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OPEN HOUSE ON LASQUETI FOR TAX-SAVING CONSERVATION PROGRAM

VICTORIA — On Friday, March 18th, Nuala Murphy of the Islands Trust Fund will be on Lasqueti Island to explain the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP). The NAPTEP Open House will be at the Lasqueti Arts Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m (note venue change, the open house was originally scheduled for the Community Hall). It will provide information about an innovative money-saving conservation tool for land owners. All are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and ask questions about this incentive program and other private land conservation options.

NAPTEP is a voluntary program that rewards conservation-minded landowners with an annual 65% property tax reduction on portions of their land protected by a conservation covenant. By registering a covenant with the Islands Trust Fund – the Islands Trust's in-house land conservancy – the natural features on privately-owned land will be protected forever, no matter who owns it in the future.

NAPTEP is now open to property owners on the following islands:

Lasqueti	Higgins	Jenkins	Rabbit
Bull	Lindbergh	Marine	Wolf
Circle	Jelina	Olsen	Sangster

Nuala Murphy will also be available on the following Saturday, March 19th to visit landowners interested in NAPTEP on their property. If you are interested in making an appointment for a property visit, contact the Islands Trust Fund at 250-405-5186 (Victoria) or toll free through Enquiry BC at 1-800-663-7867 (604-660-2421 in Vancouver); appointments will be limited.

To learn more about how NAPTEP could help you protect natural features on your land, please visit the Islands Trust Fund online at <http://islandstrustfund.bc.ca/naptep.cfm>.

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