



## Islands Trust

July 2019

Thetis Island Trustee Corner

On this year's Tribal Canoe Journeys, Trustee Doug Fenton Will be traveling across the beautiful Salish Sea with the Penelakut Canoe Family.

The Canoe Journey 2019 has started with tribes coming from all parts of Coast Salish territory across the Salish Sea to Lummi for July 24-28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to follow the journey the hashtag #PaddleToLummi2019 and @paddletolummi2019.

On behalf of the Lummi Nation we would like to extend an invitation to "Paddle to Lummi" 2019, Sqwshenet Tse Schelangen "Honoring Our way of Life" July 24-28th. The Lummi people are honored to welcome all our relations traveling the traditional highways of the ancestors to participate in this year's journey. Together we will celebrate, honor and preserve the unique cultural heritage of the Coast Salish people. We are expecting approximately 10,000 people and over 100 canoes coming to our shores. With their arrival we will share in potlatch traditional song, dance, and testimonies that have provided our people over the generations with hope, healing, and happiness.

The journey honors the rich traditions of Coast Salish tribes of the Northwest, who travel the waters to meet and gather for trade, ceremony, and celebration. Canoe Journey holds special significance to Coast Salish Tribes as it truly honors and nourishes the unique relationships and connections with the land, water, and one another. The Lummi people are delighted and honored to host this year's event.

[Livestreams of Landings on Wednesday July 24](#)

[Paddle to Lummi Trailer](#)

K'eci yalek<sup>w</sup>a (Take care),  
hay ch q'u (thank you)/chen kwen mantumi (I thank you)

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*I am humbly thankful that I live and work in the territory of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan, Halalt, Homalco, K'ómok, Klahoose, Lake Cowichan, Lekwungen, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Penelakut, Qualicum, Scia'new, selííwítulh, SEMYOME, Shíshálh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh, STÁUTW, Stz'uminus, SXIMEŁEŁ, T'Sou-ke, Tla'amin, Tsawwassen, We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, WJOŁEŁP, WSIKEM, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm.*

*Disclaimer: Territorial acknowledgements are just one small part of reconciliation. Please take a moment to think of other ways you can enact reconciliation.*

