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Islands Trust Council Appoints New Chair

Lək'wəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – The Islands Trust Council elected Laura Patrick as its new Chair today, during the first day of its March quarterly meeting, being held in Nanaimo. Laura Patrick has served the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area since 2018 and steps into the leadership role with a commitment to advancing the Islands Trust’s preserve and protect mandate.

“It is an honour to be elected as Chair of Islands Trust Council,” said Chair Patrick. “As we navigate the challenges and priorities ahead, I am committed to working collaboratively with my fellow trustees to make progress on the issues that matter to islanders. The work of local trust committees, Bowen Island Municipality, and the Islands Trust Conservancy is essential in this, and I look forward to supporting continued cooperative efforts to preserve and protect the Islands Trust Area.”

The Chair of Islands Trust Council guides discussions at Islands Trust Council, Islands Trust Executive Committee, and certain local trust committee meetings, and acts as the spokesperson for the organization. Trustees across the Islands Trust Area will continue their work, ensuring local decision-making remains responsive and aligned with local priorities and the preserve and protect mandate.

Outgoing Chair Peter Luckham, who has served three terms as Islands Trust Council Chair, will continue as a trustee for the Thetis Island Local Trust Area. Throughout his tenure, he has been a dedicated leader, bringing passion and commitment to the role. The Islands Trust Council thanks Peter Luckham for his years of service as Chair and looks forward to his continued contributions as a trustee.

Any changes to Executive Committee member assignments as chairs of local trust committees will be announced on March 14, 2025.

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Islands Trust is a special-purpose government representing over 30,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust Area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to many Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment through conservation-oriented land use planning and regulation, education, and cooperation with First Nations and other agencies. The Islands Trust 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 5,200 square kilometres.

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Preserving and protecting over 450 islands and surrounding waters in the Salish Sea

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