



# News Release

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## SHORELINE LIVING WORKSHOP COMING TO PENDER ISLANDS

VICTORIA — A free two-hour workshop on shoreline living will be held on North Pender Island from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the Pender Islands Community Hall at 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road. .

The event will focus on shorelines, their function and importance to Gulf Island communities, and the role shoreline property owners play as stewards of these sensitive ecosystems. The workshop is jointly sponsored by the Islands Trust Fund and the Pender Islands Conservancy Association. Light refreshments will be served.

Guest speaker, Dr. William Marsh, is a noted University of British Columbia scholar and educator in Landscape Architecture and Design. Marsh is the project lead for the Landscape Architecture Program's partnership with the Islands Trust to study the shorelines and watersheds of the Islands Trust Area. At UBC, Marsh teaches several courses and workshops in landscape analysis for site planning and design, emphasising coastal environments and watersheds.

Marsh will discuss the coastal forms and features of the Pender Islands and the issues faced by shoreline property owners. His presentation will include an illustrated discussion of planning and management solutions particular to different shore types, such as high cliffs, rocky platforms, and watershed mouths.

This public event will be of interest to Gulf Island residents interested in conservation and healthy ecosystems, especially those with shoreline properties.

The Islands Trust Fund is a regional land trust for the Islands Trust Area. With the generous support of island communities and landowners, the Islands Trust Fund has protected more than 975 hectares of natural and cultural values on 75 properties.

The Pender Islands Conservancy Association was formed to help the community preserve natural habitats on the Pender Islands. Its core functions are public education, conservation covenants, land acquisitions and helping the community to participate in environmentally friendly land and resource use.

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