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## Islands Trust Appoints Dunn to New Director Position

VICTORIA — The Islands Trust has now appointed Lisa Dunn as its new Director of Trust Area Services, a senior position recently re-established to provide new focus to the organization's policy, inter-agency liaison and communications functions. While an Islands Trust news release on September 5 announced Robyn Wark's acceptance of the position, Wark advised the Islands Trust's Chief Administrative Officer Linda Adams on September 7 that she had to withdraw her acceptance due to unanticipated personal circumstances.

"We immediately decided to offer the position to Lisa, who was our other top candidate in the job competition and I'm very pleased to announce that she has accepted the offer," said Linda Adams. "Lisa has done an outstanding job in her role as Manager of the Islands Trust Fund and I have every confidence that she will rise to this new challenge and excel in the same way."

Dunn has been working for the Islands Trust since February 2005 as Manager of the Islands Trust Fund, the organization's land conservation arm. Prior to that, she was the Manager of City Green Solutions, where she still volunteers as Chair of the Board. Her Masters degree in Environmental Studies focussed on wilderness preservation on the Queen Charlotte Islands, where she worked for over a decade in a variety of community economic development roles. Her skills at analyzing and advocating for the unique needs of BC's rural communities were honed while she managed a \$16 million community economic development fund in northwestern B.C. Dunn's expertise in this area was recognized by Simon Fraser University, who hired her to teach courses in their Community Economic Development Program.

"I am so privileged to be doing what I love - advocating for the preservation of the human and natural communities of the Gulf Islands," said Dunn. "I am personally and professionally dedicated to the mandate of this organization, and am honoured to be offered a more responsible leadership role."

Dunn's appointment takes effect immediately, and she will attend this week's meeting of the Islands Trust Council on Bowen Island in her new role. One of her first tasks will be to hire her replacement at the Islands Trust Fund and build the staff team that will be responsible for the Islands Trust's area-wide services.

The Islands Trust is responsible for managing development while preserving and protecting the unique environment of the Islands Trust Area. 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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