



Islands Trust

MARCH 2018

PRIORITIES

1	PROTECT THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA
2	PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ADVOCATE FOR COASTAL SHORELINES AND MARINE AREAS WITHIN THE ISLANDS TRUST AREA
3	REDUCE COMMUNITY ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT
4	PROTECT QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF WATER RESOURCES
5	ENHANCE, PROTECT AND RESTORE COMMUNITY CHARACTER, SOCIO-ECONOMIC DIVERSITY AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY
6	STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH FIRST NATIONS
7	IMPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL COST EFFECTIVENESS AND RESILIENCE
8	IMPROVE CO-OPERATION AND INTEGRATION WITH OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT
9	IMPROVE COMMUNITY AND AGENCY UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE ISLANDS TRUST
10	IMPROVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN ISLANDS TRUST WORK

Strategic Plan 2014-2018

Quarterly Update – March 2018

The Islands Trust Council adopted its [Strategic Plan for the 2014-18](#) term at its September 2015 meeting on Bowen Island.

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Trust Council receives quarterly updates on Strategic Plan status, with highlights of successes and significant progress.

PROGRESS

Objective 1. Protect the natural environment

T.1.5.2 Since December 2014, the Trust Fund Board has protected 126 hectares on Salt Spring, N Pender, Galiano, Denman, Hornby and Thetis Islands.

T.1.5.3 Completed purchase of Fairylippper Forest Nature Reserve (Thetis).

Objective 2. Preserve, protect and advocate for coastal shorelines and marine areas

2.4 Chair presented in Ottawa to the federal Standing Committee of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities as an expert witness on abandoned vessels.

2.5 Chair wrote to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to request for ecosystem-based study of potential impacts of the Integrated Geoduck Management Framework 2017 on the health of the Salish Sea. Chair also wrote to DFO staff to provide comments on the draft 2017/2018 Pacific Herring Integrated Fisheries

Management Plan. Executive Committee also submitted a resolution to AVICC/UBCM requesting that DFO conduct an ecosystem-based study of potential and cumulative impacts of increased geoduck clam aquaculture and consider increased monitoring and enforcement.

2.6 Chair met with federal Minister of Transport, President of the Chamber of Shipping, senior Transport Canada staff and Trust Area anchorage groups to discuss anchorage issues. Chair also wrote to Transport Canada staff about the proposed Interim Anchorages Protocol and responded with a news release when it was issued.

2.2, 2.3, 2.6 Chair met with MP Kelly Block, Transport Critic for the Conservative Party, MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, MP Elizabeth May and MP Sheila Malcolmson freighter anchorages, abandoned vessels, and oil spill risks and prevention measures.

2.5, 2.6 In partnership with WWF Canada, TPC preparing a Baynes Sound/Lamber Channel Ecosystem Forum in May 2018.

Objective 4. Protect quality and quantity of water resources

T.4.3.2 TPC preparing a March 2018 Islands Trust Area Freshwater Sustainability Forum that will bring together governments, First Nations, stakeholders, and community associations to discuss island freshwater issues.

T.4.4.1 SSILTC passed a directed development of a project charter for *Assessment of Freshwater*

Sustainability Methodologies of Watershed Reservoirs on Salt Spring Island, as a literature review and detailed comparative analysis of freshwater research and regulation, with specific focus on the 2016 BC Water Sustainability Act.

4.2 Development of a Freshwater Sustainability Toolkit for the Islands Trust Area has been initiated, a planning tool that will assist staff in jurisdictional flow and process of water legislation and regulation as it pertains to the Islands Trust Act, the Water Sustainability Act, and Groundwater Protection Regulation.

Objective 5. Enhance community character, socio-economic diversity and economic sustainability

5.1.3 Housing Needs Assessments for southern Islands via CRD and northern Islands via contract initiated.

5.4 Trust Fund Board Chair and Islands Trust staff presented to the Minister of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Agricultural Land Commission.

Objective 6. Strengthen relations with First Nations

Eighteen First Nations initiatives currently underway, six of which are trust-wide initiatives, the remainder are at the local trust committee level.

Objective 7. Improve organizational cost effectiveness and resilience

T 7.1.1 Completed installation of electronic meeting hardware in the Salt Spring office in late December. The Salt Spring boardroom is now fitted with ample screen real-estate

to facilitate functional and effective local and remote participation in boardroom centred meetings. Installation of the Victoria office components will be completed in conjunction with the planned office renovations.

Objective 8. Improve cooperation and integration with other levels of government

T.8.1.1 Staff met with provincial staff regarding issues related to consolidating dated agreements regarding Crown land in the Islands Trust Area.

Objective 9. Improve community understanding and support for the Islands Trust

T9.1.5 EC/TPC are implementing Policy Statement amendment project engagement plan. Chair and senior staff met with Cowichan Nation Alliance.

Objective 10. Improve Community engagement

10.1 Staff implemented budget consultation process. Staff are also developing three short films about the Islands Trust/Trust Area, and freshwater sustainability.

Objective 11. Investigate amending the Islands Trust Act

Executive Committee met with the Honourable Selena Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss, among other topics, amending the *Islands Trust Act*.

The Executive Committee (Acting as an LTC) has prioritized Crown Lands protection in the Ballenas-Winchelsea LTA, and was represented at the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve Roundtable.

DENMAN ISLAND

The Denman Island LTC workplan includes consideration of land use bylaw (LUB) amendments to prohibit the use of motor vehicles and ground-based machinery in foreshore areas, and implementation of the Denman Farm Plan. The LTC also continues to seek First Nations relationship building opportunities including meeting with K'omoks First Nation.

GABRIOLA ISLAND

The Gabriola Island LTC is considering official community plan (OCP) and land use bylaw (LUB) amendments to provide more flexibility regarding secondary suites. The LTC has also initiated a review of the Mudge Island OCP and LUB, with a specific focus on lot coverage regulations, and continues to work on First Nations relationship building initiatives.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Local Trust Committees (LTCs) have advanced the following land use planning projects (only changes since June report noted):

BALLENAS-WINCHELSEA ISLANDS

GALIANO ISLAND

The Galiano Island LTC is reviewing private moorage policies and regulations and will be considering options for affordable housing

Watershed Zones project. The LTC has advanced work in the Watershed Management project by supporting an agricultural land use inventory update to estimate agricultural water consumption

GAMBIER ISLAND

The Gambier Island LTC is introducing development permit areas to implement the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) and to protect select non-RAR watercourses throughout the Local Trust Area. The Gambier Island OCP review is underway, which includes a focus on engagement with local First Nations.

SATURNA

The Saturna LTC is implementing revisions to its OCP to recognize First Nations presence and place-names.

HORNBY ISLAND

The Hornby Island LTC is reviewing its Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) policies and regulations, and seeking further opportunities to support First Nations relationship building, including meeting with K’omoks First Nation.

SOUTH PENDER

The LTC has recently completed a comprehensive review of its Land Use Bylaw, and is reviewing heritage conservation, trails and pedestrian path designations, and engaging with First Nations.

LASQUETI ISLAND

The Lasqueti LTC is embarking on a comprehensive OCP review.

THETIS ISLAND

The LTC is undertaking a review of dock regulations for Ruxton Island, and building its relationship with local First Nations. The Thetis Island LTC also continues to work towards compliance with the Riparian Areas Regulation.

MAYNE ISLAND

The Mayne Island LTC is proceeding with Riparian Areas Regulation implementation

NORTH PENDER ISLAND

The North Pender Island LTC is proceeding with a review of options for secondary suites, and is proceeding with drafting bylaws for land use for waste management.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

The Salt Spring Island LTC continues to advance the Industrial Land Use project and the Land Uses in Rural