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## New Name for Islands Trust's Conservancy

VICTORIA - The Islands Trust is pleased to announce the Province's decision to rename the Islands Trust Fund to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

For many years, the Conservancy has been concerned that the previous name was a barrier to effective communication and fundraising. On May 31, 2018, the provincial legislature amended the *Islands Trust Act* to reflect the change in name.

"The old name, Islands Trust Fund, was confusing and didn't describe our work," said Tony Law, Chair of the newly renamed Islands Trust Conservancy Board. "By changing our name to Islands Trust Conservancy, we believe the public will better understand our mission. With the pressures facing island ecosystems, the work of the Islands Trust Conservancy to protect natural areas has never been more important."

"The Islands Trust is sincerely grateful to the provincial government, and particularly Minister Selena Robinson, for responding to our long-standing request to change the name of our in-house land conservancy," said Peter Luckham, Chair of the Islands Trust Council. "This is a positive step towards even greater conservation success on the islands."

"Natural areas are a big part of what makes living in British Columbia so great," said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Our government is pleased to support the name change to help the Islands Trust Conservancy continue to protect sensitive ecosystems in this beautiful area of the province."

The islands that make up the Islands Trust Area provide sanctuary to a rich diversity of wildlife, plants and ecosystems, many of which are federally and globally rare. The ecosystems of the islands are among the most critically imperiled in British Columbia and are in urgent need of protection.

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**Notes to media:** See information about the Islands Trust Conservancy at [www.islandstrustconservancy.ca](http://www.islandstrustconservancy.ca)

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The Islands Trust Council is a federation of local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and about 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 Islands Trust Conservancy is the conservation land trust for Canada's islands in the Salish Sea. Since 1990, the Islands Trust Conservancy has protected more than 1,270 hectares of natural island ecosystems. This success is thanks to the vision, support and generosity of our donors and partners. Visit us online at <http://www.islandstrustconservancy.ca/>