

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2011 Nominee Profile

Henning Nielsen, Denman Island

- Category:** Individual
- Project:** New provincial park on Denman Island
- Nominator(s):** Michael White
- Letters of Support:** N/A

Project Description:

Henning created a development plan for the North Denman Lands that struck a balance between conservation and other land uses providing the economic possibility to create one of the largest conservation and recreation areas in the trust area. This plan resulted in Denman Island Local Trust Area having one of the highest percentages of protected land base in the trust area, from having one of the lowest.

Henning worked with a number of Denman Island community members to design and promote the project. He organized public information meetings and public surveys and met with various levels of provincial and local governments. Henning sacrificed much of his personal life for the past five or more years to make his vision come to fruition – a development that includes residential and agricultural lots plus a conservation and recreational area forever under public protection where forests can regenerate in balance with the regional ecology of the island.