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## **BOWEN ISLAND AND SEA LEVEL RISE Special workshop to be held on March 30**

Bowen Island—Islands Trust and Bowen Island Municipality announce a special community workshop exploring the implications of sea level rise and its impact on Bowen Island.

Sea level rise is of growing concern for coastal communities. The B.C. Government projects that sea level will rise by 0.5m by 2050 and 1m by 2100. With 80% of the province—about 3,500,000 people—living within 5 km of the coast. In the light of this dramatic change, what can individuals do to prepare and adapt for sea level rise in the near future?

The goal of the workshop, which will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Municipal Hall, is to start a discussion and help the Bowen Island community begin to plan for climate change adaptation, taking on board the specific contexts coastal communities with limited resources face. Through interactive exercises, the workshop will engage the local government and the community in planning for sea level rise and, in turn, help increase resiliency.

The workshop will be of interest to anyone worried about the impacts of climate change, especially waterfront owners and other concerned community members, including building and landscaping professionals and contractors.

Workshop proceedings will be documented and circulated to participants and also posted on the Bowen Island Municipality and Islands Trust website. There will be resources available on the day along with a list of potential funding sources.

Presented by Living Oceans Society, the workshop is a part of the Climate Conversations series offered by the Bowen Island Municipality and is sponsored by Islands Trust.

### **Bowen Island Sea Level Rise Workshop**

**Time & Date:** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday, March. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Location:** Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island

Those interested in attending are encouraged to register online [here](#).

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The Islands Trust is a federation of local government bodies representing 26,000 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, co-operation 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.

Bowen Island Municipality is an island municipality within the Islands Trust and adheres to the objectives of the *Islands Trust Act* and *Policy Statement*. The Climate Conversation series is part of the municipality's Climate Action Program as outlined in Strategic Commitment B - Resilience of Island Plan 2019, Council's strategic plan.

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