Area.**