

Islands Trust Freshwater Forum

World Water Day



Islands Trust

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Oceanfront Suites, 1681 Cowichan Bay Road, Cowichan Bay, BC

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Freshwater Forum will explore freshwater resource issues in the Islands Trust Area, and will feature technical discussions about the *Water Sustainability Act*, watershed ecosystems, groundwater resources, rainwater harvesting, and water utilities.

The forum will provide a framework for ideas, facilitate networking, and result in a report to the Islands Trust Council about outcomes from the Freshwater Forum with recommendations for freshwater sustainability strategies.

TIME	TOPIC	WHO
9:30 - 10:00	Networking with warm beverages and light breakfast	
10:00 - 10:15	The Spirit of Freshwater	TBA
10:15 - 10:30	The Arrival of the Professional Well Driller: <i>A Short History of the Relationship of Freshwater Resource Technology and Settlement in the Islands Trust Area</i>	Brian Crumblehulme Trust Programs Committee Chair Mayne Island Trustee
10:30 - 11:00	Groundwater in the Islands Trust Area and the <i>Water Sustainability Act</i>	Mike Wei, P.Eng Groundwater Resource Engineer Hydro Geo Logic
11:00 - 11:30	Groundwater Protection Regulation, Well Registration, and Groundwater Licensing	Ben Robinson, MSc, A.Ag Groundwater Protection Officer BC Water Protection Section
11:30 - 12:00	Water Sustainability Regulation Town Hall	
12:00 - 13:00	Networking with Lunch	
13:00 - 13:30	Future of Freshwater in the Islands Trust Area	William Shulba, P. Geo. Senior Freshwater Specialist Islands Trust
13:30 - 14:00	Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program Regional District of Nanaimo	Julie Pisani Program Coordinator Regional District of Nanaimo
14:00 - 14:30	Innovative Infrastructure for Sustainable Water Utility	Scott Benson Registered Water Utility Operator
14:30 - 15:30	Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Town Hall	

Trust Council holds that the freshwater wetlands, bodies of surface water, natural drainage patterns, water courses, fish-bearing streams, watershed and groundwater recharge, areas of the Trust Area should be identified, protected and, where possible, restored or rehabilitated.