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ISLANDERS INVITED TO WELL AND GROUNDWATER WORKSHOPS

VICTORIA — Islanders are invited to join the Islands Trust, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, Vancouver Island Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health for a series of workshops to share information on wells and their impacts on groundwater, and to promote water conservation.

“The Islands Trust Council has heard consistently from islanders that water quality and quantity concerns are a top priority,” says Brian Crumblehulme, Chair of the Islands Trust’s Trust Programs Committee. “We are extremely pleased that the Province of BC, Island Health and Vancouver Coastal Health have agreed to partner with us this summer to offer a series of informative workshops focused on wells and groundwater.”

Beginning June 2, 2017 on Mayne Island, Islands Trust and partners will host 11 free workshops over three months. The workshops offer interesting and helpful information about:

- Groundwater and wells
- How to protect water sources
- How to test and treat well water
- Water conservation tips and technologies

Maxxam Analytics will provide free water testing kits and a 10 per cent discount on select well water testing.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. A schedule of workshop dates and locations is available below:

Island	Date	Workshop Time	Meeting Hall
Mayne	June 2	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road
Thetis	June 9	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), 292 North Cove Road
Galiano	June 16	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road
Denman	June 23	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Denman Island Community Hall (Back Hall), 1196 Northwest Road
Salt Spring	June 30	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Hart Bradley Memorial Hall (Lion's Hall), 103 Bonnet Avenue
North and South Pender	July 7	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Pender Island Community Hall (Upper Hall), 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road
Hornby	July 14	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	New Horizons Hall, 1765 Sollans Road
Saturna	July 21	12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre, 104 Harris Road
Gabriola	July 28	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Gabriola Arts and Heritage Centre, 476 South Road
Bowen	August 10	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Bowen Island Municipal Hall (Council Chambers), 981 Artisan Lane
Gambier	August 11	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Gambier Island Community Centre, 721 Andy's Bay Road

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Bowen, Denman, Hornby, Gabriola, Galiano, Gambier, Lasqueti, Mayne, N. Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, S. Pender, Thetis

Dates and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca/water for up-to-date information.

The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 25,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property-owners. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the unique environment and amenities of the Islands Trust Area through planning and regulating land use, development management, education, cooperation with other agencies, and land conservation. The area covers the islands and waters between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island. It includes 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

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