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Learn from nature, make your community resilient to climate change From the Islands Trust climate action speaker series

Lək ʷəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust invites the public to our upcoming ecosystem-based adaptation webinar, the second of three in the Islands Trust climate action speaker series. Presenters Tine Rossing of Ecolibrio Consulting and Ruth Waldick of the Ecological Research Network will profile the impacts of climate change on the Islands Trust Area, 13 major islands and more than 450 smaller islands covering 5200 square kilometres.

Webinar attendees will learn how nature can help people adapt to climate change by working with, rather than against, the local ecosystem. Participants will gain an understanding of why a healthy ecosystem is necessary for human well-being. The presentation will cover:

- How climate change will affect the Trust Area
- What is ecosystem-based adaptation and how can it enhance the resilience of island communities
- Nature-based actions that we can take at the community and individual household levels to become more resilient

“The climate emergency requires new approaches to climate action that recognize the interconnectedness of humans, ecosystems, and species,” said Islands Trust Chair Peter Luckham. “This webinar will provide community members engaged in climate action work with valuable information about practical ecosystem-based adaptation approaches that can be applied in our island communities.”

The webinar will take place online via Zoom Videoconferencing on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.; to register, go to - <https://bit.ly/2Z7Ggiw>

Two other webinars in the climate action speaker series are:

Eelgrass: A Climate Hero - Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Rainwater Harvesting - watch the recording at <https://bit.ly/3iFNBOy>

For more information, go to: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-education-program/>

Preserving **island** communities, culture and environment

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

About the Presenters

Tine Rossing

Tine is a senior climate change adaptation specialist at Ecolibrio Consulting who has worked on the intersection of biodiversity conservation and climate change for more than 25 years for large international organizations and governments spanning 32 countries. Since 2008, Tine has played a pivotal role globally in helping to define and promote ecosystem-based adaptation planning and implementation with a variety of audiences. She recently provided technical advice about climate-resilient conservation of forest ecosystems for the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

Ruth Waldick

Ruth is an adjunct professor, and ecosystem-based adaptation specialist and founding member of the Ecological Research Network. Since 2005, she has evaluated ecological risks from climate change to help local governments develop adaptation plans. She has worked on many multi-year, community-based adaptation projects involving local, provincial, and federal governments. Her most recent work is on the community-led climate action plan on Salt Spring Island, releasing shortly.

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The Islands Trust is a federation of special-purpose local government bodies representing 26,000 people living within the Islands Trust Area and another 10,000 non-resident property owners. The Islands Trust area is located within Coast Salish territory and is the homeland to over 28,000 Coast Salish Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. The Islands Trust is responsible for preserving and protecting the Islands Trust Area's unique environment and amenities by 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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