

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2008 Nominee Recipient Profile

Nominee: Lyall Creek Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project,
Saturna Island

Category: Group

Project: Lyall Creek Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project

Nominator(s): Priscilla Ewbank

Letters of Support: NA

Project Description: Over the last 20 years a core group of Saturna residents has worked to restore Lyall Creek's salmon and cut throat trout habitat. Significant efforts went into replacing a culvert that blocked the stream above the estuary for returning spawning salmon and to develop baseline data about the creek. The group collaborated with numerous government agencies, including the Ministry of Transportation, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Parks Canada, and has engaged the wider community in their efforts. Examples of community involvement include the Saturna Island Elementary School's annual project to raise salmon eggs for release in the stream, the island Parks and Recreation Commission annual barbeque and creek tours, donations from the Saturna Island Lions Club to bring in salmon fry from off-island, and use of the creek in the Ecological Education Centre programming. The Lyall Creek Salmon and Trout Enhancement Project is truly a community effort and makes the most of local skills, values, and commitment.