

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2017 Recipient Profile

Bob Turner, Bowen Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** Raising awareness and promoting conservation of Howe Sound
- Nominator(s):** Will Husby and the Bowen Island Nature Club

Description:

Bob Turner is nominated for three projects he has worked on in recent years that raise awareness and promote the conservation of Howe Sound: the OceanWatch - Howe Sound Edition report and website; the Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative; and Howe Sound Films.

Bob helped design and write the OceanWatch - Howe Sound Edition report, which is a landmark review and assessment of the state of the marine environment, community well-being and the economy of Howe Sound. Bob is also a founding member of the Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative, a community group working to have Howe Sound designated a Biosphere Reserve, and he leads the subcommittee working on the design of biosphere boundaries and zoning. Bob has also produced, directed and narrated seven films that highlight the wild beauty, rich wildlife and conservation issues for Howe Sound and the Islands Trust Area.

All three projects contribute to the natural environment, community and economic sustainability of the islands. As a natural collaborator with 25 years as a scientist in Howe Sound, Bob fosters strong community support and engagement for these projects.