

*Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program*



## Islands Trust

### 2019 Nominee Profile

#### Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring Island

<b>Category:</b>	Individual
<b>Project:</b>	<b>Celebrating conservation leadership on Salt Spring Island</b>
<b>Nominator(s):</b>	Bob Weeden

**Project Description<sup>1</sup>:**

Christine has been nominated for her leadership on a range of community and conservation projects on Salt Spring Island. Throughout the past 20 years, she has worked with landowners, partners and the public and played an instrumental role in conserving and restoring the land and waters of the island. Torgrimson has worked with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy as a volunteer, consultant and staff member. She also played an instrumental role in creation of the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust, the Salt Spring Island Housing Council, and the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Council.

Torgrimson has been a leader in conservation of a significant amount of Salt Spring Island, with over 800 acres set aside in nature reserves, covenants and stewardship agreements by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy in the past seven years while she has served as executive director. At the Conservancy, she led efforts to protect the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve (a key portion of the Cusheon Lake Watershed) and the Howard Horel Nature Reserve (a key portion of the upper Fulford Creek Watershed). She also has overseen the acquisition of 38 new landowner stewardship agreements and conservation covenants by the Conservancy team. Recently, Torgrimson has initiated and is managing a unique conservation planning project to identify lands and habitats on Salt Spring Island that will be conservation priorities in the face of a changing climate. Her hope is to provide a model that other Trust Areas and communities across Canada can use.

Torgrimson also currently serves as board co-chair of the Land Trust Alliance of British Columbia.

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<sup>1</sup> Information based nominee's submission to 2019 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award program.