



FACT SHEET

Islands Trust Climate Commitments

Islands Trust Climate Action

Climate change is a global problem that demands local action. The Islands Trust is committed to taking meaningful action to reduce the carbon footprint of our islands:

Trust Council Resolutions: In March 2005, Trust Council passed a resolution requesting the Executive Committee to undertake advocacy on climate change and energy issues. In September 2006, Council passed a resolution encouraging local governments in the Trust Area to make residents and visitors aware of ways to reduce their GHG emissions.

Trust Council Advocacy: In September 2006, Trust Council called on the federal government to meet Canada's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as promised in its ratification of the Kyoto Protocol in 2002.

Carbon Neutral Operations Plan: The Islands Trust has developed a GHG emissions profile of the Trust's corporate operations and an action plan to reduce these emissions.

BC Climate Action Charter: The Islands Trust has endorsed the Climate Action Charter, committing to achieve carbon neutral government operations, measure community GHG emissions, and create complete, compact, and energy efficient communities.

Bill 27: The Islands Trust is committed to meeting the requirements of Bill 27 – the *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act* – by including GHG reduction targets, policies and actions in all 19 of our Official Community Plans by May 31st, 2010.

Climate Wise Islands: Launched in September 2009, this new initiative reflects the Trust's long-term commitment to work with other levels of government and local community groups to build sustainable and low carbon island communities through innovative land use planning and advocacy.

Local Trust Committee Climate Action

All Local Trust Committees have made climate change a top work priority and are currently working to amend their Official Community Plans to comply with Bill 27:

GHG Reduction Targets: Local Trust Committees are working to develop meaningful emissions reduction targets to inspire action on climate change and meet Bill 27 requirements.

Climate Change Policies + Actions: To comply with Bill 27, Local Trust Committees are crafting climate change policies that address land use; transportation; building design, siting and landscaping; energy source and supply; food and agriculture, and; natural areas and ecosystems.

